

COLE COUNTY PARKS COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes

March 13, 2018

Members Present: Tom Piper, Vic Rackers, Kris Scheperle, Rik Combs, Laura Teske, Jim Aslakson

Staff Present: Larry Benz, Larry Bishop, & Keri Hale

Guests: Stan Balke, David Bange, Greg Powell

The meeting was called to order at the Cole County Commission Chambers, at 12:05 pm by Chairperson, Tom Piper.

Approval of December 12, 2017 Minutes

Jim Aslakson made a motion to approve minutes as written. Rik Combs seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

City Extension of Greenway Trail thru Park

Larry Bishop reported we received email requesting to extend the Greenway Trail thru the Park. David Bange, Jefferson City Engineer, sent proposal and stated city would fund the connection of trail from Fairground Acres Subdivision to the trail around County Park around the Lake. Laura Teske made motion to accept proposal from city for the Greenway Trail and for CCPW staff to present to County Commission. The motion was seconded by Jim Aslakson. Motion passed unanimously

Disc Golf Discussion

Stan Balke, Jefferson City Disc Golf Club, presented aerials of County Park with proposal for Disc Golf. Stan offered two different locations of nine course holes for beginner courses and shared an area where three baskets could be a tester starter course. He stated the furthest hole length was 300' and baskets would be located in positions where residents will throw away from trails. Mr. Balke stated could use a natural t-pad for now as funding was issue in past. Stan has secured funding for three of the baskets at this time from business Extreme Trends. Jim Aslakson made a motion for staff to present to Cole County Commission the following disc golf proposal to start with a three basket disc course material/installation donated, locations of course to be approved by staff. Laura Teske seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Geese Population Control

Larry Bishop reported geese hunt killed about 9-10 geese. County plans additional use of fireworks to deter nesting. Mr. Bishop told committee most calls received were in favor of hunt and wanted to know what they could do to participate. He explained that at this time was managed in house and not open to public. County did take names and numbers in case future population control was decided to open to public. Greg Powell, resident of County, asked about conservation involvement used when planning and informed committee of extra hunting dates open up for Canada Geese. County is aware of extra hunting time, but more residents in park at time of year; therefore, if have future hunts will be at same time. County Personnel thanked Mr. Powell for his input and time coming to meeting.

Dog Leash & Waste Enforcement

Mr. Bishop reported received two calls during geese population control that dog droppings had been a nuisance, but never been bothered by geese. The committee discussed further and came to conclusion nothing could be done to enforce as Sheriff's Office doesn't have time or personnel to patrol park for this reason. There are doggie baggies provided to pick up droppings at the park.

Girl Scout Troop Library at County Park

Larry Bishop showed pictures of the new little Library to the committee. The library is located by the Cole County Park sign and pavilion. The original library was made of wood and burnt. Girl Scout Troop #71459 received this library donated from Industrial Enterprises when heard of fire. They installed the library Monday, February 26th.

Nature Trail

Larry Bishop reported work hasn't started on the nature trail as time, personnel, and weather haven't been in favor of project. Larry also reported he had checked into volunteer assistance as they requested at last meeting. Larry said he is hesitant to have volunteers because of safety reasons. A Waiver of Liability and Hold Harmless Agreement would need to be signed to proceed. Upon further discussion committee decided not to use volunteers. Committee would like to see some progression before trees bloom out, have area marked off.

Meeting was adjourned at 1:00 pm.

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 12, 2018.

Tom Piper, Chairperson