

Call to order - 6:05 pm by Patti Carter

Roll Call - Present: John Reith, Sarah Roth, Travis Lott, Collette Powley, Patti Carter, Danielle Conway, Samuel Higginson; Absent: Billy Belton, Alderman JD Maes, Terri Maes.

February Minutes - Travis Lott: motion to Approve, Samuel Higginson: second; all in favor

Public comment - None

Alderman Report - None

Recreation Report - Patti Carter: Sarah, Danielle, and John sorted old equipment. Some was kept while unusable and outdated equipment was thrown away. USSSA Tournament is taking place in Chester on April 23-25. Deb Heiman from Swanwick IL will be the concessionaire at Cohen.

Park Superintendent report- Patti Carter: Bushes at gazebo pulled out, Monuments at gazebo will be moved to Memorial Park, and we will add Pickleball court lines to current tennis courts at Cohen.

Projects Reports -

Bicycle Park: Patti Carter: discussion with Lorin Mott about a petal path to be added to the old tennis court at Cole Park. City employees have capabilities to build.

Home Tweet Home: need an update on what is expected for Home Tweet Home.

Wildlife Vegetation and Flowers in the Park: Travis Lott contacted and discussed with IDNR the plan to add food plots and flower areas to Cole Park with the focus on birds. Next step is to determine which plot locations and flower types work best. Randolph county 4H club has verbally agreed to help plant and maintain the plants.

Camping: Samuel Higginson got information for legalities and requirements.

Kids Day Camp: Sarah, Patti, Sam, Travis, and John met to discuss a plan for Day Camp. Tentative Plan is to have a 4 hour day camp for three separate weeks, each with its own theme and target group. More details to come.

Rec Ball: Patti discussed that is only possible to move players up to older age levels, but never down to younger levels

Farmers Market: Patti stated it will start May 15th in Hardee's Parking Lot - vendors are already registering.

Unfinished Business - Samuel Higginson was appointed as chairman of the Projects Development committee. He is researching grants, OSLAD and PARC. Discussed Fall grant schedule- we need to start planning and executing what we want to use grant money for. The following was discussed: Governor Pritzker's Recreation and Facility grant, Mike Bost reached out to cities for planned projects to add to President Biden's infrastructure bill.

New Business -

Flea Market - will be located at Cole Park old ball field on Saturday June 5th. If registered by May 14, cost is \$10; if registered from May 15 to May 21, cost is \$25

Disc Golf Tournament - TBD

Fall Festival - Scheduled for October 16, 2021; currently recruiting vendors

Halloween Howl-a-Baloo - traffic will be rerouted to make it more efficient and effective than 2020 Howl-a-Baloo.

Christmas on the River - Scheduled for December 3-5, 2021

Old Business - Summer Camp

Other Business - Discussed having the band 'Haze Bond' provide entertainment for the Eclipse in 2024

Meeting Adjourned - 7:40 pm; Samuel Higgerson motioned, Danielle Conway Seconded.

Respectfully Submitted,
Sarah Roth, Secretary