



**LOUISBURG PARK AND TREE BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
Monday, July 8, 2019**

The Park & Tree Board of Louisburg, Kansas met at 6:30p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers with Chairperson Bob Bazin presiding.

ATTENDANCE

Board Members: Dave Maddax, Michael McClellan, and Ernie Reinhart
City Administrator: Nathan Law
City Council: Thorvald McKiernan and Steve Town
City Staff: Jean Carder
Rec. Commission: Diana Moore
Recording Secretary: Rusty Whitham
Visitors: Reid Justesen

Item 1: PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Item 2: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA:

A motion was made by Ernie Reinhart, seconded by Michael McClellan, to approve the agenda. Motion passed 4-0.

Item 3: APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

A motion was made by Ernie Reinhart, seconded by Dave Maddax, to approve the minutes from the June 10, 2019 meeting. Motion passed 4-0.

Item 4: PUBLIC COMMENTS:

No public comments

NEW BUSINESS ITEMS:

Item 5: Discussion concerning allowing motorized boats on City Lake

Section 12-202 of the City code states; *“It is unlawful to operate a motor boat, except boats outfitted with electric trolling motors with a rated horsepower of less than four, on the lake at any time.”*

Ernie Reinhart mentioned that some states regulate the use of outboard motors based on the size acreage of the lake. Reinhart stated that he does not know if Kansas has such regulations.

It was mentioned that the use of outboard boat motors might agitate the water enough to help mitigate the algae/vegetation problem the lake is experiencing.

Reinhart requested staff to contact the Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks & Tourism and ask what would be the recommended method to control algae in the Lake.

Bob Bazin suggested that Grass Carp would help with the algae problem.

It was the consensus of the Park and Tree Board to table this item until additional information is obtained.

OLD BUSINESS:

Item 6: Discussion with Reid Justesen concerning an Eagle Project in L/Y Park. This item was initially discussed during the May 13, 2019 Park and Tree Board meeting.

Reid Justesen (Troop 101) presented his plan to improve the Bob Finch Memorial Hiking Trail located in L/Y Park. Justesen offered to construct a 45”x 48” sign that identifies the Bob Finch trailhead. The proposed sign will provide park visitors a brief description of the trail and will further memorialize its namesake. Justesen mentioned that he also plans to construct a garden at the base of the sign. Justesen suggested that he would install the sign between the lake and the parking lot to the north. Justesen stated that he would like to complete this project before school this fall.

After a brief discussion Dave Maddax made a motion to approve Reid Justesen’s plan to construct a sign that signifies the Bob Finch Memorial Hiking trailhead as presented to the Park and Tree Board. This motion was seconded by Michael McClellan. The motion passed 4-0.

No further discussion occurred concerning this item.

Item 7: 2019 Fishing Derby Report

The Park and Tree Board members reviewed a Fishing Derby Report provided by Sue Apple. The board members made no negative comments. Staff then presented the 2019 Financial Report. Below is a summary of this report:

- 2019 Fishing Derby Budget was \$2,344.18
- Fishing Derby Expenditures
 - \$297.40 Coke products
 - \$340.90 Food Products
 - \$157.50 Newspaper Advertisement
 - \$795.80** Total Expense
- Donations collected during the event = \$122.12
- 2020 Fishing Derby Budget is \$1,670.50

No further discussion occurred concerning this item.

Item 8: Discussion concerning the proposed Frisbee Golf Course at L/Y Park

Bob Bazin presented a plan to install a nine (9) hole Frisbee Golf Course at L/Y Park. Bazin’s plan includes an option for an additional nine (9) holes if need.

Ernie Reinhart asked how will the tee boxes be constructed. Bob Bazin explained that the tee boxes will be built on a 6’x6’ concrete slab.

Michael McClellan mentioned that people have a habit of parking their vehicles on the grass area during the baseball season where the proposed golf course will be built. McClellan stated historically there have been at least 50-60 cars parked in that grass area on busy nights. McClellan suggested that some kind of fencing be installed to prevent parking on the proposed golf course. Currently, signs are posted stating “Do Not Park on Grass” but people still utilize the grass areas to park their vehicles.

Michael McClellan asked if the city knows when the parking lot near the ballfields will be paved. City Administrator Nathan Law explained, paving is part of a recent grant request and the city should know the status sometime in September. If the city is not successful with the grant request, the parking lot will be paved when money is available.

REPORTS:

Item 9: Individual area of responsibility updates:

- Bob Bazin (Chairperson)
- David Maddax (Aquatic Center) – Maddax mentioned that the Louisburg Library recently sponsored a “Flick and Float” event at the pool. This event had approximately 158 attendees. Maddax went on by saying there were also six private parties in July.
- Ernie Reinhart (City Park) – Reinhart mentioned that the contractor has not yet relocated the two pieces of play equipment. Reinhart understood that this equipment would be moved last week. Staff explained that rain prevented the contractor from showing up and does not know when the work will be done. However, three concrete pads were installed for the new park benches. The new park benches will be anchored to the pads by Public Works next week. Staff also mentioned that the last of the rails were installed on the pavilion last week and the project is now complete.
- Wayne Knop (Ron Weers Park) - Not Present
- Jack Kline (Forestry Manager) - Not Present
- Michael McClellan (Lewis-Young Park) – McClellan updated the board members concerning recent repairs to the ballfields. McClellan then mentioned that Johnson County will upgrade and build more ballfields. McClellan suggested that their ballfields currently generate \$10M of revenue annually. Once the improvements are done their revenue as a result of tournaments could increase as much as \$40M a year. McClellan stated that Harrisonville and Paola are also building or making improvements to their ballfields to attract tournaments. Ballfields are a great source of revenue and McClellan feels that Louisburg is missing revenue opportunities.
- Diana Moore (Louisburg Rec Commission) - No Comment
- City Administrator – No Comment

Item 10: ADJOURNMENT:

Dave Maddax made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Ernie Reinhart. The motion passed 4-0. The meeting ended at 7:47pm.

Submitted by Rusty Whitham