PARK & RECREATION MEETING
Minutes of April 1, 2015

The Park and Recreation Board met at the Alexandria City Building on the above date at 7:00 p.m. with the following members present:

Present: Pam Proctor  Karen Minshall  Cathy Combs
Absent: Jeremy Toy, Chair  Fred Hollmann
Also present:  Bill Rachford, Mayor

Cathy Combs called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: A quorum was not present of members who attended the 3-11-15 meeting. Therefore, voting for approval of those minutes had to be tabled.

VISITORS & GUESTS: None

OLD BUSINESS:

1. 2014-15 Budget – The year to date total expenditures is $17,129.82.

2. 2015-16 Budget – Per the last meeting, $15,000 was dedicated to relocating the basketball court. This subject was revisited and it was raised that the lake trail, one of the most highly used features of the park, is deteriorating. It is used far more than the basketball court and has a number of spots where it is breaking, cracking or sinking due to erosion, tree roots and earth heaving. For this reason, the board agreed that the captiol improvement money may be better spent on addressing the lake trail rather than the basketball court. The Mayor said the city would consider repairing sections of the trail as regular maintenance to be done by the city. The board requested that asphalt professionals be hired to repair and redo the entire trail, not simply patch repairs. They also requested the trail edges be finished clean and straight. They would also like the city to routinely reseal the path. Karen suggested the jail workers who are overseen by Leon and hired every summer by the city could do this resealing at a very economical price. Karen said that in Campbell County a supervisor is paid by the county to oversee them. The Mayor said he would speak to Jim Daly about this. Cathy Combs will ask for an estimate on costs to repave the entire asphalt portion of the trail.

3. Playground equipment update – it's on order and the money has been paid.

4. Phase Two update – Greg Guidugli informed Fred that they will be installing trees in the park next week.

5. Arbor Day – the saplings have been ordered. The buckets to hold the trees are in the concession building. Cathy will make laminated signs with information about each of the four trees and Pam will print small identification labels to be given out with the trees. Pam will also get two signs made, one for the park and one for U.S. 27 by Walgreens. She will also see if there are left-over plastic bags for tree distribution.
Pam reported she had put a sign up in the new message board about the event. Cathy said the condensation is so heavy, the messages cannot be viewed. Pam will contact the vendor about this.

6. Holidays in Alexandria – Pam suggested the board approach this group about taking over the Haunted Walk. She will contact Jan Dressman to see if they are available to meet to discuss this option. Pam will let Karen Minshall know if an appointment is set in case she is able to attend.

7. Park path – A Land and Water Conservation Fund matching grant could be used to pay for repairs to the lake trail. The application deadline is April 30, 2015. The Mayor proposed using the $15,000 capital expenditures as the city’s matching portion. The grant requires a public meeting to discuss the project. The mayor recommended scheduling it at 7:00 PM, prior to the April 16 city council meeting. If there are no objections from the public, the council could then include the resolution on the agenda for that meeting. Pam will contact the office in Frankfort that manages the grant to see if this is acceptable. The grant would be dedicated to repair the asphalt walkway around the lake. Pam pointed out that donors could be solicited to contribute, as the grant goes up to $75,000. The park board could offer to put the donor’s names on a sign by the trail.

NEW BUSINESS:

The Board discussed agenda items for its next meeting.

COMMUNICATION: None

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION: Karen Minshall made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Pam Proctor. All in favor, the motion passed with a 3-0 vote.

Attested to and submitted by:

Karen Barto, City Clerk

Cathy Combs, Vice Chairperson

Dated 5/7/15

Dated May 6, 2015