

## 9/29/2014 Public Meeting and Regular Park Committee Meeting about Kickapoo Park Projects

Visitors that signed in:

Laura, John, and Andy Grant	310 N. Seminary St.
David Owens	308 W. Kickapoo
Margaret Keylir	304 N. Woodlawn
Dean and Carol Hiebert	306 N. Seminary
Esther Brown	210 N. Seminary
Orbie Olsson	308 N. Seminary
Mike and Julie James	9 Harvey Road
J. Alleberry	19316 Nottingham
Cheryl and Dave BBach	109 W. Franklin
Paul and Brook Myszka	109 N. Pintail
Jared and Brian Zachow	9364 Kenington Ct., Bloomington
Brandon James	9 Harvey Road
Kelsey and Owen Shave	309 W. Kickapoo

The meeting was called to order at 7:05. Pledge of Allegiance was taken. Roll Call had Linda Roberts and Leigh Hayes present, along with trustee Mary Goveia. Anita Kessinger was unable to attend. Visitors were acknowledged, with a brief rundown of the agenda. Update on Eagle Projects were presented as follows:

Brandon James showed the material his 5 signs he will be placing in Kickapoo Park will be made of. The categories he will be covering will be plants, animals, history of Downs, and a history of Kickapoo Indians. The signs will be 8 1/2 inches by 11 inches. Also, Brandon will be looking to put in a bike rack to hold 5 bicycles. The cost of his project will be approximately \$1,300.

Jared Zachow presented plans and an update on the covered picnic bench he is placing in McManus Park. A question was asked whether treated wood would be safe for kids to eat on. Mary said she would look into that question. Jared stated he will be starting the project in October, costing around \$500.

Dave Owens presented an overview of disc golf (similar to Frisbees), that a nine "hole" course would be about one mile, with the cost being estimated at \$7,000. There would be two T spots per hole, to make

it an 18 hole course. Environmentally, it would be minimally invasive, there are many clubs in the area that help advise running the course and tournaments that could be held.

Several questions were asked from the audience, including Margaret Keylin, Ester Brown, and Paul Myska. Questions were asked about disc golf and an understanding of the activity. Later questions dealt with expressing concern for the damage to foliage and plants in the park being stepped on and ruined.

Carol Hiebert brought up the topic of the park's business plan, and that this type of activity did not support that plan. Also, that the Park Committee was not following the plan to have quarterly public meetings to share information on Kickapoo Park. Cheryl Bach also stated concerns that the Park Committee was not sharing information prior to approvals as should be done based on this business plan. Mary Goveia indicated visitors were always welcome to Park meetings, and that since the committee had fewer responsibilities to handle now, there was not a need for monthly meetings any longer. Only five to eight are being held each year.

The bicycle path has been dropped from the Park's immediate projects, as the feeling of the organizer, Byran Stolter, was that the path was being met with negative opposition, and at this time does not want to pursue.

Other items on the agenda were not dealt with as time was running long.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35.