

**Raytown Park Board  
Minutes  
September 17, 2018**

**Attendance:**

**Park Board:** Chris Rathbone, Terry Copeland, Dave Thurman, Robbie Tubbs, Mike Hanna, Loretha Hayden and Brian Morris

**Staff:** Dave Turner, Ron Fowler, Angelique Zadrozny and Mary Ann McCormick

**Guests:** Tony Jacobs stated he has no animosity only wants transparency, would suggest decorum when talking – members are talking over one another when discussing items. MOU – it is not the best idea as it is now, but don't want to alienate the BOA will changes or cancellation of MOU. See if sales tax could be excluded from TIF.

A quorum was declared present and the meeting was called to order. Terry Copeland made a motion to approve the minutes from August 20, 2018. Loretha Hayden seconded and the motion passed. Mary Ann to check to see if President is allowed to vote on motions, if they are leave minutes same if not correction needs to be made on the closed session voting – yes according to By-Laws, Article IV- Meeting, Section 10 Voting - Voting members shall consist of the President, Vice-President and Members present and representing the duly established work of the Board. In the event of a tie vote, the motion fails.

**Reports of Officers**

**President** – Raytown Live on 9/8 and Arts & Music Festival on 8/25 were not the best turnout, but both had great shows

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**Vice President** – no report

**Reports of Standing and Special Committees**

**Personnel** – no report

**Finance** - Terry Copeland stated we are looking under budget on spending so far this fiscal year, however, we have several projects coming up. Fund balance as of 9/13/18 was \$1,059,058.42.

**Program** – Robbie will update board at next meeting.

**Buildings & Grounds** – no report

**Rice Tremonti** – 1 rental in August, Lawn Party 9/30, Fall Soup 11/3 & 11/4. May raise rental rates in January.

**Staff Reports:**

**Director** – a written report was distributed. Dave met with Emanuel Cleaver and Jerome Barnes about the LWCF Grant for Super Splash on September 17<sup>th</sup>. Mr.

Cleaver will look into this project for us. Gravel will be delivered at Southwood Park and concrete will be poured tomorrow at Colman Park for the cameras.

**Superintendent of Parks** – a written report was distributed. Terry Copeland thanked Ron for all his hard work at the Arts & Music Festival.

**Recreation Report** – a written report was distributed.

**New Business:**

1. Robbie Tubbs made a motion not to record park board meetings. Loretha Hayden seconded and the motion passed with 4-yes and 2 no votes. This agenda item was presented before the approval of the minutes as Tony Jacobs was here and this is what he was concerned about.
2. Sales tax discussion. Dave handed out 10-year plan with ¼ cent sales tax renewal. With ¼ cent sales tax renewal to include storm water, we might be able to fit in a dog park or splash pad but will have to crunch some more numbers. It was suggested that we look into a tax levy increase. We were informed by the City that our sales tax issue would not be on the April 2019 ballot. Dave is on the BOA agenda in late October to discuss sales tax – will have to wait and see if they keep it on the agenda.
3. MOU - Brian Morris made a motion to negotiate with Mayor and BOA on the few items we want changed. Dave Thurman seconded and the motion passed with 4 yes votes (Morris, Rathbone, Hayden, Thurman), 2 no votes (Hanna, Tubbs) and abstain vote (Copeland). Negotiation-let Parks approve purchases up to \$50,000 after budget has been approved by BOA.
4. Budget for FY2018-19 should be approved by BOA on October 2, 2018.
5. Look into purchasing a stage for the department. It might be more cost effective to purchase one instead of renting every time we need one.
6. Mike Hanna made a motion to adjourn. Terry Copeland seconded and the motion passed.