

## Minutes

### Kimball Parks and Recreation Board Meeting September 14th, 2006

Members Present:   Levoy Gudger  
                          Chester Blevins  
                          Butch Witcher  
                          Teresa Smith  
                          Eric Turney  
                          Terry Case  
                          Mark O'Leary

Members Absent:   None

Others Present:    David Jackson  
                          Rex Pesnell  
                          Rance Castle  
                          Jack Keef  
                          Marvin Johnston

Levoy Gudger called the meeting to order at 5:10pm and called roll. Case led prayer and Gudger asked for someone to bring him up to speed from the last meeting before approval. Blevins recapped last meeting and Witcher made motion to accept minutes. Case seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Marvin Johnston brought the conceptual drawing for the concession stand based on the information provided by the board from the previous meeting. Mr. Johnston drew the building a 36 by 36 building stating that was the space needed for everything we had discussed. He gave copies of the drawings to all the members, and suggested the concessions should cost approximately \$175,000. Due to the discussion of item #4 on the agenda, Marvin Johnston's work was tabled until the next meeting.

Item #4 on the agenda was what the board's thoughts were on the bid proposal and amount of money the project was going to cost. The board needs to make a decision on what we can do from this point on. Everyone from the Kimball Parks Board to the Mayor and Board of Alderman were in agreement that the project was more costly than anyone had anticipated. Michael Price had originally estimated the dirt work of the project to be around \$300,000. The actual bid that was submitted, the only bid, was around \$750,000.

Discussion began on how to fund a project of this size. Smith stated that although the dirt prices were lower than the rate that other companies are, the amount of dirt to be moved was much larger than we had expected. Case asked if the project could be sectioned smaller, but Smith reminded that the project would be cheaper to complete all of the dirt work as planned. O'Leary asked if the city had considered bonds for a project of this

type. There would probably be a number of investors who would be interested in this type of project. Gudger suggested going back and reconsidering the grant. Jackson reminded members that the reason we didn't go with the grant to begin with was because the city didn't want to deed the property for the grant requirements. Jackson brought up the city still owed for the remaining balance of the property and said that the price of the crossing into the park would also have to be figured in the cost of this project. Jackson mentioned the property next to the city hall had been put out to bid and if the property brings enough money then the park could be possible. Case asked if a portion of this money could be earmarked for the new park. Although it would be possible, none of these would be a quick fix to fund this project.

Jackson suggested having a workshop together with Michael Price and Lofty Construction Company before going any further to determine if there was anyway the project could be reduced. All members felt this would be a good way for everyone involved to have a better grasp of exactly what the project entailed. The workshop would be scheduled within the next two weeks and all members would be invited to attend.

Meeting Adjourned at 6:50, Next meeting October 12<sup>th</sup>, 5pm.

Chester E. Bledins  
Park Board Member

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Date