

City of Duquesne, MO  
Park Meeting 5.21.2025 – FINAL

## **5.21.2025**

**Call to Order:** 5:31 PM by Rick Gamboa

**Roll call:** In Attendance: Rick Gamboa (2029 April), Becca White (2028 April) Absent Excused, Sonya White (2027 April), Denny White (2026 April)

**Elect Officers:** President: Gamboa nominated by D. White. Second S. White 3-0. Secretary: B. White nominated by D. White. Second S. White 3-0.

**Approve Agenda:** D. White-S. White, 3-0

**Approve Previous Reg Meeting Minutes:** None available

### **Old Business:**

#### **Restroom.**

Gamboa understands that the restroom bid is being prepared by HSTCC and will be set for bid soon.

#### **Fence.**

Gamboa reports that the fence bid is signed, and work should be started soon.

#### **Splashpad.**

Gamboa reports that he understands from emails that there is a crack in the splash pad. Emails from the contractor state that the concrete sub would be here on Tuesday, 21<sup>st</sup> to address the issue. Outcome is unknown.

In the BofA meeting it was decided that the Mayor and Chris Ellsworth would review the complete contract to see how the guarantee will work. The City attorney recommended that we review the contract and withhold an amount for repair of the crack. The Mayor and the City attorney would prefer that the splash pad not be opened until the issue is resolved. Gamboa spoke in favor of opening the splash pad at once. Becca White spoke in favor of opening the pad. Mayor Sherman mentioned in an email that he was told in a meeting that by law, the city can only withhold 5% of the total.

After some discussion, D. White motioned that the Pad be opened at once. Second by S. White. 3-0.

#### **Pollinator Garden.**

The panel recommends that we choose a spot West of the walking trail and out of the path of the proposed Bell Tower to use up to \$1,000.00 for a 20'x20' garden located in a permanent

home when the Bell Tower is completed. S. White volunteered to check with local garden centers to see if they would be willing to donate supplies. The donor would be allowed to put a small plaque up showing their sponsorship. She would be willing to provide some labor if we have the spot tilled. She will also check to see if Blue Bird houses could be donated to attach to the large trees.

**North gravel parking lot.**

D. White asked if we were going to kill the grass. Gamboa did not know. The plan was to add a hard gravel handicap parking space near the entrance. It was also planned to add some additional rock as needed.

**New Business:** Bell tower. At present there is no funding for the Bell Tower. Gamboa has asked HSTCC to pursue grant funding.

**Public Comments:** None

**Other Business Deemed Necessary:**

S. White mentioned that the park needed mowing. The panel asks that a mowing schedule be provided as in the spring rainy season, the grass is growing fast.

Becca mentioned in an email, that Sherry Lawrence and Jessica Girard be invited to join the panel. Sherman said he would appoint them if they had interest.

Mayor Sherman sent a note recommended that 2 tables be removed from the shelter in to make it easier to reserve the entire shelter and make it less crowded. B. White mentioned in the BofA meeting that she had 80 plus people in the park and did not think it was an issue. Gamboa recommended that we look at the site and then make a recommendation to the mayor.

The mayor also recommended that a temporary permit be made to allow a shade structure for special occasions.

Gamboa also mentioned that the trash cans and park benches are here, but he has back issues and was not able to help assemble and place them at this time.

**Schedule Next Meeting:** June 18<sup>th</sup>, 5:30 PM

**Adjourn:** 6:15 PM D. White/S. White 3-0.

Submitted by Rick Gamboa