

## ADVISORY PARK BOARD MINUTES

April 12, 2011

### **Item 1: Call to order**

The meeting was called to order at **6:36** p.m. by Robert Ranney. Committee members present were Marc Cerce, Robert Groves, and Robert Ranney. Beau Buffington and Mike McWilliams were absent. City Administrator Rick Hess, Battalion Chief Tom Dickey, Sonja Lallemand, Bob Mondy and Austin Brown were also present.

### **Item 2: Public Input**

The Advisory Park Boards newest member, Bob Groves, introduced two guests to the APB.

Austin Brown from Boy Scout Troop 235 chose to attend the APB meeting as part of his merit badge requirements. The APB was pleased to have Austin in attendance.

Bob Mondy from Ozark Jubilee offered to bring a 7-8 piece band to provide music for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July fireworks show. He will be family oriented and the band will be available for \$1,500 which normally costs \$5,000.00. He also offered to provide 30 television spots at 30 seconds each for \$1,500.00, which normally costs \$2,500.00. He expects a large attendance at our July 4<sup>th</sup> show. The APB will make it's final decision regarding music entertainment in a future meeting.

### **Item 3a: Discussion and possible vote on February 2011 minutes**

A motion was made by Bob Ranney to approve the February 8, 2011 minutes. The motion was seconded by Marc Cerce. A roll call vote was taken with Beau Buffington absent, Marc Cerce aye, Robert Groves aye, Mike McWilliams absent, and Robert Ranney aye.

### **Item 3b: Discussion and possible vote on March 2011 minutes**

A motion was made by Bob Ranney to approve the March 24, 2011 minutes. The motion was seconded by Marc Cerce. A roll call vote was taken with Beau Buffington absent, Marc Cerce aye, Robert Groves aye, Mike McWilliams absent, and Robert Ranney aye.

### **Item 3c: Review of January & February, 2011 financials**

The January and February 2011 financials were reviewed by the Advisory Park Board.

### **Item 3d: Review of February & March, 2011 checks and deposits**

The February and March 2011 checks and deposits were reviewed by the Advisory Park Board.

### **Item 4a: Park Project Estimates—Sonja Lallemand**

Sonja presented the APB with estimates for park upkeep work. She recommends that trees be purchased in winter rather than spring. She has contracted Mike's Tree service to work on all the old limbs and cleanup issues. Estimates presented were as follows:

#### **Phase 1: Spring 2011: \$5,580.40**

- Addition of spring flowering shrubs along the perimeter to block neighborhood fences.

- Addition of more native plants to existing bed and bio-retention cell.
- Repair of bio-retention cell wall.
- Tree pruning throughout the park and removal of 37 trees and stumps in Pocket Park.
- Fertilize, “weed” and seed lawn

**Phase 2: Fall/Winter 2011: \$3,500**

- Addition of more shade trees around playground, pavilion, and picnic area.
- Continue with addition of trees to perimeter to create screen.
- An equipment dump trailer is also needed and the estimated cost is \$6,000.00. This will be a shared expense with another department.

Sonja pointed out that the labor cost is generally about 30% of the material cost. The estimates were based on current costs for materials. She recommends making the purchases in winter instead of spring as this will likely bring the cost of materials down.

**Phase 3: Fall/Winter 2012: \$1872.60**

- Addition of trees along the south side of municipal building to minimize sun exposure to cooling system.
- Addition of new trees to water retention area.
- Addition of new trees to perimeter, if needed.

The APB will take these estimates into consideration as they plan for the next annual budget in a special meeting which will be held soon.

**Item 4b:**

**Fourth of July Planning:**

**Inflatables—Beau Buffington**

Beau was absent from the meeting, but he had supplied a list of Amberg inflatables that were used in 2010. Marc volunteered to make contact with Amberg and order the same items that were used last year.

**Food Vendors—Robert Groves**

Bob said several vendors have already come on board. He will make the rest of the calls in the next few days and will report to the board.

**Music—Mike McWilliams**

As Mike was not present at this meeting, this item was rescheduled to be discussed in a special meeting.

**Fireworks—Tom Dickey**

Tom has decided to allow A.M. Pyrotechnics to conduct the shoot instead of doing that himself.

