



MINUTES

RILEY COUNTY PARK ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

December 9, 2014

Chairman Joe Edmunds called the meeting to order. Board members in attendance were Joe Edmunds, Deandra Anderson, Mike Roediger, Janie Dunstan, Alan Brown, Amber Myers, Michael Gassmann, Tom Finney, Ed Burch, and Vern Bulk. Staff members in attendance included Greg Lund, Jennifer Wilson, and Mary Graham. Board of County Commissioner Bob Boyd also attended. Others in attendance were Katie Oestman.

The minutes from the previous meeting were reviewed. Tom Finney moved to approve the minutes, Mike Roediger seconded, motion carried.

Staff reviewed the expenditure report. The budget summary was reviewed with a report on County and Community Park projects. Staff reported that not all expenditures were reflected on the current summary, a final summary will be completed in January 2015. There will be \$50,000 in the 2015 community park line item, projects will be presented during the March meeting.

Following are updates on current projects

- Keats - The curbing project has been completed for this year, the outside perimeter of the parking lot will need to be completed at a later date.
- Riley - Playground surface material has been purchased and installed.
- Randolph - The exhaust fan will be purchased this week, all other projects have been completed.
- Leonardville - All projects have been completed.
- Ogden - All projects have been completed.

- Fairmont - The screenings and gravel have been hauled in for the trails. The deadline to finish the grant funded project is July 2015. The concrete portion of the trail will be contracted and begin next spring. The BOCC has approved CIP funds to be used for benches and trail improvements. There was a suggestion that some of the funds be used for lighting with the possibility of asking MATC to help with the poles.

There is an adult soccer league interested in using the field at Fairmont Park.

- CiCo - The city of Manhattan is planning a detention structure which they are currently taking bids on, the project is to begin soon. The small dog park is still being considered.

Katie Oestman reported on the Flint Hills Wellness Coalition. Katie presented several sign options for the smoke-free playground initiative. She stated she would bring fewer examples to the next meeting. There needs to be a consensus on the selection of the signs for the county and city parks. Katie said that the signs should be posted by March or April of next year. There was a suggestion to install receptacles for people to put their cigarette butts in before stepping on to the playground.

The city's Bicycle Advisory Committee needs a representative from Riley County. Joe Edmunds has been serving on this committee. Mike Roediger moved that the Park Board recommend Joe Edmunds continue to serve of this committee as our representative, Alan Brown seconded and the motion carried. This matter will go before the Riley County Board of Commissioners for their final approval.

Joe Edmunds reported on the bike trail and the issues with connections across major roads in Manhattan. They would like bike crossings every mile along the route and need to find safe crossings from the linear trails to downtown Manhattan.

Michael Gassmann reported on the Manhattan Strategic Facilities Improvement Plan. The city hired RDG in September and formed a steering committee which met in October. The steering committee helped to formulate a survey to be distributed to 3,000 random residents within the Manhattan city limits.

The board discussed property in the Fairmont Park area that may be for sale. There is a house and storage building on the property, discussion followed on how the property could be used and if it would benefit future park development. Further information will be presented at a future meeting.

Staff asked for preliminary request from each community park representative.

Ogden - Make soil improvements on the baseball field to assist with drainage, rubber mulch for the playground, arch swings, park benches for the soccer fields, and caps.

Randolph - Need to have some work done on the bathrooms at the park.

Riley - Would like to have a security system installed, there has been recent vandalism and they expect the security system to cost approx. \$10,000.

Leonardville - Replace fencing along the tennis courts.

Fairmont - A new covered park shelter, playground, and work on the trail.

Keats - Finish the parking lot curbing, trail expansion and another shelter on the south end of the park. Vern Bulk will visit with the Lions club to get more input on the community needs.

There was some discussion on the Riley County parks system reservation policy and possible fee schedule but it was decided to table the discussion on this for a future meeting.

The next meeting will be March 10th and held at the Riley County Public Works Administration Building.

Michael Gassmann moved to adjourn, Michael Roediger seconded, motion passed, meeting adjourned.