

Parks and Recreation Board Meeting Minutes
City of Mount Vernon
September 16, 2014 - City Hall

The Mount Vernon Parks and Recreation Board met on September 16, 2014 at 7:05 p.m. with the following members present: Scott Rose, Lori Boren, Kelli Chapman and Mike Cranston. Absent: Jason Weaver. Also in attendance: Parks and Recreation Director, Matt Siders.

1. Approval of the Agenda. Rose stated that the end of season pool discussion will be moved down after the discussion on the Master Parks Plan. Motion made by Boren, seconded by Chapman to approve the agenda with the above mentioned changes. Carried all.
2. Approval of the Minutes from July 15, 2014 meeting. Cranston noticed that Chapman was down as “in attendance” and “absent” both. The minutes need to be changed to indicate that she was absent. Cranston motioned to approve the minutes as amended. Seconded by Boren. Carried all.
3. Open Forum: Each citizen is limited to 5 minutes.
4. Directors Report – July 2014. Park projects are approximately 85% done. Steps have been taken to add a part-time employee into the budget for future projects. Tristan Rud has completed his Eagle Scout project at the disc golf course. Bryant Park, Nature Park and Underhill Skatepark are schedule to have signs installed this year. The wastewater treatment facility will have a similar sign installed at that location that will be paid for out of the appropriate fund. Fall flag football and soccer have started. Adult softball is over and went well. The pool is currently undergoing an analysis and hope to have a report back by the end of this month. Dog swim was September 2nd. There was a “Smart Sitter Babysitting” education class with 22 kids participating held by St. Lukes.
5. Discussion and action to elect Park and Rec Board Chair and Vice Chair. Siders said that this according to the Mount Vernon Code of Ordinances, this is something that needs to be done once a year. Motion made by Boren, seconded by Cranston to elect Rose as chairperson. Carried all. Motion made by Cranston, seconded by Rose to elect Boren as vice-chair. Carried all.
6. Discussion and possible action regarding Nature Park Quarry and recommendation/s to Council. Siders said that he would be budgeting money in next year’s budget for Sonar, a chemical that helps to control water meal. He is also looking into costs for stocking fish in the quarry. Siders said that this item is not ready to go before Council and will be discussed at a future meeting.
7. Discussion regarding Parks Projects. Siders said that the Elliott concession building is still being repaired with a completion date of around October 31st. Field “E” is needing

repairs due to storm damage. Lime will need to be added to all fields. The City passed the first evaluation for the 2013 Transformation Grant for the items that were installed.

8. Discussion regarding Master Parks Plan. Siders and board members went through the “process” of adopting the plan and would like to have a public hearing in November if possible. He would like everyone to take the draft with them and come back to the October meeting prepared to make a recommendation to City Council. Areas of discussion were trends, a marketing plan, adult programming and action plan. Each board member will review and send recommendations to Matt before the next meeting.
9. Discussion regarding 2014 Pool Season. This will be discussed at the next meeting in October.
10. Subcommittee reports (Parks, Capital, Pool, Programming, and Volunteer). No reports given but Siders gave ideas for engaging board members in subcommittee involvement.
11. Old Business. Projects for the 2014 Transformation Grant are solar pedestrian signs by Cornell Sports Center and a stop sign at the Petrick Trail. The kiosk is on the previous grant.
12. New Business. Chapman asked about possibly adding 5th grade to the flag football program. Siders will look into it but wasn't sure if there would be enough interest. She would also like to see if the younger age group of kids could be involved in wrestling tournaments. Rose suggested some type of evaluation system for Parks and Rec programs. Boren asked about purchasing new volleyballs for coed volleyball this winter.
13. Motion made by Boren, seconded by Chapman to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Marsha Dewell, Administrative Assistant.