

CITY OF O'FALLON
Park & Environment Committee
September 22, 2008
5:30 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 September 22, 2008.

I. Attendance: MEMBERS Albrecht (7) Renner (5) Polites (2)

 Drolet, N (6) Reckamp (3)

II. Council: True; Drolet, J; Schmidt; West; Medford; Bennett, Mouser
Park Board:
Guests: B & L Bennett
Staff: Funk; Denton; Rich; Hutchison
Meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m.

III. Minutes:
Motion: Drolet to approve the minutes from August 11, 2008.
Second: Reckamp
Approved: All

IV. Item 1: VFW: The VFW has submitted their final drawing for the Pocket Park improvements. The contract will be renewed for another five years.

Item 2: Request to Rename Rock Springs Park: HOLD

Item 3: Policy Naming/Renaming: Policy was submitted to all council members several weeks prior to this meeting for review. The bold comments in the policy document were changes that were made from the initial review of the policy. Discussion was held on the number of years required for naming/renaming of facility for an outstanding individual that was deceased. The Committee agrees that the individual must be deceased for a minimum of a year and preferably two years before considering the naming or renaming of a facility. A policy does not require council action.

Item 4: Field 1 Community Park: OTHS Baseball Coach & Booster's sent a proposal on September 15 requesting to build a grass infield on Diamond 1 at Community Park starting October 1, 2008. After discussion with the Committee Members and Staff we feel like a grass infield would limit our current level of service to our residents. I think a long term plan with lights, seating and infield as one big project may work by 2010 or 11. We would hope to have 4 more fields by then to help reduce the current high demand.

V. Field Reports/Updates: Reviewed as submitted
A) Parks & Cemetery:

B) Recreation:
C) Art Commission: Strange Folk Arts Festival Sept. 27 & 28
ADJOURN: Motion: Drolet Second: Reckamp Approved: All 5:58 p.m.
PREPARED BY: MJ Hutchison