

Minutes of Regular Meeting  
Belton Park Board of Directors  
January 10th, 2010

**CALL TO ORDER:** Kelly Monaghan, Park Board President, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Kelly Monaghan

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Kelly Monaghan, Jennifer Keeton, Mike Miller, Woodrow Dick, Bill Tudor, Pat Stiles, and Gary Krueger.

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Ed Willette and Stacy Mata.

**PREVIOUS BOARD MINUTES:** Minutes from the 12-13-10 regular board meeting were approved as submitted.

**PRESIDENT'S COMMUNICATION:** Ms. Monaghan asked that staff send photos of Memorial Park construction progress to Board members and also share them with Councilman Jeff Davis.

**PERSONAL APPEARANCE:** None.

**COUNCILMAN'S REPORT:** Councilman Davis said that the Tree Plan had come before the City Council and a resolution for a tree ordinance had been presented. He said that Ted Lange had appeared before the council to address the benefits of adopting a tree ordinance. Ms. Monaghan added that the PR Committee also had talked about communicating the benefits to the public.

Councilman Davis added that the widening of Y Highway was moving forward quickly and the time would be right to address the need for bike trails, etc.

**PARK DIRECTOR AND DEPARTMENT SUPERVISOR'S REPORT:**

**Director:** Mr. Spalding stated that it was another good month at the Wellness Center. He added that revenue was down a little but that visits had increased. Mr. Miller asked what day is typically the busiest. Mr. Spalding said that Monday is the best day by far, though Thursday's visits are increasing.

**Facility Operations Report:** Mr. Spalding stated that the focus right now was on promoting personal training. He highlighted other upcoming events including a Ray-Pec hosted run on the trail at Wallace Park and the upcoming indoor triathlon to benefit the High Blue Waves Swim Team.

**Marketing/PR:** Ms. Meehan stated that a survey had been distributed to members evaluating their interest in outdoor water aerobics and small group training packages. She also added that she had just completed a two-day grant writing workshop and hoped to take advantage of the resources she had gathered.

**Property and Structures/Building and Grounds:** Mr. Lange highlighted the before and after pictures from work at Memorial Park, including the removal of the skate park, excavation/demolition of the outdoor pool and playground removal. He added that his TreeKeepers program was underway.

**Recreation:** Mr. Spalding stated that Mr. DeWald was busy setting dates for spring and working on upcoming leagues and events, including a basketball clinic next month and spring soccer. He also added that he and Mr. DeWald had been asked to be a part of the Strategic Planning Committee for the School District.

### **STANDING BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Finance:** Mr. Krueger updated the board on budget issues. He added that the sales tax revenue continues to improve. He highlighted both revenues and expenditures, adding that utility-related costs continue to be critical. Mr. Spalding stated there was an ongoing concern regarding a heating unit in the indoor aquatic center and that he was trying to get all the facts together right now.

Mr. Krueger stated that the board had the option of extending the longevity bonuses for staff and it had been approved unanimously. Mr. Miller asked if the bonus was for full-time employees only. Mr. Spalding stated it was and that the department has 13 full-time employees.

**Building and Grounds:** Mr. Dick made the motion from committee to accept the proposal from Hardcore Shotcrete Skateparks Inc. to build the skate park for the amount of \$196,418. During discussion, Mr. Krueger asked what the budget was for the skate park. Mr. Spalding stated that \$200,000 had been budgeted. He added that the new skate park would be located in Wallace Park.

***Motion carried with all aye votes.***

Mr. Dick made the motion from committee to accept the bid from Rex Spencer Equipment Company Inc. for a government lease of a Takeuchi TL230 Rubber Track Loader for the amount of \$815 per month for 48 months with the funds coming from account 220-3010-400-2055. During discussion, board members questioned whether the bond funds could be used for the leased equipment. Ms. Monaghan stated that the board should be able to allocate some of the costs associated with the bond issue. ***Motion carried with all aye votes.***

Ms. Stiles gave an overview of the committee meeting that had been held just before the board meeting. Ms. Stiles made the motion from committee that the park board accept the low bid of \$1,710,888 from KC Gunitite for the construction of the outdoor pool in Memorial Park. During discussion, Councilman Davis asked if the Board had been completely satisfied with the work KC Gunitite had done previously. Mr. Spalding stated that the end product was great. Councilman Davis asked who would oversee the project. Mr. Dick stated that the architect would provide some management of the site as well as Ed Willette and Mr. Spalding and Mr. Lange. ***Motion carried with all aye votes.***

**Recreation:** None.

### **Temporary Board Committee Reports:**

**Public Relations:** Ms. Keeton gave an overview of the committee's meeting prior to the board meeting. She stated that the committee was drafting a letter to the marketing firm, spelling out expectations for the website. She said the committee also discussed strategic communication related to the bond projects focusing on transparency, information and participation.

Ms. Keeton also talked briefly about a social media policy and she hopes to have draft of the policy soon for review.

**Trails:** None.

**STANDING BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Personnel:** Ms. Monaghan made the motion to move to executive session to discuss matters pertaining to hiring, firing, disciplining or promotion of personnel, according to Missouri Statue 610.021 (3) and individually identifiable personnel records performance ratings or records pertaining to employees or applicants for employment, according to Missouri Statue 610.021(13). Mr. Tudor seconded. ***Motion carried with all aye votes.***

The Board entered into executive session at 7:56 pm.

The Board re-entered regular session at 8:12 pm.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None.

**NEW BUSINESS:** None.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** None.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Ms. Monaghan adjourned the meeting at 8:14 pm.

Kelly Monaghan  
President