

**Raytown Park Board
Minutes
February 19, 2024**

Attendance:

Park Board: Dave Thurman, Robbie Tubbs, Rhonda Herring, Brian Morris, Evan Gorrell, Zoom-Brent Hugh, Jules Sneddon, Patrick Nelson

Staff: Dave Turner, Gage Colton, Zoom-Mary Ann McCormick

Guests: Zoom-Alderman Loretha Hayden, Barb Keogh, Nate Jonjevic

A quorum was declared present and the meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm. Evan Gorrell made a motion to approve the December 18, 2023 minutes. Brian Morris seconded and the motion passed.

Guests:

Barb Keogh – talked about a Community Mural Project in downtown Raytown behind the central 63rd Street business section next to the greenspace.

Nate Jonjevic – Raytown BMX – they are rebuilding the 3rd & 4th straights and the 3rd turn. Lance with Dirt Trendz will be at the track on March 3-9th to do all the dirt work. They will also be taking out the pump track.

Reports of Officers:

President – discussion in regard to new members. Invite them to a couple of park board meetings so that they get a small look into what the park board does and how we operate prior to appointment to park board by Mayor and Board of Alderman.

Vice President – no report

Report of Standing & Special Committees:

Personnel – no report.

Finance – no report.

Program - no report.

Buildings & Grounds – met at 6:30 tonight - discussion item #2 in new business.

Main Street – a written report was distributed.

Staff Reports:

Director, Superintendent of Parks & Recreation - written reports were distributed.

New Business:

1. Creative Community Alliance – “Low Poly Heart” – will be placed at City Hall and “Swirl” – will be placed at Colman Park.
2. Renaming 53rd Street Park – Buildings & Grounds committee met and would like to name the park “the Copeland/Fowler Park” in memory of Terry Copeland (a long time Park Board member) and Ron Fowler (a 34 year employee of Parks Dept.). Staff will talk with both entities to get their permission to use their names and will discuss at next park board meeting.
3. LWCF Demo Project – project is out to bid with bid opening on March 13, 2024. Need to get “press release” ready so that when we start moving dirt at park, information can go on website and Facebook, etc. to let public know what we are doing and planning for that park.
4. Sales tax increase for parks will most likely be in August 2025.
5. Rhonda Herring made a motion to adjourn. Brian Morris seconded and motion passed.