

Kearney Park Board Minutes—Tuesday August 15th, 2023 meeting

On Tuesday, August 15th, 2023 the Kearney Park Board met for its monthly meeting in-person. Connie Crawford called the meeting to order. Members present were Connie Crawford, Nick DiBenedetto, Dan Holt, Lisa Cheesebrough, Jon Costa, and Kristi Mayo. Staff members present was Eric Marshall and Ryan Marcotte.

Park board minutes from the July 18th, 2023 meeting were presented, with Lisa Cheesebrough, making a motion to approve the minutes, and Dan Holt seconding the motion...the motion was approved unanimously.

Old Business, War Memorial Site Location: Eric informed the board that Staff met with the War Memorial planning group to determine a location in the “bowl” area at the beginning of the trail in Jesse James Park. He noted the group planned to add a flagpole with light and bench. Ryan noted that they planned to install extra outlets for powered speakers during memorial events.

New Business: Rec Sports: Ryan Marcotte reported that Fall Sport signups were wrapping up, and that they were increased year over year, with Soccer being up 10%, Flag Football being up 50%, and Volleyball being up 3%. He also mentioned that Volleyball would be playing in a league with Platte City and Smithville. Finally, he said that staff produced an interactive coaches guide in lieu of a coaches meeting for each age division of every sport, and the feedback had been good thus far.

Jesse James Festival:

Eric Marshall told the board that staff sent a letter to the Jesse James Festival board letting explaining what was expected of each party with respect to before, during and after the festival, including insurance, trash, moving and replacing / securing bleachers, soccer goals, rodeo paneling and anything else needed to make the festival a success, and the park functional after the event.

Pickleball Tournaments:

Ryan informed the board of two fundraiser pickleball tournaments at the pickleball complex. The first was the Skylar Wood Memorial on

August 27th, and the second was Ammon Freestone ALS Fundraiser on September 23rd.

MML Banquet:

Eric reminded the board that the MML Banquet is on September 12th, and that the City is being awarded the Innovation Award for Medium Cities for the Pickleball and Skate Park Complex.

Concert: Ryan reminded the board that there was a concert at the amphitheater on Saturday, August 19th – The Phil Collins Experience

Board Comments: Dan Holt congratulated the Park Board and Board of Aldermen on the success and heavy usage of the Pickleball and Skate Park Complex.

ADJOURNMENT:

With there being no further business on the agenda, a motion was made by Dan Holt and seconded by Kristi Mayo to adjourn to Tuesday, September 19th at 6:30 pm. The motion carried unanimously.

Approved: _____ **Connie Crawford Chairperson**

Ali Jorn _____ **Secretary**