



**PARK & RECREATION MEETING
Minutes of September 6, 2017**

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

Present: Jeremy Toy, Chair Karen Minshall Cathy Combs
 Fred Hollmann Pam Proctor

Also Present: Kim Wagner, Recreation Director

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

MOTION: Cathy Combs made a motion to approve the August 2, 2017 minutes, seconded by Karen Minshall. All in favor, the motion passed 5-0.

VISITORS AND GUESTS: None

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Budget

- A. **FY 2016-17** Cathy Combs reported that the budget closed at \$58,430.27.
- B. **FY 2017-18** To date \$628.10 has been spent.

2. Recreational Trails Program Grant – The money has still not been released. Kim continues to contact them for information.

3. Dog Day Report – Kim Wagner reported that seventy dogs were brought to the event. In addition, Frankie's Furry Friends had two dogs adopted at the event. The prizes were a big draw. Next year they will be given away hourly.

4. Park 20th Anniversary event – The event will be held Saturday, September 23, from 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM. Pam emailed John Stein and he has agreed to attend and say a few words. A Bounce House has been donated by Rainbow Child Care who will also recruit volunteers to help staff it. There will also be small crafts at the event. Jeremy will email past park board members and invite them to attend.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Haunted Walk – The board discussed tasks to be done for this year's event

- A. Order long-lasting luminary candles
- B. Speak to the high school student clubs about participation
- C. Reserve generators from Art's Rental
- D. Confirm Frankie's Furry Friends will run concession stand
- E. Investigate parking options on the lot the city owns
- F. Notify the police department of the date
- G. Invite civic organizations such as Rotary, Lion's Club, Kiwanis to have booths.

2. Campbell County Extension Service Grant – Kim reported that the application for this grant must be submitted by September 29 and be matched with \$1,000. A butterfly garden was proposed. However, Fred said this is a high maintenance item. Kim suggested putting it near the basketball court. She will also contact Karen Barto about the feasibility of the park board

proceeding on this, since the \$1,000 is not in this fiscal year's budget. Pam will assist Kim on the grant application.

3. Agenda Items for Next Meeting

- A. Budget report
- B. Recreational Trails Program grant update
- C. Anniversary report
- D. Haunted Walk
- E. Park Board Meeting Schedule
- F. Agenda items for next meeting

COMMUNICATION: Kim reported the following: Sam's crew took out the two dead trees in the playground area, per last meeting's request; she is ordering 2018 Arbor Day trees; there will be a Christmas event at the Community Center on December 3 or 10. Fred will call Guidugli Landscaping and request they clean up around the planter box at the disc golf course tee box #1.

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION: Karen Minshall made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Pam Proctor. All in favor, the motion passed with a 5-0 vote.

Attested to and submitted by:



 Karen M. Barto, City Clerk/Treasurer



 Jeremy Toy, Chairperson

Dated 10/5/2017

Dated 10/4/2017

20th Anniversary of Alexandria Community Park

On Saturday September 23, 2017, the City of Alexandria celebrated its Community Park's 20th anniversary from 2:00 pm to 4:00pm. To commemorate the occasion, we had ice cream and cake as well as a bounce house (sponsored by Rainbow Child Care Center), face painting, "kindness rock" painting and crafts for the kids. Photos of then and now were on display. Local high school teens helped with the face and rock painting.

Special guests Mayor Bill Rachford and John Stein, a prominent founding contributor, spoke about the humble beginnings of the park. Members of the Park Board, City Council and park lovers were in attendance. Despite the 90 degree weather in late September, we all had a wonderful time. The progress that the park has made in 20 years is amazing!