

**Raytown Park Board
Minutes
June 19, 2017**

Attendance:

Park Board: Terry Copeland, Chris Rathbone, Dave Thurman, George Mitchell, Robbie Tubbs and Danielle Miles.

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

Guests:

1. Brianna Burrichter, Finance Director, spoke about debt financing. She suggested the Parks Department try and pass a sales tax and then save money for a couple of years before we do debt financing. Let the voters know what projects you want to complete with the sales tax and give them a timeline. The other option would be to raise the property tax for parks but we would most likely have to double the amount to make any sense. That is not a good solution.
2. Kathleen Seymour asked about opening Super Splash again. She was told that we just don't have the money to open Super Splash as it was and that we will need community support to pass a sales tax to upgrade the parks and decide what to do with Super Splash in the future.

Terry Copeland read a proclamation for Ron Fowler for his 30 year anniversary with the Parks Department. Terry thanked Ron for his tenure with the parks department. Cake was served.

A quorum was declared present and the meeting was called to order. The minutes from May 15, 2017 were approved as written.

Reports of Officers:

President – Terry reported that people are using the disc golf tees in Minor Smith Park. Suggested we put 3 in Kenagy and 3 in Southwood park.

Vice President - no report

Reports of Standing & Special Committees:

Personnel - no report

Finance – Chris talked about #raytownrocks. People paint rocks and put around town and people go around and find them.

Program - no report

Buildings & Grounds – no report

Rice Tremonti – Dave reported they had some storm damage to trees, but Parks has taken care of it. Revenue to date for renting out home is \$3125. Received a grant from Truman Heartland for \$4,000 to do some plaster work.

Staff Reports:

Director – Kevin reported that the City Cleanup Day has been cancelled and they are pushing the cleanup vouchers. Rotary Club has purchased a bench to put beside the Raytown Rotary Little Free Library and parks will install.

Superintendent of Parks – a written report was distributed. Trash pickup in all the parks is taking a lot longer than usual, people just aren't using the trash cans and throwing it on the ground.

Recreation Report: Jungle Book will be shown on Friday, June 23 at Kenagy Park and the fishing derby was well attended.

New Business:

1. Robbie Tubbs made a motion to nominate Terry Copeland as President. George Mitchell seconded and the motion passed. Danielle Miles made a motion to nominate Chris Rathbone as Vice President. Dave Thurman seconded and the motion passed.
2. Second Saturday Event Plan – Chris Rathbone made a motion to have a small event in late September or early October at Kenagy Park. Dave will see about getting a local band to come play. Danielle Miles seconded and the motion passed.
3. Pet Safe Dog Park Grant – Kevin has sent a paperwork in for the grant. We just need to get a couple of letters of recommendation from community and take pictures of the area. The area would be beside the REAP building at 9300 E. 75th Street. Terry Copeland would like to see a cost estimate of what the parks departments costs would be to build a dog park.
4. George Mitchell made a motion to table the discussion the fountain for Kenagy Park until the July meeting to see where we are financially. Danielle Miles seconded and the motion passed. We received bids for 4 different fountains ranging from \$9600 to \$14,500 not including installation.
5. Robbie Tubbs made a motion to turn water on at Super Splash so that we can water the grass. Chris Rathbone seconded and the motion passed.
6. George Mitchell made a motion to adjourn. Danielle Miles seconded and the motion passed.