

Item 3 Homecoming Expense:

The Homecoming Association was invoiced for \$12,673.04. In the past several years, OPRD has not received any reimbursement for costs. Two years ago the group experienced a rain out weekend. In 2006, Homecoming had to borrow startup revenue. This year the Homecoming had to deal with low attendance due to the heat.

Item 4 Liquor License Parks Department:

Motion: Renner

Second: Reckamp

Discussions:

The ordinance to sell alcoholic beverages was voted down at the September 4th Council Meeting. Staff believes that the Committee was not properly informed about the process or purpose of obtaining the license. OPRD has been researching the process to obtain a Liquor License since July. The Department feels that by allowing purchase of alcohol products at our Sports Park concession stands, we can control the consumption by monitoring the sales. The ordinance is part of the process to obtain our state license. OPRD has no knowledge of any issues associated with alcohol products in the O'Fallon Parks in the past. The policy and procedures as well as training would be developed to handle the issues and day to day operations of selling alcoholic beverages. The City of O'Fallon has never been in the business of selling alcohol products, so policy and strict procedures are very important. Numerous park systems throughout Illinois and the country hold liquor licenses.

Approved: All

Public Comment:

Mr. Witherspoon, an O'Fallon resident, asked the Committee if basketball courts were going to be a part of the new Sport Park. He has heard that no courts would be available. Staff responded that courts were a part of the masterplan and would include indoor courts at the RexPlex as well as outdoor courts in the community park area. Mr. Witherspoon asked about possible timeframes on the projects at the park. Staff responded that all projects are budget and grant dependent. Phase 2, which is a multi-use trail, will begin in the next 30 days. The park could take up to 20 or 30 years to complete.

- V. Field Reports/Updates: Reviewed as submitted.
 - A) Parks & Cemetery
 - B) Recreation
 - C) Art Commission

MOTION TO ADJOURN: Renner
SECOND: Reckamp
APPROVED: All
PREPARED BY: Lacey Rogers