

**AGENDA
RAYTOWN PARKS & RECREATION BOARD**

**Monday, January 28, 2019
Colman Park Office 5912 Lane Ave, Raytown
7:00 PM**

I. Call to Order

II. Public Participation

Approval of Minutes – December 17, 2018 Meeting

III. Reports of Officers

President – Chris Rathbone

Vice President – Dave Thurman

IV. Reports of Standing & Special Committees

Personnel – Robbie Tubbs

Finance – Terry Copeland

Program – Robbie Tubbs

Buildings & Grounds – Mike Hanna

Rice-Tremonti – Brian Morris

BMX- George Mitchell

V. Staff Reports

Director – Dave Turner

Superintendent of Parks - Ron Fowler

Recreation- Mike Conrad

VI. New Business

1. 50+ Softball 2019
2. Trail Signage
3. Sales Tax Presentation
4. Other Business

VII. Adjourn

VIII. Announcements

- Next Meeting: Monday, February 18, 2019 7 PM Parks Office
CLOSED SESSION

Notice is hereby given that the Park Board may conduct a closed session, pursuant to the following statutory provisions:

610.021(1) Legal actions, causes of action or litigation involving a public governmental body and any confidential or privileged communications between a public governmental body or its representatives and its attorneys;

610.021(2) Leasing, purchase or sale of real estate by a public governmental body where public knowledge of the transaction might adversely affect the legal consideration therefore.

610.021(3) Hiring, firing, disciplining or promoting of particular employees by a public governmental body when personal information relating to the performance or merit of an individual employee is discussed or recorded; and/or

**Raytown Park Board
Minutes
December 17, 2018**

Attendance:

Park Board: Chris Rathbone, Dave Thurman, Robbie Tubbs, Brian Morris, Terry Copeland, Mike Hanna, Loretha Hayden and George Mitchell.

Staff: Dave Turner, Ron Fowler, Mike Conrad and Mary Ann McCormick

A quorum was declared present and the meeting was called to order. The minutes from November 19, 2018 were approved as written.

Reports of Officers:

President – Chris Rathbone reported he went to Christmas Lighting Ceremony and met with Mayor regarding the MOU. City is getting a new attorney starting January 1, 2019.

Vice President – Dave Thurman also went to Christmas Lighting Ceremony. He thanked Parks Department for all their help with putting up Christmas lights.

Reports of Standing & Special Committees:

Personnel – Robbie Tubbs reported that all staff year end evaluations had been done.

Finance – no report

Program – no report

Buildings & Grounds – no report

Rice-Tremonti – Dave Thurman reported that Soup & Crafts weekend brought in over \$2000.

Staff Reports:

Director – a written report was distributed. Talked with Jerome Barnes and the State Congressional Economic Committee will meet on 1/9/19 and he will report back after committee meeting.

Superintendent of Parks – a written report was distributed. We are applying for Tree City recertification.

Recreation - a written report was distributed.

New Business:

1. Dave Turner will update 50+ Softball contract with Heart of America Softball to give them exclusive use of Colman Park and open other parks to other groups.
2. George Mitchell made a motion to appoint (4) BMX Board members to a one year term expiring 10/31/2109 and (3) BMX Board members to a two year term expiring 10/31/2020. Terry Copeland seconded and the motion passed. Harley Kennedy introduced himself and family as the New Track Director.
3. Chris Rathbone appointed George Mitchell as Park Board Liaison to the BMX Board and appointed Brian Morris as the Park Board Liaison to Rice Tremonti.
4. Raytown Baseball (RBA) – meeting with RBA tomorrow to get John Deere Gator and 2 freezers, refrigerator and an ice machine. We offered \$800 for Gator and \$800 for other equipment. This amount will be deducted from the invoice they still owe the parks for electricity and water over the summer. Their balance is now \$1055.65. Mike Hanna made a motion to move into a partnership with Mike Spilker to run clinics this year at LBTRA. George Mitchell seconded and the motion passed.

5. Sales Tax – Dave will be meeting with Finance Committee on 1/8/19 and then on to BOA on 1/15/19 to present sales tax information. We are asking for ¼ cent sales tax for Parks Department only with no storm water split. If BOA does not give us go ahead, we will look into getting a petition together to bypass the City. Information for the August 6, 2019 election needs to be at Jackson County no later than May 28, 2019.
6. Robbie Tubbs made a motion to adjourn. Terry Copeland seconded and the motion passed.

