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**City of Pacific Park Board
Meeting Agenda
300 Hoven Drive
Pacific, MO 63069**

**Wednesday, February 23, 2022
7 p.m.**

**The meeting will be streamed live on the City of Pacific YouTube page:
<https://m.youtube.com/channel/UC9dxzhHQQWbPuIQJC1N6TSig>**

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Approval of Minutes from previous meeting
5. Public Participation
6. New Business
 - a. Husereau Team – Special Event Permit for Liberty Field April 30, 2022
7. Old Business
 - a. Police Department request
 - b. Municipal Pool planning update / Electrical Panel Replacement
 - c. Update on by-laws
8. Park Liaison Report
9. Director of Community Development Report
 - a) Skateboard Park Update
 - b) Electric Service at Liberty Field
 - c) Purchase of Additional Bleachers at Liberty Field
 - d) Culvert and fill swale on the south side of the Rodeo Arena
 - e) Replacement of barbwire fence between Liberty Field and pond
 - f) Potential use of newly acquired property / Clean-up of debris
10. City Administrator Report
11. Miscellaneous
12. Adjournment

January 24, 2022 * RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

**CITY OF PACIFIC
REGULAR MEETING OF THE PARK BOARD
300 HOVEN DRIVE
PACIFIC, MO 63069**

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The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by President Filley.

A roll call was taken with the following results:

Present at Roll Call: Kim Walton
 Ryan Schaecher
 Sam Dean
 Heather Filley

Absent: Brian Steel
 Liaison Alderman Frick

A quorum was present.

Also present: Administrator Roth
 Director of Community Development Myers

Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

Minutes

Motion made by Ryan Schaecher, seconded by Kim Walton to approve the minutes from the November 15, 2021 meeting. A voice vote was taken with an affirmative result, and the motion carries.

Public Participation

None

New Business

a. Police Department request

Chief Melies stated they had asked the Park Board to take in consideration to the reduction in the hours to earlier in the evening and also a consideration at restricting some alcohol use in the parks. He is here this evening for any further questions or discussion. President Filley had a question on the change of the time from midnight to 10 p.m. She wanted to know if there has been an increase in crime levels in any of the parks after 10 p.m. Chief Melies stated yes, they have seen an increase of activity in the parks after dark. There are people using the facilities for things that are not intended to be used for. He had read a study of the 100 largest cities park hours. The vast majority of them are sunset or half hour after sunset, dark until daylight. It is generally to reduce vandalism, to reduce assaults and disturbances. These hours can make a big difference on that. Generally our parks don't have lights and it basically becomes a safety issue as well as a policing issue. We don't see much useful activity in the parks at all after dark. The activity they see has to be policed. If we reduce those hours he believes there will not be a disruption to the "useful" activity in the park. He would like to see a family centered activity based park setting rather than just a hang out spot for people to drink and not really use the park for it's intended purpose. Ryan Schaecher stated that Blackburn Park and Jenson's Point are limited to dark close. Liberty Field is not included in the ordinance. His question is about keeping the gates open at Liberty Field to allow for policing. Obviously City Park does not have gates to keep people out. The back of the parks are wide open to different areas. What would be the plan if we close at 10 p.m. Does that mean increased patrols through the parks. Chief Melies stated it would be through normal patrols. Chief Melies wanted to make clear, this request is for the reduction in hours and would be with the exception of permits people have for events or pavilion rentals. This would not apply. It would be done through signage, strict enforcement, neighbor awareness information and the normal channels to this out to the public. Then they would enforce it. Discussion followed on how to make the parks more family friendly and how to reduce the alcohol consumption in the parks after dark without permits. Chief Melies stated the reason for his proposal is if we know there is a potential for an issue and we have a chance to correct it, we ought to take that chance to correct and not wait before something happens. If we decide it is not that big of an adjustment for the community and improve everything overall and for the majority of the people, that is where this proposal comes from. President Filley stated it will be something they will continue to look into with Chief's guidance on how it is written today and what changes we want to have made.

