

**Raytown Park Board  
Minutes  
May 15, 2017**

**Attendance:**

**Park Board:** Danielle Miles, Chris Rathbone, Dave Thurman, Nancy Nail, Robbie Tubbs, Mike Hanna, Pat Jackson, George Mitchell and Terry Copeland.

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

**Guests:** Mayor Mike McDonough, Alderman Eric Teeman and Dena Duhon from R.U.F.F.

The Mayor wanted Park Board input on putting together a group of citizens, from the City, Chamber, Fire Department, Kiwanis, Raytown School District, etc. to come up with monthly plans to utilize the green space in downtown Raytown. He wants to bring excitement to Raytown. Some of his ideas were to have more Music Festivals but on a smaller scale, food truck frenzy, etc. Wants groups to partner together and bring events. Mike Hanna made a motion for the Park Board to be part of the committee. Nancy Nail seconded and the motion passed.

Dena Duhon from R.U.F.F. (Responsible Unleashed Fun for Fido) a Blue Springs Dog Park Advocacy Group. The group of volunteers started in 2005 with approx. \$50,000 and the dog park has grown from there. The City donated the land, and the Parks Department helped construct it. They started off small and it has grown. They have two sides – one for smaller dogs (25 lbs or less) and one for larger dogs. They have a core group of volunteers and they do about 4 fundraisers a year. They are having Pooches in the Park May 21<sup>st</sup> to include 1 mile fun walk, dog contests, agility clinics, etc. They have also done Pooches in the Pool and A Chilly Dog's Night Out. We need to start a group of volunteers to look into this endeavor for Raytown. Kevin will contact the Dog Rescue in Raytown to get some information.

A quorum was declared present and the meeting was called to order. The minutes from April 17, 2017 were approved as written.

**Reports of Officers:**

**President:** Election of officers next month. We need to be thinking about renaming Super Splash as our future park. Pat Jackson resigned her position on the Park Board.

**Vice President** – no report

**Report of Standing & Special Committees:**

**Personnel** – no report

**Finance** – Chris is waiting on City to discuss bond issue.

**Program** – no report

**Buildings & Grounds** – no report

**Rice Tremonti** – A group of 3<sup>rd</sup> graders from Blue Ridge Elementary visited, Arbor Day was celebrated on May 6<sup>th</sup>. Received a little storm damage, but Parks took care of it. Continuing to rent the facility to outside groups.

**Staff Reports:**

**Director** – Kevin discussed removing picnic tables at Kenagy park on the east side. People have been using the shelters and leaving a total mess that takes staff hours to clean up. Park Board said to leave the tables. Also, Kevin reported that Ron's mother passed away last week.

**Superintendent of Parks** – a written report was distributed

**Recreation Report** - a written report was distributed

**New Business:**

1. Robbie Tubbs made a motion to table the discussion on the fountain bid to get a more concise number. Nancy Nail seconded and the motion passed.
2. Chris Rathbone made a motion to adjourn. Danielle Miles seconded and the motion passed.