

**Raytown Park Board
Minutes
January 8, 2018**

Attendance:

Park Board: Terry Copeland, Dave Thurman, Robbie Tubbs, George Mitchell and Janette Guenther.

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

A quorum was declared present and the meeting was called to order.

Guests:

1. John Thompson and Angel Luna from Raytown Baseball Association gave us an update on league. They have 15 kids registered so far and open registration is now thru end of February. They are hoping to get 115 kids registered to break even. They have 5 parents ready to coach. A U12, a t-ball team and Mike Still has a team that want to sign up. In the t-ball league there should be 11-12 kids, machine pitch 12-13 kids and 10U, 12U and 14U- 13-14 kids per team. They are trying not to do fundraisers for the league to keep costs down for parents. John talked about the KC Water bill saying they thought Raytown Soccer Club (RSC) should pay for some of that water since they use the restrooms during the summer. Deffenbaugh same thing RSC uses the dumpsters.
2. Greg Walters and Delores Dewey talked about letter received from Kevin regarding not forming a committee but to join a neighborhood watch group. Greg says they already have a Neighborhood Watch group. Still would like us to cut electricity off to the shelters. Delores would like us to hire security for the parks. Terry Copeland thanked them for coming and will take it under consideration. There are social problems, police problems and noise problems and have taken steps to hopefully curtail the noise problems with a letter that was sent to everyone that rented a shelter house last year and people were told about the noise concerns when they rented the shelter house this year. Plan is set and we will wait and see what happens when it warms up this summer.

George Mitchell made a motion to approve the minutes from December 18, 2017.

Janette Guenther seconded and the motion passed.

Reports of Officers:

President – no report

Vice President – no report

Reports of Standing & Special Committees:

Personnel – Robbie Tubbs stated they will meet on January 22nd to review office staff evaluations that were done by Kevin. On February 5th, they will meet in closed session at Las Chili's to review evaluation for Kevin. Kevin will give Personnel committee the job descriptions.

Finance – no report

Program – no report

Buildings & Grounds – no report

Rice Tremonti – In 2017, they earned \$7000 in rental fees, have 4 rentals in January and 10 booked in coming months. Completed painting. March 17-18th Springs Soup & Crafts event. They are putting an article in the Spring City of Raytown newsletter.

Reports of Staff:

Director – a written report was distributed. Kevin stated BOA will put to voters in August a property tax increase to \$1 (per \$100 assessed valuation) and 2 cent gas tax increase.

Superintendent of Parks – a written report was distributed. Ron asked about putting new signage up at the parks. The ordinances need to be updated to 2018 verbiage before we do any signs. Need to check with city attorney about putting a sign up about “Up to \$500 fine for violating City Ordinances”.

Recreation Report – a written report was distributed. Dave is meeting with Raytown South High School about having the school team use LBTRA this spring until their fields are done. Will report back with updates. Green Space Committee-it was decided Dave would plan the events but would not need to attend them all.

Raytown Baseball – Since they paid their outstanding bill they are good to go for the 2018 season. Invite them back to the May park board meeting to give us an update.

New Business:

1. George Mitchell made a motion to install a Walking Trail at Southwood park per the 2018 Parks Capital Projects for approximately \$15,000 and have Kevin apply for a LWCF or RTP Grant. Phase 1 of walking trail would be as 8' wide x 2" depth ¼" minus rock to include site work and soil removal. Phase 2 would be to install an asphalt walking trail over the 2" rock if grant is approved. The grants would be 50/50 matching. Any left over money would be used for benches, trash cans, etc. Robbie Tubbs seconded and the motion passed. Find out what Public Works does with asphalt millings for trail.
2. Dave Thurman stated that the Raytown Chamber of Commerce would hold a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for the fountain at Kenagy Park this spring.
3. Would like to schedule a park board meeting at Rice Tremonti this year.
4. Dave Thurman made a motion to adjourn. George Mitchell seconded and the motion passed.