



Meeting Minutes

Parks Committee Meeting

Tuesday, March 7, 2023 12:00 PM
Cole County Commission Chambers

- **Call to Order**
 - Tom Piper called the meeting to order at 12:06 pm.
- **Introduction of Members & Guests**
 - Jim Aslakson, Shanon Hawk, Jamie Pearson, Adam Brown, Harry Otto, Tom Piper, Bryan Boyce, Eric Landwehr, Kevin Bishop
- **Adoption of the Agenda as printed or amended**
 - Jim Aslakson motioned to approve, Jamie Pearson seconded motion. Agenda approved.
- **Approval of September 6, 2022 Meeting Minutes**
 - Shanon Hawk motioned to approve, Adam Brown seconded motion. Meeting minutes approved.
- **Old Business**
 - *Parks Tractor Replacement*
 - Bryan Boyce stated John Deere 2032R Utility Tractor with a 72" mower deck was ordered and should be delivered by April 1st.
 - *County Park Walking Trail*
 - Mr. Boyce reported parking lot was completed at a minimal cost with eight parking spots. The project total with gravel and parking bumpers was \$2,281.74.

- **New Business**
 - *Update and discussion on New Park near Elston*
 - Harry Otto met with Dan Renfro, Hawthorne Bank on a proposed lease. Mr. Otto stated the vision was to get citizens outside. Bryan Boyce reported the development would happen in stages with the first being a road, pavilion, and fishing area path.
 - Discussion for potential activities in future such as: archery, disc golf, drones, model boats, kayaks, pickle ball, teaming with Lincoln Agriculture Department, garden clubs, collaborate with Conservation Department to stock fish and bathroom, teaming with boy scouts for possible apple/pecan grove.
 - Eric Landwehr stated interest in hosting a public meeting to lay out plan with neighbors to form a partnership. The residents could perhaps assist with policing park. Mr. Landwehr also stated Mid Mo Regional Planning Commission could be another tool could utilize in the development process for future grants.
 - CCPW Staff will also send out lease parameters to committee. Staff will also create map showing area of proposed pavilion and road.
 - Discussion of possibly holding June 6th meeting at Elston. Committee tasked with brainstorming more ideas/activities for development.
 - *Lighting at Thoenen Park*
 - Kevin Bishop reported spoke with Ameren and proposed cost for installation of two lights on an existing pole would be less than \$1,000. The monthly service fee would be approximately \$26. This project does not qualify for a grant thru Ameren. Staff will meet with neighboring citizens to inform of lighting. Jim Aslakson made motion to proceed with installation of security lighting

with a cost up to \$1,000. Shannon Hawk seconded the motion. Recommendation will be brought to Cole County Commission by staff.

- Jim Aslakson asked for an update on County Park, parking lot entrance. Matt Prenger stated staff worked on design. Staff needs further review and plans to get out for bid later this year.
- **Vote to Adjourn Meeting**
 - Adam Brown motioned to adjourn, Jim Aslakson seconded motion. Meeting adjourned at 1:04 pm
- **The next meeting is scheduled for June 6th, 2023. Location to be determined.**

APPROVED