

**Raytown Park Board
Minutes
June 17, 2019**

Attendance:

Park Board: Terry Copeland, Dave Thurman, Loretha Hayden, Brian Morris, George Mitchel, Robbie Tubbs, Chris Rathbone, Brent Hugh

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

Guests: Derek Ward, Stephanie Hollo, Mindy McDaniel, Mecee Walters, Greg Walters, Deloris Dewey, Jim DeLong, Jayne Loulos, Tony Jacob, George Bass and Bonnaye Mims.

A quorum was declared present at 7:01 pm and the meeting was called to order.

Public Participation:

Stephanie Hollo 8959 E. 60th St. – Wanted to know if any park board members lived near a park? She puts up with loud music and people beating on drums all the time after hours. She woke up to gunshots on Friday night and called 911. She got her family on the floor of her house while she called 911. Tired of the music and late hours at the park.

Mindy McDaniels 5917 Hunter– lived in her house since 1992. Were the cameras in the park working? Did they capture anything? Maybe put gates up at park entrances and have more police presence. Tired of the music and late hours at the park.

Jim DeLong 5900 Laurel - Jim calls the police all the time about the music. He carries a gun with him at all times while walking his dog. He does not want a splash pad in Colman Park, there are enough people in the park as it is. He states that the deed for property must be kept a park or a hospital.

Meece Walters 8958 E. 60th St.- Did not take her granddaughter to the park today because it is not safe.

Greg Walters 8958 E. 60th St.- Greg wants to form committee to come up with changes for the parks. He has talked to Police Chief about Friday night shooting and was told the officers were at another park before coming to Colman Park.

George Bass - Tired of the music and late hours at the park.

Delores Dewey 6015 Hunter – Did we get a list from the police department on the number of calls to Colman Park? For several nights she has been up at around 1:00 am and sees a white car with driving though the park. She sees most of the traffic in the park from 11:30 pm – 2:30 am.

Jayne Loulos 5905 Hunter – She had thousands of dollars' worth of damage to her house from the shooting on Friday night. The police told here that from midnight to 7 a.m. there is not much they can do.

Tony Jacobs 10101 E. 64th – Tony thanked the Park Board for listening to the neighbors. Do the police have a live feed to our cameras? Do the police monitor the cameras?

Alderman Derek Ward – he will talk with Police about monitoring the parks after curfew.

George Mitchell – we have never talked about putting a splash pad in Colman Park and is not sure where that information came from.

Chris Rathbone thanked everyone for coming and sharing their thoughts with the Park Board.

Dave Thurman made a motion to approve the minutes from May 20, 2019. Brian Morris seconded and the motion passed.

Reports of Officers:

President: met with Damon Hodges-City Administrator, Chief Hudspeth and Dave Turner today regarding the shooting in the park where one girl was killed. The Parks Dept. cannot gate the street – that would be up to the City and Police Dept. The shooting is an ongoing investigation and we cannot comment on that.

Vice President: Dave Thurman went to BOA meeting on 5/21/19 for the tax initiative , 6/5/19 ribbon cutting in Lee's Summit for the Rock Island trail, 6/7/19 – movies in the Park at Kenagy (great attendance by public), 6/8/19 Raytown Live at greenspace and that was a great turnout.

Reports of Standing & Special Committees:

Personnel – no report

Finance – Terry Copeland stated we are on budget.

Program – no report

Buildings and Grounds – no report

Rice Tremonti- Brian stated next meeting is June 19 and will be discussing future work on front porch, replacing windows and root cellar

BMX – George stated they had some personnel changes on the board and he is working with Harley.

Reports of Staff:

Director – a written report was distributed. Auditor is coming to Parks Dept. on Wednesday. Dave has permission from City Hall to sell anything at the pool with a value of less than \$5,000 when we purchased it, just need to let Finance Dept. know. Thanked Ron Fowler for coming in early Saturday morning to work with police.

Superintendent of Parks – a written report was distributed. Ron read a letter from citizen thanking Parks Dept. for the great work we are doing at Kritser Park.

Recreation Report - a written report was distributed.

New Business:

1. Wi-Fi- Terry Copeland made a motion to go forward with adding Wi-Fi in Colman, Kenagy and Kritser parks not to exceed \$8000. Brian Morris seconded and passed.
2. Kenagy Pond Wall - George Mitchell made a motion to table this until we get an engineer to look at the plans. Dave Thurman seconded and the motion passed.
3. Trail Lighting- Dave to send out Request for Proposal for trail lights.

4. Terry Copeland made a motion to elect Chris Rathbone as President. Robbie Tubbs seconded. There were no other nominations. The motion passed.
5. Chris Rathbone made a motion to elect Dave Thurman as Vice President. Terry Copeland seconded. There were no other nominations. The motion passed.
6. Terry Copeland made a motion to enter into closed session for the following reason. 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 thereof. George Mitchell seconded and by roll call vote: Terry Copeland, Dave Thurman, Loretha Hayden, Brian Morris, George Mitchel, Robbie Tubbs, Chris Rathbone, Brent Hugh all stating "yeah", the motion passed.
7. Terry Copeland made a motion to adjourn closed session. Dave Thurman seconded and by roll call vote: Terry Copeland, Dave Thurman, Loretha Hayden, Brian Morris, George Mitchel, Robbie Tubbs, Chris Rathbone, Brent Hugh all stating "yeah", the motion passed.
8. Chris Rathbone asked staff check with City about what to do about 610.022(3) Public governmental bodies holding a closed meeting shall close only the existing portion of the meeting facility necessary to house the members of the public governmental body in the closed session, allowing members of the public to remain to attend any subsequent open session held by the public governmental body following the closed session.
9. Terry Copeland made a motion to adjourn. Loretha Hayden seconded and the motion passed.