

**CITY OF ELSBERRY
PAGE BRANCH PARK COMMITTEE
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6, 2019
ELSBERRY CITY HALL**

Members of the Page Branch Park Committee met on the morning of the above date at Elsberry City Hall. 11:00 AM. Present were, Amy Lowe, Jo Ann Cordsiemon, Kimber Cordsiemon, Curtissa Kerr Hunter, Mike Short and Sarah Hunt. Absent was Khristta Cooper.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Lowe called the meeting to order. Roll call deemed a quorum present.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Financial reports were reviewed.

OLD BUSINESS

Mrs. Hunt reported that she is gathering information for the splash pad proposals and hope to have that completed this week. Mrs. Hunt also reported that she and Mrs. Cordsiemon had mailed our several letters requesting donations for the splash pad. A call was received from Tom Seeger stating that he was very interested in the splash pad. Mr. Seeger had some questions regarding a reserve for maintenance and then stated that he will donate \$10,000 to the splash pad project. He will also make calls to some of his friends encouraging them to donate. The park Committee expressed their sincere thanks to Mr. Seeger.

NEW BUSINESS

NEW MEETING TIME-Due to changes in Committee members' schedules a new meeting time was set. Upon motion by Mrs. K. Cordsiemon, seconded by Mrs. Lowe, the Committee meetings will be held on the Wednesday prior to the regular City Council meeting at 11:00 am at City Hall. Vote was as follows:

AYES-K. Cordsiemon, Lowe, Hunt, Hunter, Short, J Cordsiemon

NAYS-None Motion carried with 6 ayes, 0 nays.

GRANT POSSIBILITIES-Mrs. J. Cordsiemon reported that Mr. Short will be asking the Board of Aldermen for permission to apply for grant funds from the MFA Foundation, Cuivre River Electric and the Dermatological Sunshade Grant. Funds will be requested for the splash pad and for shading.

PROJECT UPDATES

RETAINING WALL/BRIDGE PROJECTS-Mr. Short reported that bid requests for the retaining wall are due the end of March. It is believed that the bridge work may be completed by July or August. Collins Construction, who was award the bid for the project has reworked the plans to meet FEMA guidelines. Mr. Short also reported that the Corp. of Engineers has signed off on their approval and no permitting will be needed.

FUNDRAISING

VENDING MACHINE-Mr. Short suggested that the Committee look into installing a caged vending machine at the park, providing soda, lemonade and juices. The machine would provide modest revenue for the park. Mr. Short will look into this matter further.

KELLY-MILLER CIRCUS-Mrs. Lowe will contact circus representatives to see if Elsberry is on this year's route. The Committee also discussed waiting a year since the grounds will be disrupted from the splash pad installation.

FINANCIAL OFFICER-Mrs. J. Cordsiemon suggested that since the Committee has so many fundraisers in the works and are dealing with larger amounts of money, that one member serve as the Financial Officer. Mr. Short offered to serve in this position since he is in a convenient place to drop off funds or pick up material. Mr. Short will prepare an excel spreadsheet and report to the Committee monthly. Upon motion by Mrs. J. Cordsiemon, seconded by Mrs. Hunt, the Committee accepted Mr. Short's offer to serve as Financial Officer. Vote was as follows:

AYES-K. Cordsiemon, Lowe, Hunt, Hunter, Short, J Cordsiemon

NAYS-None Motion carried with 6 ayes, 0 nays.

VALENTINE'S DINNER/DANCE FINAL REPORT-Each Committee member previously received a written report of receipts/expenses from the dinner/dance. A profit of \$3,151.00 was realized from this event. A copy of the report is attached.

2020 DATE/THEME-Following some discussion the Committee agreed to select 5 theme possibilities for next year's event. Themes selected were Roaring 20's, Black and White, Hollywood, Masquerade and MOTOWN. Mr. Short will do a Facebook survey on the park's FB page. February 8th, 2020 was selected as the date with February 1st as an alternative.

POTENTIAL FUNDRAISING-Mr. Short and Mrs. J. Cordsiemon will look into the details of holding a corn hole league during the summer and to see if there is any interest.

2019 CAR SHOW-Mr. Short reported that flyers have been prepared and letters have been mailed out to statewide car clubs with the assistance of Rob Guinness. Vendor applications are available. The fee is \$25.00. Since there is limited electric, it is first come, first served. Mrs. Hunt suggested that the Committee rent a cotton candy machine which generates a good profit. The Committee agreed and will ask volunteers to man the machine. People's Bank and Trust has continually sponsored the event by providing funds for the trophies and will be asked to serve as a sponsor once again. The style of the trophies was discussed. The Committee agreed to select a style that looks great, but at the same time, keep the cost down. The date of the car show is Saturday, May 4th at the City Park.

POT SHOW-Approximately 26 spots have been sold on the Pot Shot Card. The Hermann Haus Holiday Basket has been prepared and is at The Democrat office. Once all 100 spots are sold, the card will be shot off and a winner announced.

ADJOURNMENT-There being no further business the meeting was adjourned upon motion by Mrs. J. Cordsiemon, seconded by Mrs. Hunt and duly carried.

Respectfully,

Jo Ann Cordsiemon
PBP Committee Member/Secretary