

**Raytown Park Board
Minutes
January 13, 2020**

Attendance:

Park Board: George Mitchell, Dave Thurman, Robbie Tubbs, Brent Hugh Terry Copeland, and Brian Morris.

Staff: Dave Turner, Ron Fowler, Mike Conrad

Guests: Tony Jacob, April Heim, Harley Kennedy, BMX Board

A quorum was declared present and the meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Dave Thurman. The minutes from December 23, 2019 were approved as written.

Public Comments:

Tony gave kudos to Parks staff on clearing snow.

Reports of Officers:

President – no report

Vice President – no report

Reports of Standing & Special Committees:

Personnel – Robbie requested responses on Directors evaluation from the board.

Finance – Copeland would like clarification on when property and sales tax is deposited in Parks account

Program - no report

Buildings & Grounds - no report

Rice Tremonti – Brian stated the new roof on Rice-Tremonti looks good and is fire resistant. Someone hit the stone pillar at the driveway, and it will need to be reset into place.

BMX – George stated BMX board is here and on the agenda.

Staff Reports:

Director – a written report was distributed

Superintendent of Parks - a written report was distributed

Recreation Report - a written report was distributed

New Business:

1. Agenda item #2 was moved forward. April Heim gave a report on her youth theater program that she is trying to start. Dave Turner put her in contact with the Raytown Arts Council for assistance and information on starting her program. Parks will ensure her volunteers are getting a sexual offender background checks.
2. Harley Kennedy BMX board president stated the dates for the national race are October 9-11 and they want to meet with school district to secure camping rights for the event. They plan to change two straightaways of the track. They also want to be able to advertise through the school district and have been getting no results when they have tried in previous years. Harley plans to work with the culinary arts program through the C-2 district for concessions again this year. Terry suggested that they look into their camping fees to cover any expenses that will increase due to campers. Dave will set up a meeting with the C-2 school district and try to secure camping rights soon. BMX board will set dates and budget for specific projects.

3. Parks office siding – Dave Turner stated that parks staff would like to do the siding work in house to save money in the budget, and then use those savings to install new windows in the Parks office building which are original to the building in 1980. Ron said that he believes he can purchase metal siding for around \$10,000, and Dave had pricing for windows under \$7,000 also. Staff still seeking more bids for the best price. Park board supported the project for staff to proceed with no vote.
4. LWCF Grant – Staff requested approval to apply for LWCF grant for Kenagy tennis court renovation in the amount of \$375,000, with 50% matching from MO-DNR. Terry Copeland made a motion to request \$187,500 in LWCF grant funds. Second by Brian Morris, passed.
5. Dave Turner informed the board that it has been difficult to hire a horticulturalist and Parks has been advertising for several months. Loretha suggested contacting colleges and advertising through them.
6. George Mitchell made a motion to adjourn at 8:25 pm. Loretha seconded and the motion passed.