Raytown Parks & Recreation Department
Director's Report
January 24, 2018

Pocket Park redevelopment Ron has completed a redevelopment plan for the Pocket Park, and presented to Missy Wilson. We will be proposing the updates to the Main Street Assoc. for feedback before starting any work. Funds for the redevelopment will come from the City's accounts for managing the Pocket Park.

Super Splash The City Public Works Dept. is using Super Splash as a brush drop off site for cleaning up storm debris. The plan is for the location to be open for four weeks to receive dropped off storm debris from Raytown Residents.

Asphalt Overlay Phillips Paving has completed the overlay the Office parking lot. The budget for the project was \$24,500, but we should only be billed for a total of \$19,410 from Public Works. Striping was completed by Al State Striping for \$400.

Raytown Baseball Mike Spilker would like to add a girl's fast pitch component to the league, which sounds like a good idea. I will keep working to find a solution for youth baseball in Raytown. There have been several other organizations who have contacted me and would like to discuss inter league play with the Raytown Organization.

Board of Alderman Chris Rathbone and I attended a Board of Alderman Finance Committee meeting on January 8, and present Parks Sales Tax plan, there was no consensus or recommendation from that meeting. On January 15 Chris and I attended a study session with the full Board to present the Parks Sales Tax plan. There were three motions made regarding what should be on the ballot in August, but again nothing passed. It does seem like the BoA would prefer the questions be broken down into two questions, a renewal of the current tax with Storm Water split, and a separate question for any increase. The next meeting to discuss the Parks tax issue will be at the February 5th Board of Alderman meeting.

I have presented the Park Board's recommendation for approval of 2019 mowing contract on January 15, and the contract was approved.

Shelter house rentals The rentals for 2019 started January 2nd, and although there was some grumbling about the non-resident rates and paying the same day, we didn't have anyone walk out.

Snow Removal Parks staff has worked some overtime for the removal of snow at City Hall, per Public Works request. We are tracking the overtime hours and will bill those to Public Works in March.

MPRA I will be attending the state meeting in Branson Feb 26-March 1st.

Sales Tax Revenue The January Sales Tax has been posted and is \$23,387.89.

Horticulture / Right of Way-

The order has now been placed for some of our summer annuals. These plants will come as “plugs” sometime in early March. We will transplant them into pots and grow them on to a larger size for planting in May. These plants should provide about 80% of our planting need .

Most of the staff will attend the Kansas Shade Tree Conference on January 17th. This will be a good continuing education event that deals with tree care and usually provides cutting-edge information.

Stephen and Eric will also take their Pesticide Training class that week in preparation for certifying for their public operators license.

Park Maintenance -

We have received the John Deere Gator in-trade from the baseball association. Staff has now performed general maintenance, made some minor repairs and the unit is now operational.

As weather permits, we are still addressing tree leaves in the parks. We generally chop them up with mowers or in some cases vacuum them up. This year, the leaves are falling over a much longer period of time which has extended our cleanup.

Alan has begun doing oil changes on motorized equipment. This gets equipment ready for the season and allows us to check for additional maintenance needs.

The gauges for regulating gas and the cutting torch have been rebuilt. This is good timing, as John will soon be fabricating several metal projects.

We are currently working on conceptual plans for a rehab of the downtown pocket park. Several ideas are in the works but nothing has been finalized as of yet.

Raytown Parks & Recreation

Park Board Recreation Report

Submitted by: Mike Conrad

January, 2019

A. Youth Basketball

- a. Haven't played since Dec. 15th due to the Holiday Break and weather
 - i. Working to schedule make-ups with the School District
- b. Received end-of-season medals for the kids

B. Movies in the Park

- a. Dates and Titles locked in
 - i. 6/7-Hotel Transylvania 3
 - ii. 7/26-Incredibles II
 - iii. 8/16-Moana

C. Kid's Day

- a. Date locked in for June 13
- b. Ambulance and Fire Truck contacted and reserved
- c. Working with Police department to get a car
- d. Working with Connection Point to reserve Petting Zoo

D. Raytown Arts & Music

- a. Received some sponsors
 - i. Crane Brewing
 - 1. \$1500
 - ii. Dick Smith Ford-Radio ads
 - 1. Radio Ads
 - iii. Raytown Lee's Summit Credit Union
 - 1. \$200

E. Spring Program Guide

- a. Submitted information the week of 1/14

Here is a sample of the emails that Parks and Missy Wilson has been dealing with since the Dec 17 Park Board meeting.

