



Advisory Board Minutes September 9, 2008

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chair Bruce Muzzy, Vice Chair Kevin Loos, and Tom Bracciano

MEMBERS ABSENT: Kelly Barth and Jana Dobbs

STAFF PRESENT: Ernie Shaw, Mark Hecker, Roger Steinbrock, and Paula Craig

GUESTS: Cynthia Boecker and Dave Corliss

- I. Meeting called to order by Chair Bruce Muzzy.
- II. Approval of the July 8 minutes on a motion by Muzzy, second by Bracciano.
- III. No concerns were given/noted from the Board.

While everyone ate lunch, Roger shared the new Parks and Recreation video that he and Chris have been working on. Positive responses were made by the board members.

- IV. Shaw and Hecker felt the August 13th meeting between the Planning Commission and the Parks and Recreation Department went well. Bracciano suggested setting up a sub-committee between the two departments. Loos inquired about the quarter mile park discussion. Shaw said it would be a challenge and more discussion would need to take place.
- V. Stultz family donation of 46 +/- acres is on the north side of 6th Street and K10 Hwy. The property is low land/flat bottom. There is limited park possibilities but does have potential, may be more suited for hiking pedestrian trail; 100 yards wide in bottom area. Maybe we could incorporate more green space in to future purchases. Corliss paid a nice compliment to the park system but there will not be any future development for quite a while.

Muzzy thought this purchase is a win/win situation. Bracciano motioned to approve the purchase and second by Loos.

- VI. Mark reported that he keeps prioritizing projects for the 2009 Sales Tax fund.

Corliss said that the sales tax funding is a general support for PR funding, no extending sales tax. KDOT has been asked to extend a grant for Burroughs Creek, If grant is extended, core needs will be met.

- VII. Shaw met with Linda and Jerry with the land/water conservation and they will make a recommendation to the National Park Service to go ahead with the T-Mobile Tower. The tower will be 120 ft. high in the left field of Ice Field. One light pole will be

removed, but once the tower is up, lights will be put on that pole. There are future plans to install an access road and landscaping on the backside of Ice Field since it is currently unusable space.

- VIII. Tennis courts to be built on land behind Centennial School by the school district. City may make some contributions towards the courts. Bracciano said the project will be on the September 16 city commission meeting. The City will lease the tennis courts from USD 497. Corliss suggested coming up with a rental agreement. The tennis courts will get a lot of demand from Lawrence High School, Free State High School as well as the general public. Bracciano said that lights are being added to the Free State High School tennis center. Bracciano hopes that construction will start the Spring of 2009.
- IX. Burroughs Creek covered in Item VI.
- X. Green Burial will be going to the City Commission on September 16th. There have been numerous meetings with various staff, educational experience. There are 52 spaces available to start with and Lawrence will be the first municipality to do this. Standards are set with biodegradable casket and a plank for support; no embalming allowed. Bracciano supports the idea and second by Loos. Motion to proceed was passed.
- XI. a. Shaw reported that we are above average on revenues/projects. We're doing okay with golf. \$122,000 revenue over expenses. Starting to hold back – part-time staff is dwindling down since we're paying more on minimum wage (effective July 2008). We're getting a nursery going on the north side of the range.
- b. Hecker reports that facilities have been closed week to week for maintenance. Renovations took place at the LIAC; PPNC interior has been painted, displays moved; HPRC gym floors refinished, interior painted, new glass blocks, new security system and various park / turf renovations.
- c. Roger showed the board the new Path and Park map; reported that the Winter/Spring Activities Guide will come out November 30th, 2008 with continuing awareness about obesity. He said that the 3rd Annual Trunk or Treat will be coming up with involvement from The Great Wolf Lodge and Free State Auto.
- XII. Shaw mentioned that this is our 5th year for pepsi / concession contracts. We're working on RFP's – waiting on a proposal from Pepsi. There will also be an RFP for concession vendors going out. Pepsi has a very lucrative contract, good service.

Meeting adjourned at 1:00pm. Next meeting scheduled for Tuesday, October 14th at Noon.