b. Skateboard Park Presentation

Jared Cattoor was here with Robb Glaw and John Felts to present ideas on creating a skatepark here in Pacific in the honor of their friend Jeffrey White. Jeff was an incredible skateboarder, a Pacific native and dear friend who died in Afghanistan in 2012 at the age of 21. They know that the Pacific Post Office was renamed in his honor. The Post Office is moving and there is no visible memorial and they would like to commemorate Jeff with a proper location that reflects his greatest joy and have his legacy live on. They have reached out for community input and have 741 votes that the community is in agreement of a skatepark and have wanted one for over 20 years. The Parks and Recreation Master Plans are community driven. This ensures the plan is tailored to the needs and desires of the unique community. They already have a Skateboard Committee, a website and events that have taken place to bring awareness of the need for such a park. The community would like a good and safe place for the skaters. As for the demographics of skateboarding, skateboarding is now part of the Olympics which has created a massive increase in desire for skaters. This sport has also become family oriented and also a great form of exercise. John Felts stated he wanted to address a possible park location. He believes the

northwest corner of Liberty Field would make a great location as it is centrally located. It is naturally shaped and is near future trails. The committee they have in place recommends the American Ramp Co. as a contractor to construct the skatepark. They have 20 years experience and have been in over 40 countries and have completed over 3,000 projects. John presented pictures of what American Ramp Co. has built. In order to get a design with the American Ramp Co., they have to bring up a fund of \$7,500. They are asking the City to hire American Ramp Co. to come in and design a skatepark for them. Estimated total cost of a skatepark could be \$300K-\$500K. Their committee has a complex plan that involves crowd funding, fund raising events, donations and most importantly, grant funding. They will partner with The Magi Foundation. That allows their small committee and project to have a non-for-profit status which makes them eligible for grant money. This also makes donors of donations able to get tax breaks also. They feel they can make this project happen with the support of the Park Board. Discussion followed on skatepark design. Administrator Roth stated that any spending would go to the Park Board first, then the Park Board makes a recommendation to the Board of Alderman and they act on it. Discussion followed as to where the \$7,500 would come out of and how liability insurance would be handled by the City. **Motion made by Sam Dean, seconded by Kim Walton to make recommendation to the Board of Alderman to assist in finding the funding for the \$7,500 to be able to enter into a contact with American Ramp Co. to pursue the construction of a skatepark. President Filley asked for any further discussion. There was none. A voice vote was taken with an affirmative result, and the motion carries.**

c. Beach Sand Volley Ball Courts

Director of Community Development Myers stated there has been a desire to replace our beach sand volleyball courts. There is a sheet in the Park Board packets that shows the equipment that Chris Fowler has picked out. This is the highest quality for the least amount of cost. This sheet shows all the total costs without the labor. Labor is what we would be doing in house. The total cost with freight would be \$10,944.33. In this year's budget, we have budgeted \$10,000 towards this upgrade. So they need \$944.33. This gives them two beach sand volleyball courts that are side by side. One toward the west and one toward the east down by the basketball court. U.S. Silica has offered to donate all of the sand that we need. Discussion followed. **Motion made by Sam Dean, seconded by Ryan Schaecher to make recommendation to the Board of Alderman to help fund \$1,000.00 to complete the beach volleyball courts in the Community Park near their existing location. President Filley asked for any further discussion. There was none. A voice vote was taken with an affirmative result, and the motion carries.**

d. "Donated Park Bench" Family's second location preference.

Director of Community Development Myers that on the sheet in front of the board, the park location has changed on this item. The first location was going to be next to the bridge. The family has decided that they want to move it to a different spot. The second location on the sheet presented is not correct. They want it moved next to the left of the sidewalk, as there already is a bench on the right side of the sidewalk. **Motion made by Ryan Schaecher, seconded by Sam Dean to install the park bench at the location that has been proposed. A voice vote was taken with an affirmative result, and the motion carries.**

e. "Additional Park Bench" donated for Blackburn Park Installation.

Director of Community Development Myers handed out a placement option to the Board. He stated Option A and Option B Blackburn Park, those are the two locations that the family wanted it to be with a view. These are the two spots that remain that have a view. Option A is located between 2 existing benches. The other option faces the other direction, but does not have quit the view because shrub trees are standing in the way. He recommends that if the Board prefers Option B that we remove the trees to make it a better view. Ryan Schaecher asked if the family had a preference. Director Myers stated they did not. Sam Dean stated he would prefer Option B because this bench is different than the two benches already there in Option A. Discussion followed. **Motion made by Sam Dean, seconded by Kim Walton to install this park bench in the Option B location and clear the brush. A voice vote was taken with an affirmative result, and the motion carries.**

- f. Ord. 3304 repealing By-Laws and reducing the number of members of the Park Board

