

## **Chester Parks and Recreation September 2020 board meeting**

6:01 PM start

-Patti Carter called the meeting to order

-Roll call

-In attendance: Colette Powley, Travis Lott, James D. Maes, Patti Carter, John Reith, Billy Belton, Sarah Roth

-Absent: Vivienne Zobel

-Pledge of Allegiance was said

-Accept minutes from last meeting: Motion -Sarah Roth, Second -Travis Lott

-Park Reports - nothing new

- Cole Park Projects

### **-New proposed projects:**

Jarrett James, Senior at CHS, presents Disc Golf to the board. He has been playing at facilities in nearby cities and would like to give something to our parks by helping design the course and participate in the project if approved. Cost estimate \$3,000 for 9 hole, suggested having local businesses sponsor a hole. Questions from the board: Financial, known regulations for competitive use. Board agreed to move forward with research and proposal for Disc Golf course at Cole Park. Subcommittee will be Sarah Roth (head), Travis Lott, and John Reith and Jarrett James. Jarrett would like to assist in the design, construction and execution of the course.

### **-Current ongoing projects:**

-Home Tweet Home is a conservation initiative to encourage building appropriate habitats for regional bird species.

-Grassroots/Take pride is a project intended to inspire citizens to volunteer their time and efforts to making the park what they want by helping with weeding, beautification, and other small acts of kindness toward nature.

### **-Initiated research projects:**

-Bike path: Still researching, need more direction on what is wanted, Patti Carter stated the intent is to start with remodeling the old tennis courts into a biking area (similar to Red Bud Lincoln Park), John Reith discussed his conversation with a representative from American RAMP in Joplin. MO, for \$7500 they will provide a meeting to discuss and develop a plan for what we envision, still need to compare pricing with other options

-Co-ed Softball or Kickball program: Still researching

### **-to be planned projects:**

-Develop camping sites

-Dump area

-Horse shoes

-Shuffleboard

-New picnic tables

-New trash cans

-New grill pits

-New roofs for shelters (color coded?)

-add road to shelter by maintenance garage

-Wildlife food plot or pollination garden at bottom of Opdyke/Rt 3 retaining wall

-Splash Pad

-Swings/play equipment

-Fall Fest: October 17, 2020

-Drive in movie night Triple Feature: "Ferdinand", "Ready or Not", "The Hills have Eyes"

-Free to public, BYO concessions,

-Patti Carter and Billy Belton will finalize details of social distancing, and traffic

-Farmers Market: doing well, up to 12 vendors

-Christmas on the river: December 4-6, 2020

-Holiday Characters will arrive on a "train" for tree lighting ceremony

-Alderman Report: James D. Maes

-Set vision of board goals and how we will accomplish these goals

-provided report with informational, action, and open items \*see attached report for details\*

-informational: park will be added to the empty lot next to Korando Heating and Cooling building (old Molly's Moon lot)

-Action: Cohen Complex farm land rental, Park vs. park, Visions for Park properties and Park Board, 2021 Park Board Appropriations

-Open: None

-Consider how underfunded our Park properties and programs are compared to surrounding communities

-Adjourn meeting: Motion -John Reith, Second -Travis Lott