

ADVISORY PARK BOARD MINUTES

May 10, 2011

Item 1: Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Robert Ranney. Committee members present were Beau Buffington, Marc Cerce, Robert Groves, Mike McWilliams, and Robert Ranney. City Administrator Rick Hess, and Greg and Alex Peterson from Boy Scout Troop 235 were also present.

Item 2: Public Input

No one signed up to speak.

Item 3a: Discussion and possible vote on April 12, 2011 minutes

A motion was made by Mike McWilliams to approve the April 12, 2011 minutes. The motion was seconded by Bob Groves. A roll call vote was taken with Beau Buffington aye, Marc Cerce aye, Robert Groves aye, Mike McWilliams aye, and Robert Ranney aye.

Item 3b: Discussion and possible vote on April 22, 2011 minutes

A motion was made by Bob Ranney to approve the April 22, 2011 minutes. The motion was seconded by Beau Buffington. A roll call vote was taken with Beau Buffington aye, Marc Cerce aye, Robert Groves aye, Mike McWilliams aye, and Robert Ranney aye.

Item 4a: July 4th event details and planning

1. Food Vendors—Bob Groves

Bob Groves has called all who were on last year's list. Most vendors from last year have agreed to participate again this year including a few new vendors as well. Bob Groves will make a few more calls regarding face painting, balloons, and for a few more food vendors as well.

2. Inflatables—Beau Buffington

Beau did not have a chance to make contact with Amberg, but suggested that the APB go ahead and agree to the contract that has been offered already. The APB was in agreement with this suggestion. Beau volunteered to make the arrangements with Rick Hess.

3. Frisbees—Bob Ranney

The Advisory Park Board chose two color combinations for the Frisbees; dark blue with white printing, and neon orange with black print. The order was for 500 of each style. They should arrive soon.

4. Portable Bathrooms—Bob Ranney

Robert Ranney has secured an agreement with Battlefield Septic for 8 portable toilets, 2 handicapped stations, and 2 wash stations. Rick Hess will also be opening the main bathrooms from 8:00 a.m. until the park closes. The APB discussed the layout of these portable stations.

5. Boy Scout Involvement—Bob Groves

Greg and Alex Peterson from Boy Scout Troop 235 were present. Alex was attending the APB meeting to earn one of his merit badges.

The APB would be interested in having the boy scouts present the colors at the beginning of the event.

It was agreed to also have the National Anthem sung by one of the music groups just before the fireworks presentation.

6. Booth Space & Locations—Bob Groves

Bob Ranney will discuss the layout from last year's booth area with Bob Groves. If necessary, this will be discussed further at the next APB meeting.

7. Fireworks—Tom Dickey

Tom Dickey was not present at the meeting, but the contract for the fireworks has been secured and scheduled.

8. Donation's/Sponsors—Beau Buffington

After further discussion the APB has decided not to seek out sponsors for the July 4th event directly. It will, however, accept donations should any sponsors choose to contact the park board directly. Bob Ranney suggested that it would be a good idea to announce the sponsors over the microphone. Rick Hess agreed and suggested that this take place just before the fireworks show.

A motion was made by Mike McWilliams to present a plaque to Kelly Burk for supporting the July 4th event for the past 5 years. The motion was seconded by Bob Groves. A roll call vote was taken with Beau Buffington aye, Marc Cerce aye, Robert Groves aye, Mike McWilliams aye, and Robert Ranney aye.

Item 4b: Renaming City Parks—Rick Hess

Based on results from the recent survey, a motion was made by Marc Cerce to submit the following proposal to the Board of Alderman: the Advisory Park Board would like to rename the Battlefield City Park as "**The Cherokee Trail of Tears Park**" and the Pocket Park as "**The Butterfield Stage Park.**" The motion was seconded by Bob Groves. A roll call vote was taken with Beau Buffington aye, Marc Cerce aye, Robert Groves aye, Mike McWilliams aye, and Robert Ranney aye.

Item 4c: Cherokee Trail—Bob Ranney

Bob has begun discussion regarding setting a meeting date in order to begin planning for the Cherokee Trail event. He will send out a tentative schedule for a meeting on May 19, May 20, or June 2nd.

Our park has been nominated to be named as a Greene County Historical Site. The final decision on the nomination will take place on Monday May 16, 2011 at 2:30 p.m. Rick Hess will be in attendance. He invited the APB members to attend as well.

Item 4d: New Asphalt Path—Rick Hess

Rick described plans for the new asphalt path and monuments. The APB was pleased to hear about the special improvements to the community.

Item 4e: Tennis Courts—Bob Ranney

Bob Ranney presented information regarding backboards. The APB could build its own backboard. 8 sheets of plywood (12-16 feet high) would be needed at \$35.00 each. Infrastructure would be needed, as well as paint. Bob suggested the price might be about \$1,000.00. Commercial options are from \$1,000.00 to \$2,000.00.

Another option would be rebound nets which would cost around \$500.00.

The APB will discuss these options further at the next APB meeting.

Item 4f: Farmer’s Market—Bob Ranney

It has been determined that the farmer’s market will not be in operation this year.

Item 4g: Booth at Wilson’s Creek Battlegrounds Celebration—Bob Ranney, Rick Hess

Bob still having trouble making contact; Rick Hess agreed to look into this. If there are any updates, they will be discussed at the next meeting.

Item 4h: Budget Development—Rick Hess

The APB Budget was developed at the last meeting and will be presented to the alderman. A conservative approach will be taken in its final development.

Item 5a: 5 Year Park Infrastructure Plan—Rick Hess

Rick asked the APB to develop two 5 year infrastructure plans to be submitted in one month to six weeks based on the following contingencies:

1. If the August tax issue passes
2. If the August tax does not pass

The APB agreed to discuss this at the next meeting.

Item 6: July 4th Event Music—Mike McWilliams.

The APB listened to the music samples that were submitted.

A motion was made by Mike McWilliams to invite “Uptown Grit” to perform in the first time slot. This includes a special invitation to sing “God bless America” at the beginning of the event as the boy scouts present the colors. This motion also was to extend an invitation for Randy Burk to perform in the second time slot. This includes a special invitation to sing the national anthem prior to the fireworks show. The motion was seconded by Bob Groves. A roll call vote was taken with Beau Buffington aye, Marc Cerce aye, Robert Groves aye, Mike McWilliams aye, and Robert Ranney aye.

Item 7: Suggestions for the next meeting

The next APB meeting will be held on Tuesday June 14, 2011.

Issues to be addressed:

- 5 Year Park Infrastructure Plan
- July 4th event--define APB roles and any updates, if necessary.
- Renaming the City Parks—Rick Hess
- Cherokee Trail/New Asphalt path—historical site nomination and other updates.
- Tennis Courts—Bob Ranney
- Booth at Wilson’s Creek Battlegrounds Celebration—if any new developments

Item 8: Adjournment

A motion was made by Bob Groves to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Mike McWilliams. A roll call vote was taken with Beau Buffington aye, Marc Cerce aye, Robert Groves aye, Mike McWilliams aye, and Robert Ranney aye. Meeting adjourned at **8:05** pm.

_____ Robert Ranney, Chairman _____ Date

ATTEST:
_____ Marc Cerce, Secretary _____ Date