

## **Fair Grove District Park Board Meeting Minutes**

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**Roll Call:** Tonia Vickery-present, Rachel N. Cooke-present, Regina J. Cooke-present, Jerra Icenhower-present, Brittany Counterman-present, Brandy Dittman-present, Becki Carr-present, Cindy Long-absent, Aaron Johnson-put in resignation.

**The meeting was called to order at 6:00pm by Chairman Jerra Icenhower**

### **Approve Agenda:**

Motion made by Dittman to Amend Agenda (Business Meeting #3 Discuss and/or approve voting new officers for the board). Add Under New Business, Discuss and/or approve buying sponsorship from Fair Grove High School Varsity Cheerleaders. Seconded B. Counterman

Vickery-yes, R.N. Cooke-yes, R.J. Cooke-yes, Icenhower-yes, Counterman-yes, Dittman-yes, Carr-yes

**Public forum: N/A**

### **Employees Reports:**

Craig: Zack with Right pest control came in Thursday July 6<sup>th</sup>, 2023, to spray the ball fields and concession stand for spiders. Zack is on vacation this week so McPhail has not been able to follow up with Zack, However Zack did let McPhail know if we are not seeing anything other than what was talked about treatment should be good. Zack just sprayed, No fog.

McPhail spoke with Trevor Icenhower, he has turned in an invoice for the gravel, B. Counterman has received invoice, but had not reviewed invoice at time of meeting. Trevor let McPhail know we are within budget of the gravel and would be able to add gravel to the trails.

B. Counterman received letter from the water department, Park needs to have someone come out and disable the sprinkler system, Park water rates will go down and it won't have to be tested once a year. B. Counterman is going to contact Natures Rain to see about having that done.

Matt: N/A

Kacie Counterman: K. Counterman sent a link to all board members ([https://youtu.be/0Y92or\\_ASm0](https://youtu.be/0Y92or_ASm0)) K. Counterman would like to use Todd Lehman to help design

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playground equipment for the park, he did the design for Rutledge Wilson. K. Counterman is going to get more information about using Todd. MSU does a grant writing workshop, K. Counterman doesn't have dates but will update when she has them.

Ice Cream Social: Craig is going to rope off where fireworks are going to be shot off at.

### Old Business:

Rock House: Needs to be cleaned, 400-500 meters need to be moved. July 20<sup>th</sup>, 4:00pm Board Members Will meet Leon at Rock House to go over cleaning and setting up office at Rock House.

Community Outreach: M. Mullis would like to get some local bands together and have a small concert for families to enjoy, with possibly having a movie (The Sandlot) in the evening. He would also like to see about getting with some clubs from the High School to maybe set up some booths (face painting, balloons, etc. Provide a meal to everyone that attends. M. Mullis said he believes Bass Chapel would come and hand out water and possibly set up a booth. Mullis would also like to see about maybe getting some donations for new bikes, play station, etc. and have a drawing for those in attendance. R.J. Cooke suggested getting gift cards from Walmart, Shoe Carnival and Visa gift cards and doing a drawing for those in attendance. PTO wants to partner with the park and give out school supplies.

Motion made by Dittman to have the party in the park, Second R.N. Cooke

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

**Two Monthly Meetings:** Motion made by R.J. Cooke to have two monthly meetings beginning in September. Seconded Dittman.

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

Dates for meetings tabled until August meeting.

**Credit Card updates:** All old members will be removed from any and all accounts, Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Sports Director, and Grounds Keeper will be only members on credit cards/charge accounts.

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**Internet/Hotspot:** Due to being non-profit we are unable to use Verizon, Straighttalk hot spots. Total Highspeed can set up internet at the rock house and send hotspot to concession stand. B. Counterman is going to call and get more information.

**Parking Historical Society:** Icenhower spoke with Mary Terry; Heath from Historical Society was present. Historical Society does not need to use the parking lot for booth space, only handicap parking and vendor parking. They have provided a map for the grounds they are asking to use. However, the park board has agreed to allow the Historical Society access to all the North parking lot, they are able to use the grass if needed for overflow, the grass is not to be used if it rains.

**Baseball:** There were all new board members working baseball this year, Carr took care of the concession stand and did amazing getting it organized and having room to work in concession stand. The square was very beneficial for many families to use at the concession stand. There were lots of compliments about having the separate t-ball and the consistency with the night's games were played on. The board is discussing putting the t-ball field in permanently. It was a little rough with umpires, as there was no time to have a course to help them learn rules, what was allowed/not allowed. A course will be set up for umpires/referees to learn rules of the games if they are unaware, etc. Dittman has a family friend that may be able to help the park with the course, she is going to contact said person and pass information along to M. Mullis if they are interested. Park would like to get better uniforms for sports (baseball, soccer, basketball, etc., Icenhower is going to bring in samples at August meeting. The park will be asking businesses to help sponsor uniforms to help keep costs down and affordable for families to continue playing. Any business that may sponsor, the park would hang a banner on dug out, fences, etc. Ozark Mountain Sanitation donates trash service to the park. R.J. Cooke is going to have her husband Tim speak with Karla Lampe (owner) about having a banner made and put on the dug outs for her sponsorship to the park.

