

THE CITY OF MALDEN

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PARK BOARD MEETING MINUTES – WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2024 at 5:30 pm.

Called to order at 5:34 pm

	<u>PRESENT</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>
BOARD MEMBER IAN CASTO	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>
BOARD MEMBER TOMMORRO ANTWINE	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>
BOARD MEMBER AMY COLEMAN – left at 6:15 pm	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>
BOARD MEMBER BRENDA CRUMBIE	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>
BOARD MEMBER WALKER CULP	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>
BOARD MEMBER EARNEST FOBBS- left at 6:28 pm	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>
BOARD MEMBER MIKE KEAN	<u> </u>	<u>X</u>
BOARD MEMBER ANITA MATHIES- left at 6:32 pm	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>
VACANT	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

7 Members Present

Others in Attendance:

City Administrator Ivone Smith, DED/Airport Director David Blalock, Street/Parks Foreman Dewayne Rogers, City Council Liaison Bo Beckett, City Council Member Drew Joyce and Deputy City Clerk Jessie Cobb.

Open Forum

None

Approval of Minutes from September 20, 2023 Park Board Meeting

MOTION: by Board Member Culp to approve the minutes from the September 20, 2023 Park Board Meeting.

SECOND: by Board Member Fobbs

January 2024 Financial Reports

Smith stated that the Park Fund shows negative because we are waiting on a \$49,502 reimbursement for the benches and tables and \$20,000 reimbursement for the Splash Pad. Smith stated that she is working on finalizing the Splash Pad reimbursement and then we will be reimbursed on the tables and benches as soon as they inspect them after they are assembled and placed.

MOTION: by Chairman Casto to approve the financials for January 2024.

SECOND: by Board Member Mathies.

Motion Carried 7/0

New RV Park Update

The new RV Park is almost done. There is just some cleaning and leveling that needs to be done to finish up. The city workers were going to finish it but they had to work on the Dunklin County Sewer District. Smith states that she got a quote from Justin Earnheart and he can have it done in 2 days and it will be \$1,275 for everything. He gave us a residential rate because he wants to do work with us in the future.

MOTION: by Board Member Culp to accept Justin Earnheart's proposal to finish the New RV Park.

SECOND: by Board Member Antwine.

Motion Carried 7/0

Splash Pad Update

Smith states that we got the Notice to Proceed on the Splash Pad. There is an 8-10 week wait time on equipment. We need to get the concrete out to bid. If it is under \$25,000 to use our workers and equipment then we won't have to put it out to bid. Smith states that former City Council Member/Park Board Liaison, Karen Haley, is still interested and willing to help with getting the match fund from businesses like she said she would when she was on the board. Haley will be getting with Ivone and reaching out to businesses. The more funding the better and the less we have to come up with. Smith states that the Splash Pad should be open for a couple weekends in the summer before school starts. We can put a fence along J Highway for advertisement. The donations that we have received so far have been one-time donations but maybe we can do something annually for donations.

Scout Hut Update

Smith states that the Scout Hut is in bad shape so we have put a hold on renting it out to the public. The only people that use it right now are the Girl Scouts. We got a contractor to look at everything and got a quote today. It is a total of \$78,100 to fix everything. Culp agrees that the building is in really bad shape and wasn't maintained over the years. We could get other quotes but we can't even do \$50,000 because we are stretched thin. Culp states that he is okay with tearing down the Scout Hut as long as we pay tribute to Dean Noe, his family and everyone who helped put the Scout Hut out there. Coleman states that maybe we could put something else there to replace it, like a metal building. That may be cheaper than repairing it. Smith states that there are two other locations that we have considered for the Girl Scouts to use. One is at the airbase and the other is at the Messiah House. After much discussion the Board decided to get more quotes and to keep this on the agenda for future meetings until they can come up with an agreement.

Blades Park/ FCC

City Council Member Drew Joyce has attended the meeting to speak on behalf of FCC. Joyce states that FCC is willing to give a donation of \$5,000 for the Blades Park land. He says that they plan on keeping it a park and the public will still be able to use it. Joyce states that FCC is in the process of applying for a grant for a community garden. They plan to bring in a psychiatrist, Drug Court and CPR. This will be a good resource for the community. Coleman states that she thinks we should let them have the land and let them keep the \$5,000 to buy more equipment because this would be great for the community. Culp states that he is not in favor of giving FCC the land for \$5,000. Casto states that \$5,000 is on the low end of what we were hoping to get out of it. We were hoping to get closer to \$10,000 but we do need the money and we might not find anyone else that is willing to buy the land. It will also be beneficial to the community.

Coleman left at 6:15 pm.

MOTION: by Chairman Casto to accept the \$5,000 donation from FCC for the Blades Park Land.

SECOND: by Board Member Fobbs.

Motion Carried 5/1

Lease of Airport Property

This lease is for the sports and RV Park areas. It is good for 5 years.

MOTION: by Board Member Culp to approve the new Airport lease.

SECOND: by Board Member Antwine

Motion Carried 6/0

Placement of Table and Benches

Casto states we are going to move forward with getting the Beta and FFA kids to help the city workers with assembly.

2024 Autumn Fest

Casto asks the Board if we want to have Autumn Fest and compete against all the other towns for vendors or do we want to just combine the Autumn Fest with 4th of July and have a big event just on the 4th. We could have vendors, food trucks, a petting zoo, live bands, and bounce houses. Smith states that if we do this, we will need to start getting vendors now. After a small discussion, all of the board members agreed to have a big 4th of July event instead of having an Autumn Fest.

Fobbs left at 6:28

Mathies left at 6:32

2024 Solar Eclipse

The 2024 Solar Eclipse is on April 8th at 12:40 pm. The Bootheel Youth Museum is going to have a big event for it. They are advertising the RV Parks as places for people from far away to stay for the event. Smith states this is why she is in a hurry to get the new RV Park finished.

Chairman's Report

None

Next Meeting

The next Park Board Meeting is on March 20th at 5:30 pm at City Hall.

Other business Deemed Necessary

None


With no other business deemed necessary, a motion to adjourn was entertained.

MOTION: by Board Member Culp to adjourn at 6:37 pm.

SECOND: by Board Member Antwine.

Motion Carried 4/0

Meeting adjourned at 6:37 pm


JESSIE COBB, DEPUTY CITY CLERK


IAN CASTO, CHAIRMAN