

**Raytown Park Board
Minutes
February 15, 2021**

Attendance:

Park Board: Brent Hugh, Loretha Hayden, George Mitchell, Dave Thurman, Michael Anderson, William McClendon, Brian Morris, Jenny Perkins

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

A quorum was declared present and the meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Guests:

City: Mayor Mike McDonough, Police Chief Bob Kuehl, Aldermen Janet Emerson, Mary Jane Van Buskirk, Bill Van Buskirk, Bonnaye Mims, Ryan Meyers, Greg Walters, and Jennifer Baird.

BMX: Harley Kennedy and Nate Jonjevic

Neighbors: Khadijah Hardaway, Carolyn Whitney, Perry, Tony Jacob, Mecee, Jim DeLong, Shara Buck, Jayne Loulos, Mindy McDaniel

Public Participation:

Khadijah Hardaway – wants electricity turned off at curfew, add lights and cameras by tennis courts and wants this done by March 31st.

Mindy McDaniel – neighbor Delores Dewey calls police on the non-emergency line all the time, she wants security at Colman at 11 pm not 12:30 pm; and would like curfew changed

Tony Jacob – Racine WI has 76 parks and they all have different curfews, why can't we do that? Cameras should be hooked up to police department at dispatch, city should help pay for security

Greg Walters – Look into speed bumps or humps, put gates at south end of park and start security at 11 pm.

Brian Morris made a motion to move agenda item #4 up to #2. Jenny Perkins seconded and the motion passed.

Reports of Officers:

President – no report

Vice-President – no report

Reports of Standing & Special Committees:

Personnel – no report

Finance – no report

Program – no report

Buildings & Grounds – see agenda item #2

Rice Tremonti- 2 more windows are being replaced

BMX – see agenda item #3

Staff Reports:

Director – a written report was distributed. Dave will talk to Kay Copeland about what type of memorial the family would want.

Superintendent of Parks - a written report was distributed.

Recreation Report - a written report was distributed.

New Business:

1. Sunshine Law presentation. Jennifer Baird of Lauber Municipal Law, LLC gave a presentation on the Sunshine Law. She suggested Park Board members get a city or parks email address.
2. Buildings & Grounds Committee meeting – look into getting more cameras, adding additional months to security contract, get cost and liability issued for speed bumps or humps, increase signage in the parks. Everygy will be increasing lumens from 12,500 to 24,500 on 4 lights on Lane and we will be adding another light by the dumpsters. Brian Morris made a motion to increase security contract with Homeland Security from May 1st to September 30 to March 1st through October 31st and add more cameras throughout the park where needed. William McClendon seconded and the motion passed.
3. BMX Report – Harley stated that they are moving dirt as weather allows, have purchased a new connex and are getting bids for Overseal of the track. Nationals – they will be working within the confines of the county for Covid guidelines.
4. Sculpture on the Move. The Program Committee has chosen their top 3 sculptures. Dave Turner will attend Zoom meeting tomorrow to see which sculpture we get. The choices are Dashes, Moonscape and Gotta Practice.

Announcements:

1. Alderman Janet Emerson and Mayor Mike McDonough thanked the Parks Department for all our work on the security issues.
2. Jenny Perkins stated we are trying to be as transparent a board as possible.

Loretha Hayden made a motion to adjourn at 8:44 pm. William McClendon seconded and the motion passed.