

**CITY OF O'FALLON**  
**Park & Environment Committee**  
**September 13, 2004**  
**6:30 p.m.**  
**Mayor's Conference Room**

Minutes of a regular meeting of the Parks & Environment Committee of the City of O'Fallon, held in the Mayor's Conference Room, City Hall, 255 S. Lincoln, O'Fallon, Illinois on September 13, 2004.

**Attendance:** MEMBERS     Albrecht, J (7)     Henry, B (2)  
                                   Bennett, M (5)     Bequette, T (4)  
                                   True, E (2)         Mouser, J (3)

**Council:**                                Medford, West  
**Park Board:**                            Kasten  
**Cemetery Board:**  
**Guests:**                                Mary Schmitt  
**Staff:**                                    MJ Hutchison, Parks & Recreation

Meeting was called to order at 6:45 p.m.  
Motion to approve the minutes from July 12, 2004 meeting:    Henry  
Second:                                    True  
Corrections:                              None  
Approved:                                 All

**I.     Item 1: Skate Park**

Ms. Schmitt, a citizen of O'Fallon, discussed problems associated with skateboarding in and around Community Park. Skateboarding is currently not permitted in or on City of O'Fallon property. Also, concerns were expressed that the City Departments (Police/Parks) are not consistent with rule enforcement on all residents. The Department will research cost, insurance, street parks and possible locations. The skate park has been listed as a project on the CIP. Staff was directed to contact Belleville Parks Department to research problems and benefits of a skate park.

**II.    Item 2: Family Sport Complex & Park Masterplan (HOLD)**

The design and development master plan for the Sport's Complex is on hold until land negotiations are complete.

**III. Item 3: Domesticated Animal: Park(s)**

Sample ordinances were provided to the Committee to allow domesticated animals in the City of O'Fallon park(s). The examples included information pertaining to what a good ordinance is. This may include a specifics about length of leash, "control" of dog, locations where dogs are permitted or not permitted (athletic fields, tot lots, cemeteries), removal and disposal of feces, progressive penalties and community service. Rock Springs and St. Ellen (Co) are the two parks within the City that allow domesticated animals. Staff was directed to contact Granite City about their rules and procedures associated with animals in the parks and to research liability issues. No Action.

**IV. Item 4: Trailnet Masterplan Update:**

Trailnet, Southwestern Illinois RC & D and Pona & Associates are completing information on the path connections and project costs.

**V. Item 5: Field Reports/Updates: Reviewed**

Park Maintenance: Installed 1" rock on Field #1 Parking Lot; Landscape Maintenance; Support Camps, National Nite Out (Police)

Recreation: Movie in the Park "Shrek" Sept. 18, 2004 Dusk

Arts Commission: Arts Festival, Oct. 2 11:00 "Meet Me In St. Louis" 8:00 p.m.

October 11, 2004 Meeting is canceled. Parks & Recreation will be attending the National Park & Recreation Conference.

MOTION TO ADJOURN: True

SECOND: Henry

APPROVED: ALL

PREPARED BY: Amy