

MINUTES FROM THE TPNA BOARD MEETING FOR AUGUST 24, 2017

Board Members Present: Ken Baker, Ray Brundige, Stephanie Callen, Manny Carralero, Brian Caudill, Clark Cox, Janet Dakan, Stan Esterle, Mike Gramig, Denis Hommrich, Kristen Millwood, JoAnn Millwood, Chip Nold, Shawn Reilly, Jo Shipley, Doug Thrasher, Rebecca Watson, Andy Westbrook and Jeanette Westbrook

Board Members Absent: None

Others Present: Officer Amy Matthis (LMPD), Joan Dubay (1636 Tyler Parkway), Donna Huttunen (1531 Tyler Park Drive) and Doug Pett? (gentleman who talked to Doug Thrasher about the tennis court study)

Call to Order: President Kristen Millwood called the TPNA Board Meeting to order at 7:01pm.

LMPD Report: Officer Amy Matthis said there were 2 drug items, including marijuana, and an attempted murder at the Hookah Bar Lounge (Bardstown Road at the intersection of Baxter Avenue and Lucia Avenue). She stated the Neighborhood Block Watch meeting was very productive. Under Calls for Service for 7/27/17 – 8/24/17: Domestic did not break down what type and Other referred to house checks which were self-instantiated and not a crime.

This Saturday is the Zombie walk.

Treasurer's Report: Manny Carralero stated the date of the report was 8/24/2017 with the ending balance of \$57,381.48. He wrote no checks this month. \$150 to the Jazz Series sent by Yoga on Baxter, \$380 to the Operating Account in membership dues, and \$56 from Valu Market as well as \$5 from a member to The Tyler Park Fund were deposited. Chip Nold moved to accept the Treasurer's Report with Brian Caudill seconding the motion. The motion to accept the Treasurer's Report was approved.

Approval of June Minutes: The June Minutes were not completed for Board approval by Janet Dakan.

Winter Newsletter: Janet Dakan reported Florence Saltzman had given her the date of the first week of January 2018.

Beechwood Park Festival Update: Brian Caudill said the Friends of Beechwood Park made \$2,000 plus t-shirt sales and donations.

Jazz Festival Update: Kristen Millwood reminded us Brandon Coan gave us only \$500 this year instead of the usual \$1,000 we received in the past. There will be 4 Sundays. The Committee is exploring with John Bizzell at Valu Market to sell beer at the park with a temporary license. Manny asked about getting the popcorn machine at Keith's Hardware.

Wine-Tasting: Jo Shipley said if it were to occur, it would be on the last Sunday, January 28, 2018. The proceeds would go to support Beechwood Park because the old commitment to the Tyler Park Master Plan would be too controversial. The drop-date to decide whether to have it or not is September. There was no theme selected. Brian offered to have a smaller committee meet at his house to discuss enabling the Wine-Tasting Event to proceed for next year.

Annual Meeting: Ken Baker said we would order pizza from Impellizzeri's Pizza. Jeff O'Brien, Louis Metro Deputy Director of Advanced Planning, will talk on updating the Comprehensive Plan including land use. Janet Dakan will send out an eblast and Rebecca Watson will help.

Winter Festival of Hope: The Winter Festival of Hope is scheduled for Sunday, December 17th around the tree planted last year. They hope to have luminary lights around the park with laser lights on the bridge. Foods and drinks are to be donated. Stephanie Callen needs up to \$400 approved to purchase luminary lights around the tree and paths. Denis Hommrich moved to approve the expenditure up to \$400 with Jo Shipley seconding the motion. The motion to approve the expenditure up to \$400 to purchase luminary lights around the tree and paths for Stephanie Callen passed.

Usage of the Tyler Park Tennis courts for July & August: Doug Thrasher stated he undertook the study to determine the use of the 6 courts in Tyler Park. A key part of the current Master Plan is the area of two existing courts to be repurposed for an improved playground and spray ground. This concept has met with some public opposition. This study seeks to do a systematic review of the actual usage of the tennis courts by randomly visiting during the day and tallied the usage of the courts as well as non-tennis court usage. 64 visits in July and 39 in August. **Highlights:** About 1 ¼ courts were observed to be occupied. The weekends had a slightly higher usage than week days. There was only one visit, August 8 (7:20pm), where all 6 courts were being used. 1 visit on August 5 at 5:45pm where 5 courts were being used. **Conclusions:** Given the data for July and August, the 6 court in Tyler Park are significantly underutilized. Donna Huttunen, who lives next to the park, questioned Doug about his statistics because she felt the courts are always being used. Doug Pett? talked to Doug about public tennis courts per capita.

Other Business: **Reforestation Grant:** Ray stated MSD was still in limbo as to whether they were going to be able to give grants this year. Ray and Katherine Moberly would start canvassing, taking orders and checks. If we did not get the grant and could not deliver the trees, we would return the checks.

Parks Committee: Joan Dubay reported Martha Berner said the bidding process for the Bridge Study and the consultant for the Tyler Park Master Plan were underway. The Tot-Lot equipment had been repaired and painted by the playground Division of Metro Parks. Ash Tree removal in the park had been worked on by Forestry. Cleanup sponsored by Olmsted Parks Conservancy and thanks to volunteers headed up by Ray's leadership had been done with the focus: the invasive area on the Windsor Place / Tyler Park Strip. Rachel Kennedy, CEO / President, resigned effectively Friday, August 18th. Joanne Weeter, with the support of Major Waltman, will continue to manage the Tyler Park Master Plan project.

Adjournment: President Kristen Millwood adjourned the TPNA Board Meeting at 7:50pm.