

Park Board Minutes  
February 4, 2019  
Park Office – Garden House  
5:30 p.m.

**Call to Order**

The minutes of February 4th, 2019 Meeting were approved. The motion for approval was made by Anita Chappiue and seconded by Todd Young.

**In New Business :**

Barb reported that a consultant came recently, from Wichita, to walk thru the zoo and give input on what we might want to do as we develop a Zoo Plan. Once we get his input, we can set our priorities which may include special special exhibits. Barb has shared all her ideas with him. March 4<sup>nd</sup> a committee of 2 park board and 2 Forpaz members will meet with him. Our reps will be Jim Hogan & Anita Chappuie- Mark Coder will be an alterna

**In Old Business**

Barb will be going to Commission on February 22<sup>nd</sup> for approval of fee increases the board approved last month:

Ride Rate Changes & Building Rental Rate Increases .She will also advise the commissioners that the park board has voted not to allow personal fireworks in the park and zoo. (Only allowing the commercial display)  
And that the board has voted to adjust the zoo's winter hours of zoo etc. ( 9-5 October 1- April 1)  
In going thru ordinances she realized she could make this changes without city approval.

The Park Event Activity Committee announced they will be meeting soon. (Committee members are :Todd Young, Alex Moore and Anita Chappuie)

**V. Staff & Committee Reports**

**1. Project Update**

- a. Bison Catch Pens – Finishing the plans. Should be completed by April.  
The plans have already been approved. Barb showed us pictures. The company we are getting them from are giving us a bison feeder
- b. The animal shelters are done. They are lined with wood for extra protection. There are more barriers to contain the bison.
- c. Playground Improvements including sidewalks have been approved.- we'll be finalizing all that.
- d. Swing set improvements- quotes have been received and we ready to order. We are waiting for funds for additional features..
- e. Barb reported that the Carousel Music Box has been repainted and new speakers have been installed. She is looking at a PA system we can use at the train and for the Easter Egg hunt.
- f. The climber airplane has been completely taken apart, repainted and put back together. It will install by the spring. The plane which is designed for for 2-5 year olds was purchased from the Dale Faler Memorial fund.
- g. Work continues on the Donkey and Tortoise Exhibit- Doug Stevie, Paul Lemon and Blankenship Electric are coordinating the effort.. The old elephant tank is being refurbished and landscaped to accommodate the inclusion of water fowl.
- h. Doug Stevie is also working at repairing retaining wall in ravine in front of bear exhibit where a deeper footing is needed.

- i. The yearly inspection and licensing of the equipment that is designated as "amusement rides" will happen soon. Barb reported that the state of Kansas has a new computerized program. She also told the board she plans to install new ties for the train and new electrical on lights for the carousel.

Other Concerns of the Board- just FYI-Todd .....go by the Bison exhibit at the library.

Upcoming & Past Activities

- a. Park Opening – April 13<sup>th</sup>
- b. Easter Egg Hunt – April 20<sup>th</sup>

The motion to adjourn was made by Todd Young and seconded by Mark Coder.

**Respectfully submitted by Barb Beurskens, Park and Zoo Director**

Approval: 3/4/19

**Chairman, Park Board**

*Jim Hogan*