



Park Commission

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MINUTES OF THE PARK COMMISSION

HEMAN PARK COMMUNITY CENTER (HPCC), 975 PENNSYLVANIA
TUESDAY, JULY 18, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 6:35pm.

Present:

Clarence Olsen

Kathy Standley

Jason Sparks

Steve Goldstein, Park Commission Vice President

Ed Mass, Park Commission President

Chris Kalter, Project Manager

Paulette Carr, Council Liaison

1. Minutes from June 20, 2017 meeting were approved. Steve Goldstein votes to approve, Clarence Olsen seconds. Vote taken. All approve.
2. Citizens' comments:
 - None
3. Department Reports:
 - As the commission proceeds with future park master plans ongoing park operation and maintenance should be considered and prioritized.
 - The pool was drained for a repair to the main valve. Will be back online Thursday.
 - Fogerty Park and Kaufman Park projects have been closed out. Next park grant application underway.
4. Council Liaison Report:
 - Paulette Carr updated us on council items.
5. Individual Park Reports: No major items.
 - Police should be called for park policy violations where intervention with park visitors is necessary. Park permits specify park rules to our patrons.
 - Path needed at Fogerty Park from playground to the new restrooms.
6. Unfinished Business:
 - Parkview Gardens Master Plan. Clarence Olsen spoke with Cheryl Adelstein of Wash U. for second time. She requested more information on two ongoing grant projects that impact Ackert Park. Chris presented the two current grants. We will know more about the grants in August when approval is due. One is a sidewalk improvement along Ackert Walkway, the second involves street improvements along Eastgate that will add new pedestrian lighting.
 - The park Commission will hold on making a decision about the next steps until more information is known about the two open grants. Clarence will contact Cheryl to describe this.
7. New Business:
 - Should park commissioners have some sort of credentials they can display when meeting with the public?
 - Steve Goldstein will present to the city council the resolution taken on 5/16/2017 which described creating a special enterprise fund to support the golf course ongoing maintenance. Revenue generated through the golf course to stay within the course for operational use, and for general park improvements.
 - Pickleball striping will be permanently added to the upper tennis courts at Flynn Park. Temporary striping for pickleball will be added to Heman Park tennis courts as well. An informational sign is needed at each location to inform players on where to learn the rules.

Resolution by Ed Mass: Move that we place permanent pickleball lines at Flynn Park tennis court and add temporary lines at Heman Park. Steve Goldstein seconds, vote taken, all approve.

- Splash pads: The concept of splash pads is gaining popularity. Could be a great way of adding interest in our pool at Centennial Commons. Ewald says that there may be piping in place currently for adding splash pad in future installation. He will look into this. Chris will find cost breakdown for splash pad in Fogerty Park Phase 2.
 - Add an agenda item to every Park Commission meeting moving forward to review the park and storm water sales tax financial plan.
 - Invite Tina to September meeting to present findings, or request that she include all information available into monthly packet.
 - Planning grant in the works. There may be an existing facility report for the golf course. Chris will ask Andrea to locate. Ewald will also try to locate. This will shed light on costs for repair work needed. If none exists then consideration will be made to apply for a grant to study needed repairs and CIP projects. Ewald will speak with Jimmy about ceiling repairs needed.
 - Steve Goldstein presented a resolution concerning noise at the golf course from individuals with speakers. There is currently a noise ordinance which limits sound amplification, but it is not very specific to parks and park settings. Can we add a sign to the golf course? What is the correct action? We will discuss at next meeting.
 - Voluntary group for park maintenance and improvements. Can we have groups come and perform quarterly volunteer work at the parks? Problem involves handing over tools. Who will supply tools? This has been done annually in the city for elderly residents. All Park Commissioners should think of ways that volunteer groups could work on their parks.
8. Citizens' comments:
- Kevin Taylor voiced concern for baseball facilities within the park system, specifically Heman Park. Increased budget is needed to improve the field conditions. He presented a request for several fields and infield improvements, fencing, and other needs. Also, additional report on the field conditions needed on regular basis. Ed Mass: Make a list of needs and send to Chris to price. We may be able to budget this work or raise funds.
9. The meeting was adjourned at 8:47pm.