### **New Business:**

Icenhower stated she is a mom of a competitive soccer player, and most programs are year-round, she also stated she is concerned about losing players to other programs. B. Counterman said basketball is also a year-round season. B. Counterman believes having one soccer program will allow more children to play flag football. B. Counterman also believes taking fall 2023 off will allow the park to put together a successful program. Dittman believes not having fall soccer will give flag football more time for

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practices. M. Mullis suggested having a 3 on 3 soccer tournament. Icenhower suggested doing a soccer camp. Icenhower agrees soccer is a year-round sport, therefore something needs to be in place of the season this year. It is of concern if there is not a fall soccer season, then players won't return in the spring. Fall soccer season is not being done away with, with the fall soccer season approaching the park wants to offer something for soccer, but do not feel we have enough time to get everything together for the season. M. Mullis has spoken with Florez and he has agreed to help M. Mullis with any soccer needs M. Mullis may have.

Josh Fletcher asked for a better understanding as to why the park is no longer having Florez do the soccer program. It was explained that the park has offered to let Florez continue to be a part of the soccer program, however the park has chosen to pay one person to be the sports director, rather than paying a park/sports director and paying to have a direct for each sport. Josh also asked about meeting minutes. All meeting minutes can be found at FairGrove.org or email the park at fairgrovedistrictpark1234@gmail to request a copy of any meeting minutes.

Motion made by Vickery to have one soccer season for the 2023/2024 fall/spring seasons with having a camp or tournament for the fall season and revisit adding the fall season back for the 2024/2025 fall/ spring season. Seconded Dittman.

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

Football: To be played Monday, Tuesday, Thursdays, four fields will be set up on field one, Registration for flag football will begin Aug 1<sup>st</sup> going until September 1<sup>st</sup> with games beginning September 18<sup>th</sup> and running until November 3<sup>rd</sup>. No games being played the week of the Fair Grove Heritage Reunion. K. Counterman suggested getting a banner with QR code to have at the party in the park for families to sign up for flag football.

Motion made by Carr for registration for flag football to be Aug 1<sup>st</sup>-Sept 1<sup>st</sup>, Games beginning Sept 18<sup>th</sup> running until Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup>, with no games being played the week of the Fair Grove Heritage Reunion Sept 25<sup>th</sup>-Sept 29<sup>th</sup>. Seconded R.N. Cooke

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

Carr suggested buying a sponsorship from the Fair Grove High School Varsity Cheerleaders.

Motion made by Dittman to go with the second tier \$300.00. Seconded B. Counterman

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**Committees:** Icenhower has put some committees together and added board members to the committees. These are the board members that will need to be contacted if anyone has questions about a specific program on the board. Committees are as followed:

By laws: Carr, Dittman, R.J. Cooke

Personnel: Icenhower, Vickery

Grounds/Concessions: Carr, Dittman

Events: B. Counterman, Long

Sports: R.N. Cooke, Icenhower

Finance: Dittman, New Member (Aarons replacement)

Committee reports will begin in September meeting.

**Officer Positions:**

It was brought to the board's attention by the by laws committee that it states in the park board by laws; Officers are to be voted on the first meeting in July every year. The new positions are as followed:

Carr made nomination for Icenhower to remain Chairman, Icenhower accepted, Seconded Dittman.

Vickery-yes, R.N.Cooke-yes, R.J. Cooke-yes, B. Counterman-yes, Dittman-yes, Carr-yes

Icenhower made nomination for Carr to be Vice Chairman, Carr accepted, Seconded Dittman

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

Carr made nomination for Dittman to be Treasure, Dittman accepted, Seconded R.N. Cooke

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

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R.N. Cooke made nomination for R.J. Cooke to remain Secretary, R.J. Cooke accepted, Seconded Dittman Vickery-yes, R.N. Cooke-yes, Icenhower-yes, B. Counterman-yes, Dittman-yes, Carr-yes

Current positions will stay in effect until Aug. 14<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**Tressure Report:** B. Counterman has not received a bank statement, she is unable to put together a treasure report, however she does have a report from baseball concessions, an estimated \$2100.00 was spent to get supplies for the concession stand. \$5,197.90 was total made from concession stand. \$53.39 was the fees from using the square. \$1,284.00 was made from purchases made using credit cards. B. Counterman will get a treasure report put together and email all board members, and it will be approved or denied at next board meeting.

**Approve Meeting Minutes:** Motion made by Dittman to approve meeting minutes. Seconded Vickery.

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

**Adjournment:** Motion made by R.J. Cooke to adjourn at 8:02pm Seconded Vickery.

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

Regina Cooke (Secretary)