From: Gary Pumphrey <gdpump@yahoo.com>

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> Date: Wed, January 09, 2019 11:20 am

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> To:

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> Dear

> Friends . . .

> As

> many of you know, I was banned from playing at Colman Park last year
> for daring to leave Jerry Hinton's KC Thunder team. As a result, I
> have done many things in an attempt to better the situation for ALL
> Senior Softball players at Colman Park. While I wish I could go back
> and do some things differently, I can't. Regardless, I wanted to share
> one thing with each of you and make a request. After reading this, and
> I hope you do, I hope you will do me the honor of fulfilling my
> request, even if you have never played at Colman Park. The fact is,
> while I could apply for reinstatement there and possibly get it AND it
> is a place I/we would really like to play, I have decided never to
> play there again, until Mr. Hinton is no longer in control of Senior
> Softball there. If you don't want to be a part of the resistance
> however, just delete this message. It's your call and I will not
> bother you about it again.

> FYI

> . . . Six or eight months ago, I contacted Missy Wilson, who is one of
> the co-administrators for the City of Raytown, and I made her aware of
> the fact that the previous contract the city had with HASS/Jerry
> Hinton allowed him to control the field at Colman Park and prevent
> anyone else from using it for Senior Softball events, even when
> he/HASS was not using it. I explained to her that the contract allowed
> Mr. Hinton to negate an agreement between KCMSSL and the Raytown Parks
> Department to offer a Friday night league at Colman Park last fall, as
> well as prevent an unaffiliated one-day Senior Softball tournament at
> the Park on the Saturday in September, when his KC Thunder team was in
> Dalton, GA. After learning of these things, she assured me that both
> she and the city's lawyers wanted to make sure future contracts
> prevented that from occurring again. She has also been informed that
> the Raytown Parks and Recreation Department recently assigned Colman
> Park to HASS and Little Blue Trace Park to KCMSSL for 2019, without
> any public discussion or an appropriate bid process. Without bogging
> you down with lots of other information, suffice it to say that, prior
> to this latest contact, she has been pretty good at contacting me back
> fairly quickly. Maybe the fact that she hasn't this time is an
> indication that she is looking into it and is finding it difficult to
> get straight answers from Dave Turner at the Parks and Rec office. I

> do not know, but nothing would surprise me at this point. What I do
> know is that she has only heard from me and one or two other guys and
> she needs to hear from as many others as possible and as soon as
> possible.
> So,
> without you having to do a lot of work or go out on a limb, I am
> requesting as many people as possible to simply contact Missy Wilson
> and let her know, there are others who care about this issue other
> than myself. All you have to do is send the following message to Missy
> via email . . .
> Missy's email is missyw@raytown.mo.us
> This
> may also end in more of the classic "Raytown corruption" we've grown
> accustomed to seeing from the Parks Board and Dave Turner at the Parks
> and Rec Department, but who knows!? One thing we do know is that until
> more people tell the city they want to see a change, nothing will
> change!
> Below
> is the simple message you can send her OR you can write your own
> message. If you have questions or concerns, don't hesitate to call!
> Thanks
> - gdpump
> *****
> *****
> Dear
> Missy Wilson:
> It
> has come to my attention that the City of Raytown Parks and Recreation
> Department has assigned Colman Park and Little Blue Trace Park to two
> different Senior Softball organizations. This was apparently done
> without any public hearing or input from the Senior Softball players
> in the area. It was apparently also done without any sort of bid
> process.
> Most importantly, I am concerned that a private entity is being given
> preferential treatment and controlling interest over a city owned
> facility.
> I
> simply wanted to express my concern about these events and let you
> know that I do not feel this is in the best interest of Raytown or the
> area Senior Softball players.
> Respectfully
> - YOUR NAME
> HERE
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Dave Turner-To the Raytown Park Board,

The bottom of this email from Gary Pumphery has been sent to Missy Wilson a multitude of times by KCMSSL league members, as well as other messages, in an email campaign to complain about the use of Colman and Little Blue Trace Parks. Missy has been inundated since January 9th with complaints, and she has forwarded most of the emails to me. I can show you many more emails, most of which are trying to make the Parks Department, and me personally, look bad.

