



MINUTES

RILEY COUNTY PARK ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

December 11, 2018

The Riley County Park Advisory Board met at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, December 11, 2018. Board members in attendance were Joe Edmunds, Dave Suhling, Ken Carroll, Alan Brown, Deandra Anderson, Curt Friedrich, Mike Roediger, Janie Dunstan, and Jordan Seirer. Staff members in attendance were Greg Lund, Mary Graham, Gregg Eyestone, and Commissioner Marvin Rodriguez. Guest Jutta Carroll was also in attendance.

Minutes from the previous meeting were approved.

Greg gave an update on current county and community park projects. County Park crew put mowers away for the season and began with snow removal. They have also done some tree pruning and removal. Riley County applied for an extension on the completion date from the Caroline Peine grant administrator for the Keats Cultivation Project. The extension was granted and we now have until 5/31/19 to complete the project. Currently 56 trees have been planted and we anticipate more donations to come in. The need to keep green space in the park was discussed. The playground unit in Keats Park was installed in 1992 and is showing its age. One slide was removed. These slides are non-replaceable because of the age of the unit, options are being looked into. Keats has new benches, a microwave cart, sound proof ceiling, and led lighting. A new door was installed on the restroom in Wildcat Park. Deandra Anderson from Leonardville reported all of their requested items have been ordered or completed. Ken Carroll from Ogden also reported all purchases have been made. Janie Dunstan from Randolph reported the restroom and sidewalks have been completed. The door sweeps on the front doors are causing some issues and being looked into. They have locked the main restroom for the winter months. Alan Brown from Riley reported all items completed. Curt Friedrich from University Park reported they did a community wide survey on the planned event center and a majority of the residents were not in favor. They are still in need of updated restrooms, all other purchases for the year have been made.

There was some discussion on each community conducting an inventory of items in their parks. This may be an ongoing discussion and Mary agreed to send the purchase history for each park to board members.

Greg Lund opened discussion on the CiCo Park playground development. The Riley County Board of County Commission has funded 150K from CIP to begin this process. Two committees need to be formed. A planning committee and a finance/fundraising committee. Ideally each committee would consist of one person from the Riley County Park Board, one person from the City of Manhattan. Mike Roediger volunteered for the planning committee and Jordan Seirer volunteered for the fundraising committee. Greg will be on both committees. Some of the discussion included phasing the project, and selling bricks as a fundraiser.

Preliminary request for 2019 park allocations were received. Ken Carroll, City of Ogden, requested fitness trail/running path, and restroom. Alan Brown, City of Riley, requested kiddie cushion, pvc border for playground. Curt Friedrich, University Park, requested picnic tables. Janie Dunstan, City of Randolph, requested basketball court resurfacing. Leonardville had no preliminary request. Fairmont Park has funds available for the shelter and Joe Edmunds volunteered equipment to help burn and get rid of brush line. Keats requested playground equipment replacement.

The next meeting will be at the Public Works office on March 12, 2019.

Meeting adjourned.