

**DEXTER PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD**

Meeting Minutes— July 3, 2024

**Members Present:** Ron Lovelady, Adam Sadler, Hannah LeBeau, Marissa Mills**Park Staff Present:** Jamie Rowe**Meeting called to order:** 12:06 pm**Minutes:** Minutes from the May meeting. No additions or corrections to the minutes**Motion:** was made by Adam Sadler to accept the minutes as reviewed.**Second:** by Ron Lovelady to approve minutes.**Motion Carried:** All in favor.**Citizens Input:** none**Housekeeping:** no items**Committee Reports:****A-Playground committee** – The next fundraiser is to pair with the Chamber of Commerce for Taste of the Town in the fall. See the Attached sponsorship availability.**B-Trail Committee** – The current trail project is moving forward in phase 3. We just received official notification that we have been selected for the 2024 grant round and this will be phase 5.**C-Dog Park Committee** –The committee is organizing a couple of fundraisers working towards getting some new equipment for the park.**D-Tree Board** – no report**Aquatic & Recreation Report:****\*Recreation --****BASEBALL:** The season is complete. The end of the season turned out to be a lot of rescheduling due to the rain and storms.**BASKETBALL:** no report**FOOTBALL:** league meetings have begun. All the towns are working on registrations and the league is working on upcoming rules and regulations for the season. DPR registrations are open for the upcoming season. DPR is working/considering implementing flag football in the spring.**SOFTBALL:** The season is complete. (same as baseball)**FALL SOCCER:** Registrations are open and the changes have been implemented per the request of the DYSA league to have all the age groups play in the fall and they will run travel teams in the spring.**TRACK:** no report**VOLLEYBALL (YOUTH/WVB/COED):** Registrations are open for the upcoming season.**AQUATIC:**

- The pool is averaging 127 patrons per day. Attendance high so far this season was on June 15 with 342 patrons.
- Swim lessons are underway and going very well.
- A couple of rules have been added to the pool list to maintain a safe family friendly environment. No speedos, thongs, or mermaid tails allowed at the facility. Swimming attire must be family friendly and is at pool manager's discretion.

**PARK EVENTS:**

GIU—July 12-13, 2024

BACK TO SCHOOL POOL PARTY-August 8, 2024

HALLOWEEN HAPPENING-October 31, 2024

LIGHT IT UP-set up week of November 27<sup>th</sup>

**DEPARTMENT REPORT:**

- Final Reimbursement for the LWCF grant has been received. This completes the grant requirements along with the closing paperwork. The department has also applied for 3 Ameren Cares grants, and 2 DNR grants, and will be applying for a USDA and Walmart grant for the community garden when they open.
- The communication board at Boon Park will be installed on Monday.
- We are waiting on payment reimbursement from MDC on the replacement pump.
- Discussion of Project List items included and are not in any order full-time maintenance person, replace the 1997 backhoe, addition of a 1 ton with dump bed, new pick up truck, light boon trail, dpr gym addition, addition of shelter (#3) at west park, temporary fencing for ballfields and line/outfield fencing at complex, turf installation on 2 fields at the complex. Also reviewed the pool repair list.
- The Eclipse on April 8<sup>th</sup> brought a lot of new faces to our town and all were very complimentary of our parks and area.
- The Farmers market is underway and will run until the first week of October.
- The Community Garden program, Kris Chamberlain has sent out the first newsletter, and the social media pages are growing. We have received donations from WalMart, Semo Land Design, Bakers Creek Seed Co, Bomgaars, and the University of Missouri Extension office. This program is developing much faster than anticipated.
- Review of budget expenses
- Budget has been approved proposed projects on the budget include Replacing the sun shades at the pool, painting the pool, purchasing football equipment, working at Eden Park, purchasing a water fountain for Boon Park, and 9-hole disc golf at the complex, working with Design Alliance to develop a plan for gym expansion.

**DPR Gym Task Force:**

- Design Alliance architects have been on site for the preliminary plan and the meeting was very productive.
- Currently working with Design Alliance to continue gaining an understanding of the needs of our community and a survey of area and environmental review has been started.
- Discussion of preliminary gym expansion plan

**Membership Participation:**

Discussion on issues that are holding up the ability to pull in more baseball tournaments and utilize the facility. Discussion was opened on the subject and the one major concern is being able to accommodate out-of-town teams. The under-construction hotel will help answer that concern. One of the other items is not having temporary fencing to be able to adapt the fields to needed sizes. Another concern is the playability of the field discussion of changing the soil composition and getting away from the clay and even the possibility of installing turf.

Discussion on the idea of employing another person during the baseball/softball season to drive a shuttle (possibly a golf cart) for the older population for easier access to the sport's complex facility.

Discussion on why facilities are not being blown off and manicured as they have been in the past for example the tennis court at Boon Park, and the sitting areas are always covered in grass. The mowing and trimming in the parks and at the sports complex have been lacking this season.

What are other towns doing to increase tournaments in their area? Areas discussed were Mountain View, and Ste. Gen, how do they use their chamber and tourism to help facilitate tournaments and programs for their areas?

Park board members would like to see the addition of a splash pad for the community.

**Other:** None

**Motion** made by Adam Sadler to adjourn meeting.

**Second** by Ron Lovelady to adjourn meeting.

**Motion Carried** All in favor.

**Adjourn:** 1:22pm

Next meeting scheduled for September 4, 2024