

**Raytown Park Board  
Minutes  
December 21, 2020**

**Attendance:**

**Park Board:** Dave Thurman, Brian Morris, William McClendon, Loretha Hayden, Robbie Tubbs, Mike Anderson, Jenny Perkins, and George Mitchell

**Staff:** Dave Turner, Ron Fowler, Mike Conrad, and Mary Ann McCormick

**Guests:** Janet Emerson, Greg Walters, and Tony Jacobs

A quorum was declared present and the meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm. This was a Zoom meeting. George Mitchell made a motion to approve the minutes from November 16, 2020. Brian Morris seconded and the motion passed.

**Reports of Officers:**

**President** – Dave Thurman welcomed Mike Anderson to the group.

**Vice President** – Robbie Tubbs thanked everyone that decorated downtown and the Pocket Park.

**Reports of Standing & Special Committees:**

**Personnel** – no report

**Finance** – no report

**Program** – committee met to discuss Sculpture on the Move. Will have meeting late January or early February to pick out sculptures.

**Buildings & Grounds** – no report

**Rice-Tremonti** – Brian reported that Bob Gilham resigned from Board and that Charles Oyler joined the board. Windows are being rebuilt 2 at a time by Jay Fleming Construction at \$925 per window. Spring Soup & Craft show cancelled for 2021 and Fall Soup & Craft show will be moved to October. 120 year old buggy was donated to group and will need \$1600-\$1800 to restore it.

**BMX** – George reported that BMX will host National Race in 2021.

**Staff Reports:**

**Director** - a written report was distributed. Dave drove around parks last night looking at lights. Minor Smith and Southwood park could use more lights. Kenagy lights are great. Colman has enough lights but might need to update them to LED if possible.

**Superintendent of Parks** – Ron stated he applied for Tree City USA. Alan Bancroft successfully completed Playground Inspection Class and passed test. Welcome to Raytown at 53<sup>rd</sup> St. & Raytown Rd. was demolished by stolen car. We are in process of getting it fixed.

**Recreation Report-** a written report was distributed. Mike stated he talked to Matt Bennett and he will either attend Bicentennial or send someone in his place as Blacksmith.

**New Business:**

1. Brian Morris made a motion to award the Mowing Contract for 2021 to Stirling Lawn and Landscape with option to renew up to two additional years at a 3% increase. Jenny Perkins seconded and the motion passed.
2. Maintenance Projects for FY2021 LWCF Grant proposals that are due in February 2021. Buildings & Grounds needs to meet again soon to discuss what we want to apply for. Dave will contact Brent Hugh again to get this set up.

Also, Park Board would like to start drawing up plans for what attractions we would like to see at Super Splash.

The Super Splash project will take several years and would most likely need 2 or 3 - \$150,000 matching grants to demolish, rebuild etc. We would need to apply for these grants once a year but there is no guarantee that we would get them 1, 2 or 3 years in a row. We might be awarded a \$150,000 grant and we would match it at \$150,000 in 2021. We then turn around and apply for same amount of grant in 2022 but do not get awarded that year. Do we have the money to do anything at Super Splash if we do not get a grant that year? What if we do not get a grant for several years? Where does that leave us?

3. Auditors Report was distributed to Park Board and discussed.
4. The next meeting will be January 25, 2021. The regularly scheduled meeting on January 18<sup>th</sup> is a City Holiday, so we will not meet on that day.
5. Dave Thurman would like Park Board to start thinking about officially recognizing Terry Copeland for his years of service to the Park Board. Will discuss in January or February 2021.
6. Robbie Tubbs made a motion to adjourn at 8:46 pm. George Mitchell seconded and motion passed.