

**RIVERSIDE PARK BOARD MEETING  
MINUTES**

April 4, 2006

6:00 p.m.

The Riverside Park Board held their regularly scheduled meeting at the Riverside City Hall in Riverside, Missouri, on Tuesday, April 4, 2006. Chairman Jim Frakes called the meeting to order at 6:20 p.m. Those answering roll call were: Jim Frakes, Lori Rardeen, Julie Rule, Ron Carlson, and Brent Miles. Jane Henry, Administration Assistant, was also present. Kathy Rose, Alderman Rochelle Legaard, Sara Thatcher and Jerry Hackenberg were absent.

Julie Rule made a motion to approve the minutes of March 7, 2006, as presented. Ron Carlson seconded and the motion carried.

Brent Miles gave a report on bids for **upgrading the restrooms at E. H. Young Park** so they can be used year round. The City will tap into the sewer Argosy uses. The low bid price to furnish and install a sewerage grinder pump and discharge line was \$12,900 from H & H Septic Service. When the City receives a letter from Argosy authorizing the City to connect to their force main, work will commence and can be completed in a week.

Miles also presented Larry Meyer's proposal for replacing the bleachers at E.H. Young Park. Since the existing bleachers have rotting boards and rusted, broken weld joints, City Administrator David Blackburn has said that Safety Committee money could be used to buy new bleachers and replace the hazardous ones. Two (2) 4 row low rise bleachers would cost \$985 each or \$1,970 total. Also, 2 aluminum benches would cost \$400 for a total of \$2,665 for both **bleachers and benches**. The board approved the selection and expressed a need to act quickly.

Laser grading of the ball fields is not completed.

Miles showed the board the plans/**drawings of the improvements for the Line Creek Trail**. The details were of the 90% concept plan.

Regarding the **Riverfront Trail**, Miles said revised plans, approved by the levee board and the City, have been sent to the Corps for approval. There continues to be a problem with fencing at the trail site near Intercontinental. The company insists on a fence to keep users of the trail from coming onto their property. The Corps has not approved a fence because of potential hazard if the levee is breached in a flood.

Frakes' neighbor works for the city of Kansas City, Kansas, where he is in charge of **maintaining the plantings** around the government buildings. He has offered to consult with the City about our plantings on Line Creek Trail and/or the planned streetscape.

Rule reported on her conversation with Scott Eckard. Eckard is asking the City to provide 2 banners to advertise his **carnival in the park**. He also would like to borrow trash cans

from the city. The event is planned for 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. at Homestead Park. Rule commented that it “feels like there needs to be more advance planning.” The board was concerned about the last-minute nature of Eckard’s plans. They said that perhaps the event should be held in Renner Brenner Park and they questioned whether or not he has the necessary liability insurance.

Lori Rardeen reported on upcoming events at the community center and in the parks. The **2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Easter Egg Hunt** will be held on April 15 at 10:00 in Renner Brenner Park. Rardeen asked the board for volunteers to help her with the event. The board members present agreed to help in whatever way needed. The **50+ Seniors Softball Tournament** is coming up in July. A member of the group, Wes Weddle, is on BOA’s agenda for tonight. They will pay \$300 rental for the large shelter house and \$20 for field preparation.

Rardeen also talked about **2 safety/security issues**. The exit door leaving the gym provides direct access to the swimming pool. This needs to be changed to prevent serious injury to someone renting the facility. Also, she would like to lower the maximum occupancy to 400 people for Saturday rentals and add to the number of officers required as the occupancy increases from 75 people to 400 people.

Rule presented a sample **skate park inspection form** that could be used for maintenance inspections. The board discussed the frequency of inspections needed.

Rule also talked about her **Parks and Recreation Board progress report** she presented to BOA on March 21 and the need to revisit the board’s priorities when preparing its budget requests. As a member of Platte County Parks Board, Rule gave a report on that board’s March meeting. She asked who is coordinating the Trail Day celebration for Riverside. She then discussed Riverfront Trail plans and PIAC funding recommendations for the Northland.

Members of the board who are able to will meet at the community center at 8:00 a.m. on April 15 before the Easter Egg Hunt to **discuss the 2006-2007 parks budget**.

The next regularly scheduled board meeting was set for Tuesday, May 2, 2006, at 6:00 p.m.

A motion to adjourn was made by Ron Carlson and seconded by Julie Rule. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted:

Jane Henry  
Administration Assistant