

**Fair Grove Park Board Meeting Minutes**

**Meeting was held at 81 S. Orchard Blvd**

**August 14, 2023**

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**Open Meeting:**

Roll Call taken by Chairman Jerra Icenhower

Stacy McCormick-present, Tonya Vickery-present, Rachel N. Cooke-present, Regina J. Cooke-present, Jerra Icenhower-present, Brittany Counterman-present, Brandy Dittman-absent, Becki Carr-absent

The meeting was called to order at 6:03pm

**Approve Agenda:**

Vickery makes a motion to add discuss and/or approve adding park office and uniforms.  
R.N.Cooke seconded.

McCormick-yes, Vickery-yes, R.N.Cooke-yes, R.J.Cooke-yes, Icenhower-yes, B. Counterman-yes

B. Counterman makes a motion to approve the agenda with the amendments. R.J.Cooke seconded

McCormick-yes, Vickery-yes, R.N.Cooke-yes, R.J.Cooke-yes, Icenhower-yes, B.Counterman-yes

**Public Forum: N/A**

**Employee Report:**

**McPhail:** The back flow has been disabled; the pipe was cut out. If the park decides to add a sprinkler system in the future, the pipe will just have to be added back. McPhail asked what was needed of him to help the board prepare for the party in the park. M. Mullis just asked that the grass is mowed good and rope off around the scoreboard area for the bands to be able to set up.

**K. Counterman:** K. Counterman was able to get ahold of Create Play and he had double booked and needed to reschedule. She found a Grant Writing class at MSU on Oct 20<sup>th</sup>, from 9am-4pm. Cost for the class is \$289.00, it is a noncredit course. K. Counterman feels it will help get a good start on writing grants for the park. K. Counterman is also enrolled in a non-for-profit class in the spring for grant writing. K. Counterman has been helping with the party in the park, she has not gotten to any grant writing as she is trying to learn what umbrella the park falls under, so she

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knows what grants to be going for. K. Counterman is meeting with the City Clerk to go over that information. She has also been researching park planners.

**M. Mullis:** M. Mullis said he is looking at having football on Monday nights with practice being on Thursday nights. The 5 vs. 5 soccer academy he wants to do Tuesdays and Saturdays. Football/Cheer registration is up and going as of the meeting there are 52 registered and 21 pending. M. Mullis is getting Soccer registration up and going so that it's available at the party in the park.

M. Mullis is looking for someone to come to help do referee/umpire camp. M. Mullis would like all coaches and referees/umpires to attend so everyone knows what to expect and what is expected. McCormick doesn't want to use high school kids, but its hard finding college kids that would be available on the nights needed. Anyone can ref/ump, if anyone is interested see M. Mullis. M. Mullis will be posting more about the referee/umpire camp/workshop when more details are available.

M. Mullis was cleaning out the shed and came across an infestation on ants, he is going to take a day where he can completely clean out the shed and spray for ants.

### **Treasure Report:**

Dittman was supposed to take over treasure responsibilities, however, has resigned, Therefore B. Counterman has agreed to continue with the treasure responsibilities until we have a full board. Vickery has agreed if none of the new members want to take on the treasure responsibilities, she will take them over at the October meeting.

B. Counterman stated some bills were being sent to an old board member's house, therefore she was not receiving the bills and would get an email stating they are late. She believes she has that all cleared up but is not 100% sure about that.

### **Committee Report:**

**By Laws: N/A**

**Events:** B. Counterman would like to do a trunk or treat style event having the event every year on the Saturday before Halloween.

R.N.Cooke made a motion for the Halloween event to be done every year on the Saturday before Halloween. Vickery seconded.

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McCormick-yes, Vickery-yes, R.N.Cooke-yes, R.J.Cooke-yes, Icenhower-yes, B. Counterman-yes

The Halloween event will be held every year on the Saturday before Halloween starting in 2023.

**Sports:** Icenhower stated she would just like to see more communication on Facebook, just being more responsive to questions that are asked, so its not looking like the Park Board is trying to ignore anyone. An idea R.N.Cooke was given an idea about sponsorships for the park, we could ask businesses for a larger donation and allowing them to make monthly payments thru the entire year, instead of asking each month the same businesses. R.N.Cooke and Icenhower are putting together different tiers of donations.

**Personnel:** Icenhower and Vickery will be meeting with K. Counterman on Friday August 18<sup>th</sup> at 4:00pm, G. Mullis on Sunday August 20<sup>th</sup> at 1:00pm and M. Mullis on Sunday August 20<sup>th</sup> at 1:30pm. Just to have small discussion about what they may need or there feeling about things going on with the park.

Icenhower has appointed McCormick to the events committee.

### **Old Business:**

**Party in the park:** K. Counterman was able to get gift cards donated from Fazolis, there are some \$25.00, \$50.00 gift cards all different amounts, pens, pencils, 2 entrée adult meals. Culvers has donated, Elevation Dance Studio donated, and Legacy Learning, there are several surrounding churches that also made donations for the event. There are four different bands that are volunteering time to come set up at the event and play. There is an elementary child that will be helping in between sets, telling little jokes or helping with the drawings. M. Mullis was able to get pulled pork for \$1.39/lb. Every child will be given five tickets when entering the event, to be placed in the boxes of the prize they would like to win. Must be present to win the drawing will start at 6:00-6:30 and go until all large prizes have been given away. Everyone will also be given a meal ticket. The organization People feeding people have agreed to volunteer to cook and serve all meals. There will be a tent set up for football/cheer registration and soccer registration. Bass Chapel will have a cooling station and water. There are four different bounce houses, one water, one for five and under, and two others for the bigger kiddos. This is a completely free event; however, the park board is allowing PTO to set up and sell Fair Grove apparel at the event. There is a duck pond, face painting, rock painting if we can get enough rocks together.