

August Park Board Minutes



Thursday, August 12, 2021, 6:00pm
Waynesville Municipal Building
100 Tremont Drive
Waynesville, Missouri 65583

CALL TO ORDER: Meeting was called to order by Chairman Jeff Militti at 5:58 pm.

ROLL CALL, BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman Jeff Militti, Bonnie Wilson, Smith Cade, Katherine Olmstead, Kevin Curtis, Joe Motte, and David Carpenter.

ROLL CALL, BOARD MEMBER ABSENT: (PB Support): Trey Haragan (Park Superintendent)

PARK BOARD SUPPORT: Councilman Mike Curtis, Steve Bales (WSR), and Marvin Yoder (PCMG).

APPROVAL OF LAST MONTHS MEETING MINUTES:

- Chairman Militti stated that we needed to vote on June's minutes as July's meeting did not have a quorum. This also means that there will be no official minutes for July. Notes of the discussions had will be kept in the minutes file. All topics that required official decisions were readdressed during this meeting.
- Review of June minutes performed 1st approval was made by Kevin Curtis and the 2nd approval was made by Smith Cade.

INTRODUCTION OF VISITOR AND GUESTS: Randy Brown, Robin Carpenter, and Michael Olmstead were present during August's meeting. During the July meeting, Jackie Chen was present.

VISITOR AND GUEST COMMENTS:

- In July, Ms. Jackie Chen made inquiries on the totem pole at Waynesville Park. It needs to be repainted. It was installed many years ago and has not had any upkeep since initial installation. She would like to repaint it and add a hand carved beak for the eagle to the top of the totem pole. To accomplish this, she will need the assistance of an electric truck. They provided the use of an electric truck to install the wings to the pole when it was created. Trey Haragan will talk with John Doyle, the City Administrator, to get his approval and the next steps regarding getting this accomplished. Bonnie Wilson will provide Trey with her contact info. Since then, Trey had spoken to John Doyle and he stated that he would be able to assist with this project, it just must be coordinated with the appropriate departments.

PULASKI COUNTY MASTER GARDENER REPORT: (Marvin Yoder)

- The walkway was installed, but the edges were left rough. There is fabric hanging out on the edges. Unfortunately, when it rains the bottom of the walkway at the road floods bad. The walkway remains barricaded off which makes the garden seem closed and people are not visiting the garden. We asked about a pipe or culvert to be installed to help with drainage at the bottom. We did also mention that the worker that installed the initial walkway said that he put down more dirt than stone for the first layer to allow it all to settle into the ground. He will come back and add more rock after it settles a little bit.
- Marvin Yoder is the current Chapter President for Master Gardeners. Katie Olmstead has left the Pulaski County Master Gardeners. Marvin will be the new contact for the reports starting in August.

WAYNESVILLE/ST. ROBERT SPORTS PROGRAM REPORT: (Steve Bales)

- Baseball season finally ended with the rain delays. Baseball season ends July 31, 2021
- Soccer season has started. Practices are going smoothly. Have approx. 200 kids for this season. First games are the 23rd and the 28th of August. That season will end on October 31, 2021.
- There will be no volleyball in the fall due to COVID restrictions.
- WSR is still selling the Springfield Cardinals tickets as a fundraiser. The tickets cost \$14.00 each and includes a free baseball hat. The game is August 22, 2021. David mentioned talking with the VFW to try and help sell more tickets.
- Erin Mahan's last day will be July 16, 2021. She is changing lanes in her life's plan and will be pursuing different things. Clayton Gregory will be staying with us a little longer than originally planned. He has become an unofficial face of the WSR program to the Community and people seek him out for questions, etc.

PARK SUPERINTENDENT REPORT: (Trey Haragan)

- Trey was absent during this meeting and no report was submitted.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Revisited having meeting in the parks during the warmer months. Agreed that September will be a good month to do that. Suggested that the Farmers Market pavilion may be a good location for September. Board agreed and the decision was made to have a potluck meeting.
- Farmers Market pavilion has a bird issue. The small sparrows and pigeons are nesting in the insulation which causes the insulation to fall on the vendors and into food products that are being sold.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Glen Haven Park** – (Kevin Curtis) –
 - Power washing of this park was partially completed. The playground equipment was cleaned, but not the benches, etc. Pressure washing will probably need to be completed 2 times a year as the seasons change and mold grows. Is there room in the budget to hire a contractor to pressure wash the remaining things? Mr. Curtis will look into cost of a contractor.
 - Per July's meeting, the benches need to be repainted.
- **Laughlin Park** - (Smith Cade) –
 - Thank you so much for power washing the bathroom, the sidewalks, and the ramp. All are in usable order now and it looks great. The bathroom doors have been temporarily fixed.