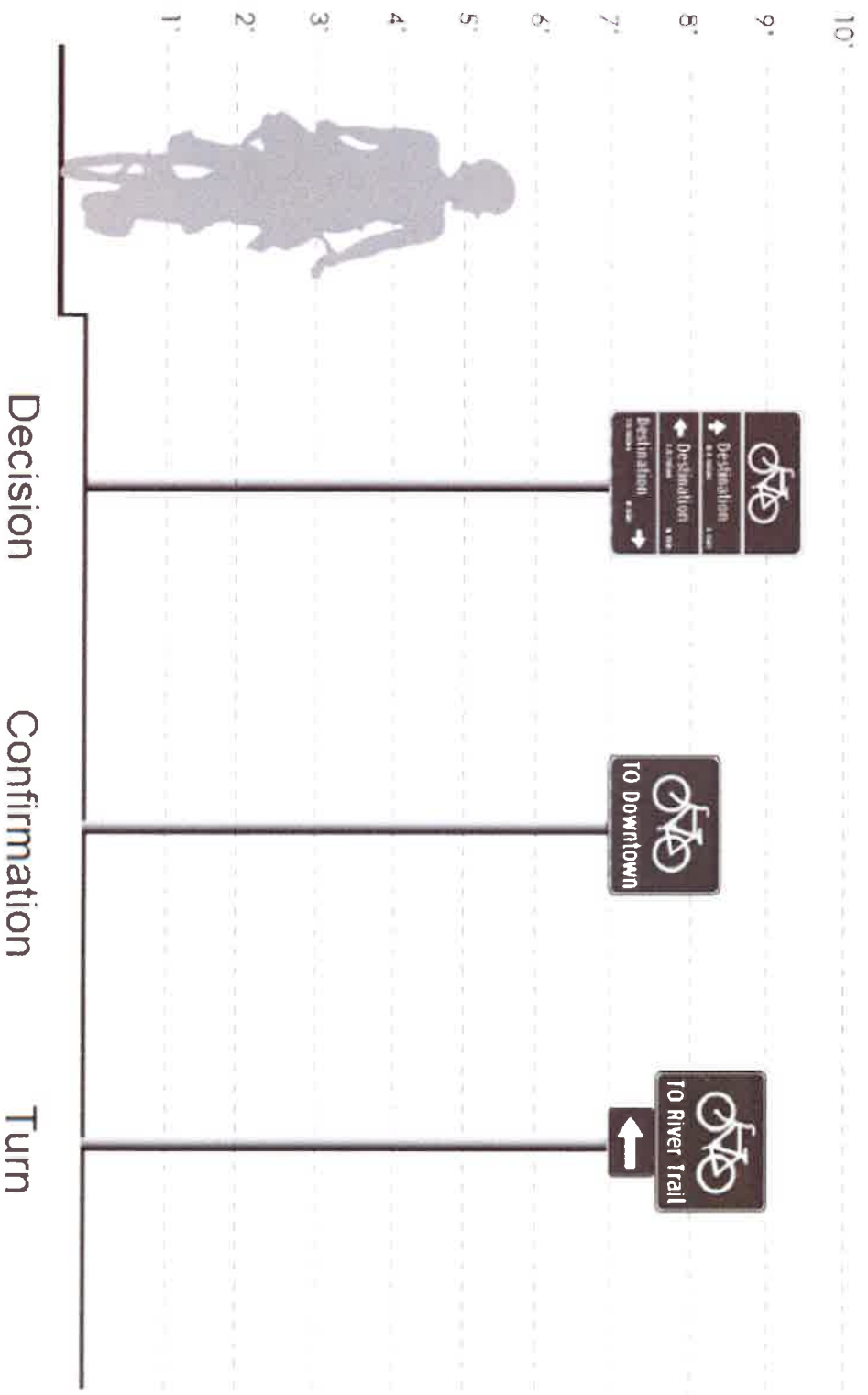
I did call Randy Rowe, president of KCMSSL on January 10th to discuss league time at Little Blue Trace Park, and I followed up with an email that same day. I have not heard from Randy since that date regarding dates of a possible league, number of teams, pricing of the league, access to the park, etc.