Administrator Roth stated the ordinance has been approved and we obviously have five members and most of you understand this ordinance. President Filley had a concern. She noticed at the bottom of by-laws it was adopted February 23, 1995. Her question is how were they adopted to begin with. By the Park Board? If the Park Board adopted, then was an ordinance actually put in place? There are subsequent ordinances from 1995. She believes our by-laws are still in tact. By-laws were also revised in 2002, 2005 and 2010. Administrator Roth stated he would look into this. Sam Dean asked how does their operating authority/management change having the by-laws repealed. Administrator Roth stated the by-laws are only in force if adopted by the Board of Aldermen. There is a question of whether they are in force. If they were adopted, that would be a question for the City Attorney to find out exactly what that means. Ryan Schaecher asked where the ordinance goes. Administrator Roth stated the codifier will reconcile these or will note them that there is a conflict. Discussion followed.

Old Business

- a. Municipal Pool planning update

Administrator Roth stated after the Park Board meeting in November, they did reach out to the School Board and they told them that they were ready to move forward with a pool planning effort requesting feedback on a Community Center. They did negotiate with Navigate to give them a basic plan with refreshed cost estimates. If we are going to try to have a pool that is renovated and improved for the 2022 and 2023, they really need to get this moving. Without the school's involvement with a Community Center, it would be very difficult for us. Would not be in our financial capacity. A new pool only could be in our financial capacity. It would require going to the voters and asking for some type of tax increase. He needs feedback from the Park Board. President Filley stated if they were to be able to do just a new pool, would we be able to put it in front of the voters before August. Administrator Roth stated yes, they would have enough time to get there. Ryan Schaecher feels there is not enough time for construction to present in 2023. Administrator Roth agreed. Ryan Schaecher feels if they are going to do this, it has to be done right and not rushed for the 2023 season. Administrator Roth stated they do have to upgrade the electrical panel. They have a good quote from a local electrician. They will need a contract with Midwest Pool. They did have some difficulties last year. It was not a very good season and they have addressed some of the City's concerns to them. Administrator Roth feels we can move forward with Midwest Pools and thinks they understand our point of view, but we have to do better. Discussion followed. It was decided that someone from the Park Board needs to present their vision on the pool at the next Board of Aldermen meeting. President Filley stated she would attend and present.

Administrator Roth stated he will have a contract proposal for Midwest Pools at the next Park Board meeting.

b. Park Staffing update

Director of Community Development Myers stated that our Parks Department is growing. We now have two employees in our department.

Park Liaison Report

None

Director of Community Development Report

Director Myers stated some of the things that they are focused on. Cleaning a lot of the vegetation between fence line and Brush Creek at City Park has already started. The workers are also focused on getting stumps removed. Cleaning up shrub trees at Blackburn Park is one of the focuses. Also removing an accumulation of leaves along Blackburn Park fence on the eastern edge. Also installing the new time locks at Liberty Field within the next two weeks. Discussion followed.

City Administrator Report

Some of you have been on the Board long enough to hear of the Dog Park recommendation from MIRMA. Their recommendation is to separate the large dogs from the small dogs. No action has been taken. This year the City had a 99% score on our MIRMA rating. This is very good and is a credit to many people. We would have got a perfect score if we had the dog park recommendation taken care of. This needs to be addressed because it is a liability issue and to essentially improve our dog park. The Board will be hearing more from him and will definitely bring budget requests to the Park Board. Discussion followed. Suggestion was made to look into possibly having some Eagle Scouts make this their project.

Miscellaneous

Ryan Schaecher questioned the Skatepark being built in honor of a military veteran by suggesting that they may be able to partner with the VFW or American Legion and also be in contact with our State Representative Blaine Luetkemeyer as well as our Senators. He suggests getting a hold of our State Representatives for help bringing some awareness to the project. President Filley also suggested getting a hold of the Gold Star Moms for suggestions and support. Ryan Schaecher stated that Mayor Adams put out a challenge to some groups for the Route 66 Centennial and we need to encourage them to reach out.

Ryan Schaecher would encourage the Board to reschedule the February 14 meeting. They will look for dates. They will shoot for a February 23 meeting. Director Myers talked about start time possibly changing to 7 p.m. instead of 6:30 p.m. Board agreed to try the 7 p.m. time change on the February 23 meeting.

Adjournment

Motion made by Sam Dean, seconded by Kim Walton to adjourn. A voice vote was taken with an affirmative result and the motion carries. The meeting adjourned at 8:36 p.m.