



MINUTES

KEIZER PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD

Tuesday, June 11, 2024
Keizer Civic Center

- 1. CALL TO ORDER** CALL TO ORDER – Chair Matt Lawyer called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Attendance was noted as follows:

Present:

Matt Lawyer, Chair
Lisa Cejka, Vice Chair
Tanya Hamilton
Gwen Carr
Michael Pantalone
Clay Rushton
David Loudon

Staff Present:

Robert Johnson, Parks Division Manager
Melissa Bisset, City Recorder

Council Liaison Present:

Councilor Kohler

Youth Liaison Present:

Liam Stitt

Absent:

Bob Shackelford

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a. April 2024** Lisa Cejka moved for approval of the April 2024 Minutes. Gwen Carr seconded. Motion unanimously passed as follows: Cejka, Pantalone, Carr, Rushton, Hamilton, Loudon, and Lawyer in favor with Shackelford absent

- 3. APPEARANCE OF INTERESTED CITIZENS** Peggy Moore, Keizer Resident, representing the Peggy and Jerry Moore Community Garden. They had requested grant funds from the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, and they had spent funds on the garden. They had 15 hanging baskets, refreshed a flower bed, they planted a small flower garden in the children's garden, and added 14 garden pots.

Chair Lawyer welcomed and introduced Liam Stitt to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board. Mr. Stitt spoke about his desire to serve on the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board and has always had an interest in politics and has studied geography and politics.

- a. Representative with the Salem** Bala Krishna and Seshu Kumar Ganta, Salem-Cricket Club, reviewed the history of the game Cricket. Mr. Krishna shared the mission and work of the

**Cricket Club ~
Asking for
Support for a
Cricket Field and
Practice Cages**

Salem-Cricket Club. They requested access to a cricket ground for 26 weekends, 8-10 hours a day, until the end of September noting that a dedicated space would ensure the proper development and maintenance of the sport.

Parks Division Manager Robert Johnson explained that in order for the leisure area at Keizer Rapids Park to be used for Cricket, a Parks Master Plan Amendment would need to occur.

Concerns were expressed related to changing the Parks Master Plan related to Keizer Rapids Park.

Chair Lawyer suggested that Mr. Krishna and Mr. Kumar Ganta speak with Mr. Johnson more about the request.

Shauna Hill Fenesin mother of Ryan J Hill requested that a monument be erected at PFC Ryan J Hill Memorial Park, and they were requested to have it dedicated on Gold Star Day 2025. They would work with the Woody Williams Foundation. There would be brick pavers for the Gold Star family names. The Gold Star monument would be dedicated to all Gold Star Families and was something that Gold Star Families seek out across the United States. There would be no cost to the City. They would identify an organization that would take care of the maintenance.

Motion was made by Mike Pantaone to suspend the rules to take up an item not on the agenda. Seconded by Cejka. Motion unanimously passed as follows. Cejka, Pantalone, Carr, Rushton, Hamilton, Loudon, and Lawyer in favor with Shackelford absent.

Motion was made by Lisa Cejka to recommend putting the gold star monument in Ryan J Hill Park. Seconded by Tanya Hamilton. Motion unanimously passed as follows: Cejka, Pantalone, Carr, Rushton, Hamilton, Loudon, and Lawyer in favor with Shackelford absent.

**b. Picture of Street
Trees submitted
by Michael De
Blasi**

Chair Lawyer acknowledged the written submittal from Michale De Blasi. Chair Lawyer also shared a project that the City's environmental team was working on to identify trees in effort to plant more trees.

**4. NEW/OLD
BUSINESS**

a. Parks Reports:

*Mike Pantalone ~ Northview
and Country Glen*

Mike Pantalone - Courts looked great at Northview. Country Glen looks good, except mole holes are still an issue. The repainting of the signs looks terrific at both parks.

*Clay
Rushton ~ Bair and Chalmer-*

Clay Rushton - Bair looks good. Chalmer-Jones was very busy and nothing needs attention.

Jones

Bob Shackelford ~ Meadows
and Bob Newton

Matt Lawyer - Ben Miller was super busy and he cleaned up some trash.

Chair Matt Lawyer ~ Ben
Miller and Mike Whittam

Lisa Cejka - Lots of activity with the turf fields, tons of people, there had been a water rescue, there was lots of dry grass, and she had seen remnants of small campfires, which were not allowed. She had recently come across a fire and reported it to 911.

All ~ Keizer Rapids Park

Liam Stitt - The Big Toy was getting used and people seem to like it, people like the trails into the forest, he had a question about the soccer at the new artificial turf fields, and everyone loves Keizer Rapids.

5. STAFF REPORT

a. TURF FIELDS UPDATE

Parks Division Manager Robert Johnson reported on the Artificial Turf Fields at Keizer Rapids Park noting that the work was going well and was on time. There was lots of graffiti and vandalism in the Parks. The Splash Pad would open the upcoming weekend, and runs Wednesday thru Sunday from noon to 7:00 p.m. on days forecasted to be over 75 degrees. They got the shade sails up at Keizer Rapids Big Toy. The contract has been signed with the contractor for the pickleball courts and parking lot, and the project should start very soon.

6. COUNCIL LIAISON REPORT

Councilor Kohler mentioned that there would be cameras in the Park soon, and pickets at Keizer Rapids Park had been sold and should be installed shortly upon arrival of the order.

7. OTHER BUSINESS

a. A Long Range Planning Task Force Meeting was scheduled for November 12th. Would the Parks Board like to Cancel or Reschedule its November meeting? If you'd like to reschedule, Tuesday, Nov. 5th & 26th are available.

Chair Lawyer asked the Committee to think about whether or not they could do their work bi-monthly.

The Board discussed canceling or rescheduling the November Parks Advisory Board meeting because there would be a Long Range Planning Task Force meeting on November 12th. The Board would decide at their next meeting.

Chair Lawyer stated that Soggy Day in the Park was recently held at Keizer Rapids Park, and there were about 400 attendees. There were great vendors, partners, and attendance. He thanked Austin Foster and Mr. Johnson for their efforts from the Parks Division.

Public Works Day would be on June 18 at Keizer Rapids Park.

8. ADJOURNMENT Meeting adjourned: 7:25 p.m.

Minutes approved: 07/09/2024

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