

**Raytown Park Board  
Minutes  
November 20, 2017**

**Attendance:**

**Park Board:** Terry Copeland, Danielle Miles, Dave Thurman, Robbie Tubbs, Janette Guenther, Mike Hanna, and George Mitchell

**Staff:** Kevin Boji, Ron Fowler, Dave Turner and Mary Ann McCormick

Guest: Greg Walters

A quorum was declared present and the meeting was called to order. George Mitchell made a motion to approve the minutes from October 16, 2017 and Robbie Tubbs seconded. The motion was passed.

Greg Walters stated he hoped the Park Board would continue to be courteous and open minded with the complaints from the neighbors. The Park Board stated they will be putting up signs near the shelter houses and sending out letters outlining the Park & City Ordinances that pertain to reserving shelter houses.

**Presidents Report** – Terry was going to meet with Tom Cole before the BOA meeting on November 7<sup>th</sup>, but two deaths in family waylaid that meeting. He did have a short conversation about the MOU, dog licensing with City to reallocate revenue to Parks Department to help pay for Dog Park. Terry presented The Parks Department Annual Report to BOA on November 7<sup>th</sup>.

**Vice President** - no report

**Reports of Standing & Special Committees:**

Personnel – no report

Finance – no report

Program – committee met on November 6, 2017 items to be discussed in new business.

Buildings & Grounds – no report

**Rice-Tremonti** – Fall Soup and Craft Fair revenue of \$2673 and had 237 orders. Rental revenue in October was \$830. Fruit trees – park staff will go look at trees. Holiday Tours will be 12/3-12/4 and 12/9-12/10 from 1-5 pm, admission is \$5. Rice-Tremonti joined Chamber of Commerce.

**Reports of Staff:**

**Director** – Mayor McDonough has asked that the Park Board push back their bid for sales tax increase until August or November 2018. The City is thinking about doing their own sales tax and/or property tax increase in April 2018. Mike Hanna will contact Terry Tuggle & Steve Knabe to discuss putting Park Board on upcoming agenda to discuss Storm Water Tax.

**Superintendent of Parks** – Ron stated water has been turned off in all the parks for the season. Mary Ann will be contacting water companies to have the water shut off for season so we won't be charged for water. Ron also stated that 4 trees at 63<sup>rd</sup> & Blue Ridge have been mowed down by vehicle. They trees in the medians citywide seem to have a target on them.

**Recreation Report** – Dave has been working on Youth Basketball for the last couple of weeks.

**New Business:**

1. Mike Hanna made a motion to approve the proposed 2017-2018 Fees & Charges Schedule to increase fees for Adult Softball and Shelter House Rental Fees and add Kenagy Shelter #5 to be rented. Robbie Tubbs seconded and the motion passed.
2. Program Committee suggested that Parks Department post signs near the three main shelter houses at Colman and Kenagy parks stating – No Parking BBQ Grills or cars/trucks

on grass, No Amplified Music, etc.. Staff will send out letters to the 2017 shelter house renters stating price increase and will add the list of Parks Rules & Regulations with City Ordinance numbers listed. Next year, when we get citizen complaints about noise, etc. staff will send out letter informing shelter house renters that they have lost the privilege of renting shelters houses in Raytown in the future.

3. Program Committee also discussed Outdoor Advertising at the ball fields. Dave contacted several metro park departments. Liberty sells ads space themselves, Independence hires an ad company and Lee's Summit sells \$15,000 sponsorships with a guarantee of 3 years that includes advertising in all 20 parks through an ad agency and the agency get 30% commission for selling. The Parks Department decided not to do outdoor advertising in the parks, but if the Raytown Baseball League would like to do advertising at LBTRA that would be ok with Park Board approval.
4. The Raytown Baseball Association still owes the Parks Dept. \$1298.32 for electricity, water and trash collection for the 2017 summer season. Kevin will send a letter to RBA asking them to pay the outstanding balance by February 1, 2018 or their contract will be cancelled.
5. Kevin has been asked to reach out to the new Director of REAP to discuss outstanding invoice of \$21,754 from 2009 for site improvements so REAP could secure occupancy permit from city to move into their new building.
6. Danielle Miles made a motion to adjourn. Dave Thurman seconded and the motion passed.