- Because it is such a popular area for the community and people are still using the park if the city would consider updating the bath house there. Possible painting the walls, replacing the toilets, replace the ventilation vents, and replacing the door and door frame completely.
- Bonnie Wilson suggested that this would be an ideal location for a second mural. They are still working out the details regarding this, regarding the design, theme, dates, etc.
- **Roubidoux Park** – (Bonnie Wilson) This Park has been assigned to Bonnie Wilson.
 - The Mural on the side of the pump house is finally finished. Total time was about 40 hours. Approx. dollar value of time donated for the mural is \$2000.00.
 - Splash Pad plumbing will be replaced once the park shuts down for the season. Possibly looking like late September/October time frame. Issue has finally been identified and part of the pad is not operational. Should stay running until the heat finally subsides.
 - The bridge that goes under the bridge from the Spring side of the park to the Little Hero's side of the park, the footing looks like it is washing out. It has been noticed that when mowers are cutting the grass, they use that sidewalk/bridge to travel between parks. This may be causing damage to the walkway. Will have to check into weight limit for this walkway.
 - Swings behind Little Hero's Playground. The area that is being considered is swampy and has bad drainage during certain parts of the year. We will have to investigate drainage solutions before taking on the swings.
 - It was also voted that Bonnie Wilson may hold onto the paint left over from the painting of the Mural on the pump house so that repairs can be made if needed in the future.
 - Bonnie would like to label the trees along the trail in the park. Bonnie will investigate stakes that will sit in the ground at the bottom of the trees. Could potentially add a QR code so that it will link to more information regarding the tree. Bonnie will need assistance with the QR codes but will also investigate the costs regarding this. Also, she would like to develop various types of hikes and tours for the public. Some could be used for school curriculum and/or home schoolers. She would also incorporate the mural and maybe some animal tracks into her lesson plans. That sounds like a great idea. Bonnie has also been a nature guide at a state park in the past and she would like to do nature hikes. Councilman Curtis stated that this will need approval from the City to do this and she will need to make sure that she stays on city property. She said that that should not be a problem at all.
- **RV Park** - (David Carpenter) –
 - Noted that the Master Gardener Garden has been roped off. Looking for an update on that situation.
 - Need to address additional parking for the Farmers Market as it continues to grow. Looking into the land that is below the funeral home. The “gravel plant” that is behind the pavilion will be moved once a location has been found. There is a space that residents dump yard waste on F HWY but will need to determine who owns that property as well.
- **Summit Park** – (Joe Motte) –
 - Park looks good! A local resident uses the park almost daily. But with the heat and direct sunlight, it makes it hard to stay very long. They are requesting a few shade clothes to be added to cover the playground and maybe a seating area for the parents so that they can enjoy the park longer than 15 minutes. Will look into the cost of the triangular shade clothes and bring to next meeting.
- **Tiger Park** – (Bonnie Wilson) –
 - Needs the picnic tables painted but can be addressed in the fall.
 - Once the new equipment has been put in, the park is getting a lot more use from the community. Bonnie will also be weeding by hand the gravel areas as it can not be trimmed with a machine.

FINAL COMMENTS:

- Could the Park Board start creating work orders at the meetings to be submitted to the Utilities department? They can be scanned and emailed for tracking purposes so that we can track how long it takes for an issue to be corrected. Councilman Curtis suggested that this would be a fabulous idea and would help with record keeping and tracking.
- The pump house at the Roubidoux Park looks AMAZING! Bonnie and her daughter have completed the painting the pump house. So many passers by have commented that this project is amazing.
- A big THANK YOU goes out to Trey Haragan and his team for doing a wonderful job maintaining the parks. Thanks is not given often, but we wanted to make sure that they know we do appreciate the hard work that himself and his team puts into their jobs to make the magic happen.
- Councilman Curtis stated that it is being constantly being noted that the Waynesville System that we have is a huge asset to the City. Many people travel hundreds of miles to visit our parks. The walkway up from the flood plain in the Roubideaux Park that is going toward the bridge is a site that is being considered for a Food Truck area. Waynesville also has a trout stream that runs through the City. It has been suggested that we coordinate with the Department of Natural Resources and MDC to build that up as an economic boost. Also, to create a float trip from the City Park down to the Gasconade. This will have to be discussed with the Department of Natural Resources. Another though was to build a trout fishery on the Natural resources park area in the area.
- New bill that was just passed regarding the infrastructure may have money that will come to park system, but Mr. John Doyle is doing research regarding this and any future benefits the city may have.

EVENT CALENDAR FOR AUGUST 2021 (supplied by Parks Superintendent):

- Information not available for this month.

ADJOURNMENT:

- The meeting adjourned at 7:07 pm.

The next scheduled board meeting is on Thursday, September 9, 2021, at 6 pm at the Waynesville Farmers Market Pavilion. We will have a BBQ during this meeting. Chicken will be provided, and all members are asked to bring a side or dessert. Bring your own non-alcoholic beverages.