

Parks and Recreation Board Meeting Minutes  
City of Mount Vernon  
September 22, 2015 - City Hall

The Mount Vernon Parks and Recreation Board met on September 22, 2015 at 7:34 p.m. with the following members present: Mike Cranston, Catherine Poduska and Scott Rose. Also in attendance: Parks and Recreation Director, Matt Siders. Absent: Lori Boren.

1. Approval of agenda. Motion made by Cranston, seconded by Poduska to approve agenda. Carried all.
2. Approval of minutes from July 28, 2015. Motion made by Poduska, seconded by Cranston to approve minutes. Carried all.
3. Open Forum: Each citizen is limited to 5 minutes.
4. Directors Report - August – September 2015. Siders reported that there is a survey out now for tobacco free parks. Hard copies will be at City Hall and a link will be on the City website. The data will be analyzed and brought back to the Parks and Recreation Board. Trail lighting is starting to go in. Poduska voiced concern about the grade of the trail on 1<sup>st</sup> Street heading north. Siders will talk to the public works director to see if anything can be done. Scheduling changes were needed for basketball at the school due to a conflict with school practices. There were 55 dogs at the dog swim this year.
5. Discussion regarding pool renovations. Siders updated Council on the pool situation and presented them with the items for the pool renovation. The pool is losing between 12,000 to 15,000 gallons of water a day and Council is hesitant to spend additional money until that issue is resolved. Televising was done on the water pipes and no significant leaks were found but there were several voids or cracks in the deep end drain and in the walls. Mount Vernon Construction will be repairing those. There was also an investigation of the gutters and where the pipes are, the walls have shifted and there is some water loss there as well. A couple of options would be to repair the basin or put a liner in but the cost of those items would be more than the cost of the water that is lost each day, over a 10 year period. There were no decisions made by Council and they will be discussing the renovations again at the next meeting.
6. Discussion and possible action regarding Master Parks Plan and setting public hearing dates. Siders went over a few items that are included in the proposed Comprehensive Plan and how those could be incorporated into the Master Parks Plan. Future park expansion and trails were also discussed. Siders asked board

members to study the proposed draft in detail and send him any suggested changes. He would like to get it in final form by October with a possible public meeting in November.

7. Subcommittee reports (Parks, Capital, Pool, Programming, and Volunteer). Siders asked Poduska to look into a new Adopt-A-Park program for the City.
8. Old Business.
9. New Business. Board member Kelli Chapman has resigned, which leaves a vacancy on the board. Interest forms can be picked up at City Hall or on the City website. Siders had a discussion with Skogman regarding Stonebrook West park. The DOT has approached the City about a trail on Hwy 1 near the roundabout and sidewalk options. The state will do the grading for the trail but the City will be responsible for the cost of the trail.
10. Motion made by Cranston, seconded by Poduska to adjourn at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Marsha Dewell, Deputy Clerk.