Burk Erectors has also donated a \$1,000.00 check toward the July 4<sup>th</sup> event. The APB was very grateful for this generous act.

**Portable Potties, Stage, Frisbees—Bob Ranney**

Bob Ranney presented the estimates for Portable toilets.

A motion was made by Robert Ranney to secure an agreement with Battlefield Septic for 8 portable toilets, 2 handicapped stations, and 2 foam stations. The motion was seconded by Robert Groves. A roll call vote was taken with Beau Buffington absent, Marc Cerce aye, Robert Groves aye, Mike McWilliams absent, and Robert Ranney aye.

The Advisory Park Board discussed the upcoming purchase of 1,000 Frisbees to be given away at the July 4<sup>th</sup> event. This was approved in the March 24<sup>th</sup> APB meeting. Bob Ranney reported that the price had risen from \$0.65 each in our original estimate, to \$0.69 each in the current estimate. This was due to the length of time that had passed since the first estimate had been received. The APB also discussed which colors should be used for the Frisbees and the Park Board Logo. Bob Ranney decided to gather this information and the final decision will be made in the upcoming APB special called meeting.

**Item 4c: Changes in Taxes—Rick Hess**

Rick Hess reported that the City of Republic recently requested that a reassessment be undertaken regarding the taxes they should be receiving. As a result of this, each committee in Greene County was also reassessed. Due to this refiguring, the APB has now received a check for almost \$48,000. The APB was very happy to hear this unexpected news.

Resulting further from this refiguring is that from April 1, 2011 through September 2011 the APB will receive a full 3/8 cents of the tax based on our current population numbers. This means our park tax will double. This tax will expire in September, but will be placed on the ballot to be renewed. If this is passed it will achieve an additional 25% yet again over the previous increases. The net result of all of this is that the APB has the possibility of achieving a 225% increase in funding within the next year. Rick Hess informed that APB that storm water runoff would be able to be covered by some of these additional funds as this is becoming a great need in Battlefield.

The APB will begin work on the next year's budget at an upcoming special meeting.

**Item 4d: Native Tree Plans & Flyer—Bob Ranney, Marc Cerce**

Godfather's pizza will need to be contacted for lunch on Saturday. The building will need to be clear by 2:30 for another meeting that will follow. Cindy Garner, the MDC forester will be on hand, as well as several master naturalists. The event will be held at City Hall from 9:00 a.m. until Noon.

**Item 4e: Dedication and Naming of the Pocket Park—Rick Hess**

The board of Alderman will be conducting a survey in the community regarding this issue through survey monkey. Names on the table are "General Nathaniel Lyons Park" and "General Ulysses S. Grant Park" (in order to honor the entire family lineage), as well as "The Cherokee Trail of Tears Park".

**Item 4f: Cherokee Trail—Bob Ranney**

Our park has been nominated to be named as a Greene County Historical Site. Bob Ranney has been invited to attend a meeting in regard to this nomination.

**Item 4g: Tennis Court Updates—Bob Ranney**

Bob Ranney said the tennis court seemed to be in good shape and would like to add a back board. He will be looking into this option. Bob Groves noticed that a tie down was missing as well.

**Item 5a: Booth at Wilson Creek National Battlegrounds Celebration**

No new information at this time.

**Item 6: Suggestions for the next meeting**

A special meeting will be called.

Budget figures meeting

July 4<sup>th</sup> event details and planning:

- Music issues
- Food Vendors
- Inflatables
- Frisbees
- Portable Potties
- Boy Scouts involvement
- Booth space

The next APB meeting will be held on Tuesday May10, 2011.

Issues to be addressed:

July 4<sup>th</sup> event details and planning:

- Renaming the City Parks
- Cherokee Trail
- Tennis Courts
- Farmers Market
- Booth at Wilson's Creek Battlegrounds Celebration

**Item 7: Adjournment**

A motion was made by Marc Cerce to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Robert Ranney. A roll call vote was taken with Beau Buffington absent, Marc Cerce aye, Robert Groves aye, Mike McWilliams absent, and Robert Ranney aye. Meeting adjourned at **8:39** pm.

\_\_\_\_\_ Robert Ranney, Chairman \_\_\_\_\_ Date

**ATTEST:**  
\_\_\_\_\_ Marc Cerce, Secretary \_\_\_\_\_ Date