Agenda item #2

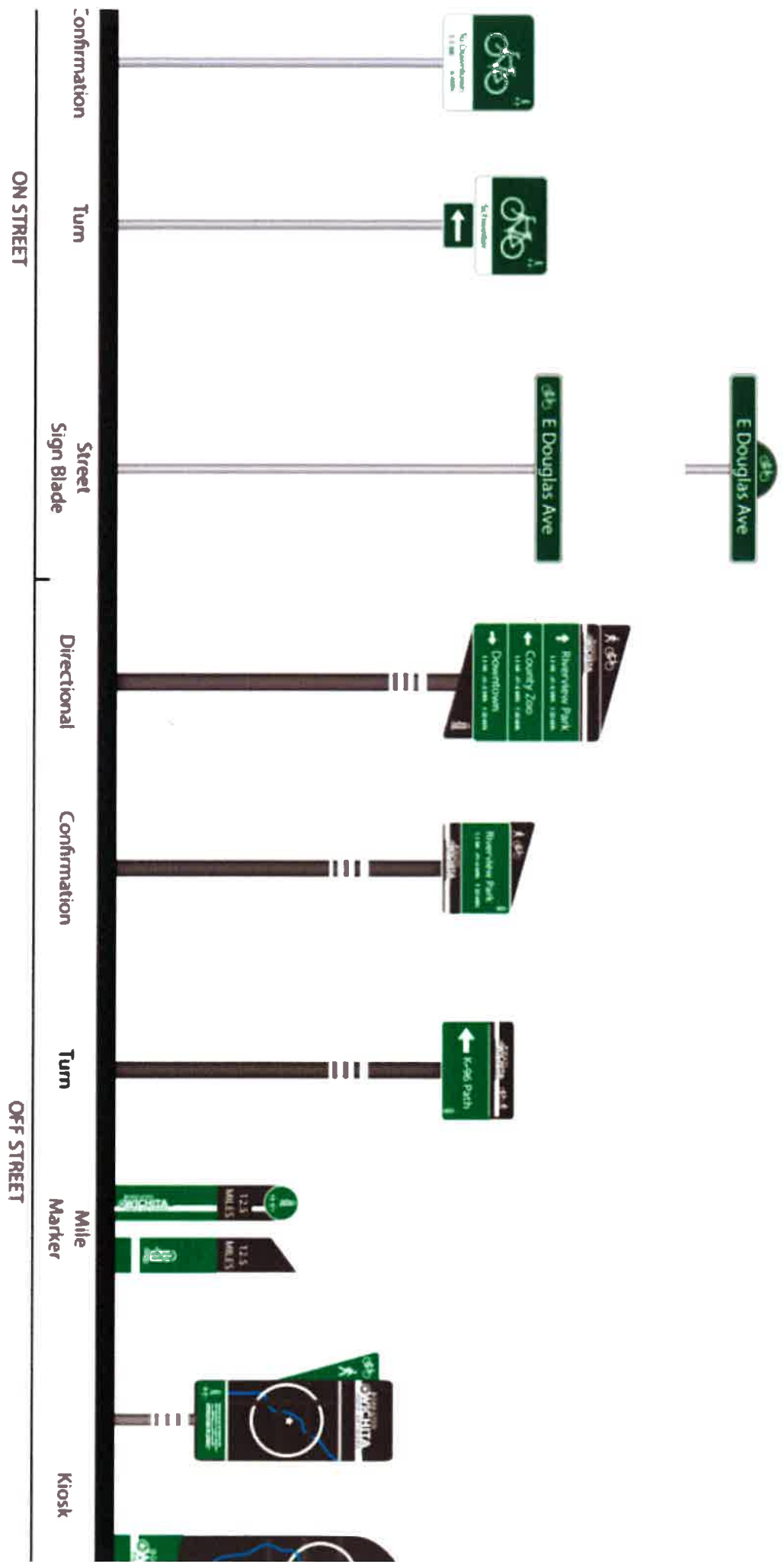
Please look over the examples of street level signage for trails. We will be purchasing signs for directing walking and bike traffic between Kenagy, Minor-Smith, and Southwood Parks, as well as updating our signboards that are in those parks.



Tools: Fundamental







By providing flexibility
in the local community
by names and logos on

