

**Raytown Park Board
Minutes
May 21, 2018**

Attendance:

Park Board: Mike Hanna, Terry Copeland, George Mitchell, Dave Thurman, Robbie Tubbs, Janette Guenther, Loretha Hayden and Chris Rathbone.

Staff: Dave Turner, Ron Fowler and Mary Ann McCormick

A quorum was declared present and the meeting was called to order. The minutes from April 16, 2018 were approved as written.

Reports of Officers:

President – has been by Kenagy Park at night a couple of times to see the fountain and has talked to some patrons and they love the fountain.

Vice President – no report

Reports of Standing & Special Committees:

Personnel – received 55-60 resumes for Director, committee met, interviewed 5 based on education, experience and locality. Top 2 candidates were interview by park board. Dave Turner was chosen as Park Director.

Finance – no report

Program – no report

Buildings & Grounds – no report

Rice Tremonti – Dave Thurman reported they are looking into raising event fees from \$125 to \$150 plus using a different rate structure based on event. They are getting bids to add 2 columns to North side porch. Formally requesting getting the Rice Family Bible back.

Staff Reports:

Director: a written report was distributed. Rice-Tremonti home is now on the Santa Fe, California and Oregon Trails thru the National Park Service. There was a shooting at Colman park on 4/29/18 no injuries. Dave has ordered signs to be put up at the shelter houses. Police suggest we install high resolution cameras in the parks.

Superintendent of Parks: a written report was distributed. If anyone has Ash trees, this is the time of year to spray them for the ash bore. New truck was ordered today.

New Business:

1. John Thompson and Angel Luna for Raytown Baseball came and gave an update. They have signed up 222 players, with approx. 60% being Raytown kids. Opening day was May 5th. They have 16 teams and could have more but need coaches. Games are Tuesday, Thursday and Saturdays. Working on having Fall Ball league. Organizing a Golf tournament as a fund raiser.
2. Sales Tax – Dave gave a presentation on the sales tax and ideas to help steer the citizens to raising our taxes. Board would like the city to help pay for the

election costs at 25% since they will also benefit from this sales tax. If they don't they will only get 25% of the first 1/8 cent.

3. Amend By-Laws –three changes need to be made – Finance Committee – change ex officio Treasurer of the Board to Finance Committee Chairman and Personnel Committee – add The committee will conduct an annual performance review of the Director and add date of Adoption of By-Laws. This will be sent to Park Board 10 days prior to June 18th meeting and changes will be voted on at that time.
4. Election of Officers – according to By-Laws – elections are done in June of each year.
5. Dave Turner will look into cost and other variables for high definition motion activated cameras for the parks.
6. BMX has taken in some donations and we need to do a budget adjustment to increase revenues and expenditures. Need to transfer money from Civilian Employees to Temporary Staffing. Dave with go to BOA on June 5th for these items.
7. Who is BOA Liaison – Jim Aziere. BMX Board – Dave Thurman would like to appoint someone to their board. The problem is they don't actually have formal meetings per se they just meet at the track. The City would really like us to reorganize BMX and separate them from us due to liability and give them a grant for \$35,000 at the beginning of the year and at end of year let us know how the season went. Park Board said this is not a good idea as it is tax payer money and we are fiscally responsible for them.
8. Chris Rathbone made a motion to adjourn. Dave Thurman seconded and the motion passed.