



**KEIZER PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD
REGULAR SESSION MINUTES
Tuesday, August 8, 2023
6:00 p.m. Keizer Civic Center**

CALL TO ORDER – Vice Chair Lisa Cejka called the meeting to order at 6:06 p.m.
Attendance was noted as follows:

Present

Tanya Hamilton, Chair
Lisa Cejka, Vice Chair
Katie Brady
David Loudon
Gwen Carr
Matt Lawyer

one position vacant

Absent

Michael Pantalone
Clay Rushton

Council Liaison Present

Councilor Kohler

Staff Present

Robert Johnson, Parks Division
Manager
Dawn Wilson, Deputy City Recorder

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Matt Lawyer moved for approval of the July 2023 Minutes. Lisa Cejka seconded. Motion unanimously passed as follows: Cejka, Loudon, Carr, Lawyer, Hamilton and Brady in favor, with Pantalone and Loudon absent, and one position vacant.

APPEARANCE OF INTERESTED CITIZENS: None

NEW/OLD BUSINESS

Ben Miller Park – Add Fence: Mr. Robert Johnson shared that Mayor Clark asked for a fence to go up along Ben Miller Park along Alder and presented a general layout. Discussion ensued by board and talked about the Alder stop sign being active and drivers not stopping. Maybe look at having fence continue on Beebe. Goal is to slow kids down with alternative, such as a log or t-gate without a fence so parents can catch up. Matt Lawyer suggested tabling the issue so that members can visit the area – and have more discussion on-site during the parks tour on September 11th.

Plan Parks Tour:

- Ben Miller Park – Mr. Johnson recommends that the members visit this park because of all the updates made.
- Robert would like the Parks Members to choose two other parks.
- Little League Park hasn't been visited recently and haven't received a report on the improvements. Lisa Cejka offered to visit this park and report back to the Parks Board.
- Keizer Rapids Park has improvements with a new food pod and irrigated turf field.

- Bob Newton hasn't been visited recently and would be on the list for the following year to visit so committee will have a before and after viewing of future improvements.

Councilor Kohler moved for recommendation to tour Keizer Rapids, Ben Miller, and Bob Newton Parks on September 11th. Katie Brady seconded. Motion unanimously passed as follows: Cejka, Carr, Lawyer, Hamilton, Rushton and Brady in favor, with Pantalone and Loudon absent, and one position vacant.

Members agreed to meet at Keizer Rapids Park – at the Amphitheater for dinner at 5:30 and will start tour at 6:00pm.

Parks Reports:

- **Lisa Cejka** reported on *Sunset Park* – no fires or smoking. Beautiful little park near Sunset and is always packed. | *Keizer Rapids Park* - there are many spots where people have built small fires along the river bank, a lot of cigarette butts, and expressed concern.
- **Tanya Hamilton** reported on *Bob Newton* looks great and is heavily used due to the trash and is cleaned up by staff the next day. | *Meadows Park* - looks great. | *Hidden Creek* – looks great.
- **Matt Lawyer** reported *Bair Park* and it looks great. | *Clear Lake* – looks great and needs some mowing of weeds near the houses. | *Chalmers Jones* – great as always, kids playing and wearing helmets, and no major incidents. No issues on the splash pad.
- **Katie Brady** reported on *Keizer Rapids Park* – needs a new sign for no swimming and fishing, and it's already on order.

STAFF REPORT: Robert Johnson reported that

Clear Lake – We constructed a gravel pad on the backside of the neighborhood where children walk to school. We will seek quotes for paving to hopefully have done later this year.

Funding may come from a bikeways fund rather than parks.

Ben Miller – Seeing lots of great usage already. Grass seed is growing and will install some boulders and fancy things up.

Graffiti at Keizer Rapids Park – Staff caught the graffiti artist along with Keizer Police Department. Mr. Johnson sent 120 pictures to the Police Department. Hopefully, he'll have to do community service for the Parks Department or serve on the board.

Splash pad has been working well and we have just a few more weeks for it to run.

Matt Lawyer asked about having splash pad open outside of schedule. City relies on staff or temporary person. Finishing Ben Miller Park while there's less traffic is first priority. Mr. Lawyer would like to see the hours expanded next week due to the super-hot days. If Robert can add more hours to please let members know so they can place that on social media.

Tanya Hamilton brought up the drinking fountain situation stated by *Susan Ramsdell* at the Little League. Mr. Johnson met with the citizen and looked at some alternate options. The woman will talk with some local plaque makers, and everything is now all sorted out.

COUNCIL LIAISON REPORT: Councilor Kohler asked about the multi-use fields, are we going out for bid, and would like an update. Mr. Johnson said that he thinks they're trying to get a partial plan for a bid but doesn't know any details.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Lisa Cejka reminded everyone of KeizerFest at Keizer Rapids Park, which is really fun and lots of opportunities. Matt Lawyer talked about the food pod and music that the Chamber sponsored. Everything is so good.

Katie Brady reported to the Art Commission on the Legal Graffiti walls, and they will take this on. Citizen Tom Homan will speak at their meeting. Tanya Hamilton said that the Arts Commission has a broader opportunity and once this is off the ground, then the Parks Board could have another conversation.

Board Member Reporting to Council: Lisa Cejka, Monday, August 21

- Cancel September Regular Meeting?

Matt Lawyer moved to cancel the September 12th meeting due to the Parks Tour on September 11th. Lisa Cejka seconded. Motion unanimously passed as follows: Cejka, Carr, Lawyer, Hamilton, Rushton and Brady in favor, with Pantalone and Loudon absent, and one position vacant.

ADJOURNMENT ~ Meeting adjourned at 6:41 p.m.

Next Meeting: October 10, 2023

Approved: 10/10/2023