

Parks Board Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, May 6, 2015

Board Present: Susan Atkinson, Tim Earl, Kathleen Hoyle, Jon Peer, Roger Smith, Charles Thomas, Jan Whitcomb

Board Absent: Emily Hirschman, Sisira Kavuri, Doug Barrett

Staff: Tom McKay, Assistant Superintendent of Parks

Guest: Jack Briggs, volunteer with Friends of Ramona Park

This meeting was called to order by Chairperson Kathleen Hoyle at 6:35 p.m. in West Lake Nature Preserve.

1. Minutes of the April 1, 2015 meeting were reviewed. Tim motioned to approve. John Peer seconded. Motion carried.
2. Friends of Ramona Park: Jack Briggs reported that the flies were bad at Ramona Park and asked if the city sprays. Tom McKay reported that the city sprays sometimes for special events. Jack asked if the rocks at the northwest end of the park could be moved to create a flower bed. He suggested more trash cans for the convenience of park visitors and to reduce litter. A table at the fishing event was requested. The group is still working on the north woods. The board thanked Jack and asked Jack to convey our thanks to the group for their hard work and commitment to the park.
3. Park report: All members reported that the parks were in good shape with the exception of Lexington Park which appeared to need mowing.
4. Greenathon report: There was a miscommunication about set up for this event. No table/materials appeared to be available to board members to promote volunteers and friends.
5. To reach rangers after hours, Tom suggested calling the non-emergency number at the police station and asking that they radio a ranger. The non-emergency dispatch number is 329-1016.
6. Recycled Art in the Park: Volunteers will meet at 9:00-11:00 a.m. on Friday, 5/15 to set up tents. Plant stands, sand bags and other set up will take place at 6:00 p.m. on Friday evening (5/15). Saturday morning set up will begin at 7:30-11:30. Carrie McFerrin will perform live music 11:30-2:30. On-line voting will take place all week.
7. Friends of the Park Donation set up is finalized and set up for credit card use at the art event.
8. Web site report: will be given at the next meeting.
9. Music Festival (7/12): Tim is holding a planning meeting at 6:30 on 5/26/15 at the grain elevator with KFO.

Adjournment: Tim motioned to adjourn. Charles seconded. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Atkinson