Bolivar Park and Recreation Board Meeting
Friday, May 15, 2015, 12:32 p.m.

Role call

☑ John Best  ☑ Ethel Mae Tennis
☐ Frank Zanaboni  ☐ Corey Rich
☑ Brad Johnson  ☐ Mike Shuler
☑ Ellis Hall  ☑ T.C. Wall

Guests Present: Kerri Douglas, Bill Jones, Norm Beyer

John Best made a motion to approve the agenda, seconded by T.C. Wall. Motion carries

New Business:

Mayor Best discussed the vote the City Alderman made to pave the park. Speed bumps removed within the next three weeks, then repaving.

Discussed the need to create a separate walking trail through the park. Jerry Hamby believes a trail made of chat could be installed for approximately $5,000.

Some of the City Aldermen are worried about the maintenance of the old pool house.

Mayor Best shared a sample of a letter to the community, sharing information about renewing the pool house and repurposing the land where the swimming pool once stood.

Old Business:

Fundraising for the Park. Kerry recommended developing a small committee of three to five to refine and develop the outline for the fundraising package.

Bran Johnson suggested putting something in place so there was a way to put “Friends of Dunnegan Park” in an estate plan. Suggested Brad Johnson as a member with fundraising experience, along with Gerald Andrews, Ethel Mae Tennis, and Kerry Douglas.
A suggestion was made to develop a charity market place for local charities to be considered for local donations. The purpose would be to make this option publicly available to people for donations.

Norm Beyer presented an update on the dog park. He developed a committee with several folks to begin planning around the dog park. He has asked for some convenient times to meet and they are identifying regular meeting times. They have looked at typical rules for a
dog park and a typical timeline for implementation. A recommendation was made for the dog park committee to be a branch of the existing 501c3.

Some land off of Broadway south has been donated for the dog park. Discussed the feasibility of this being a good place for the park.

Discussed establishing a nature trail through Dunnegan Park. A recommendation was made to establish an arbor complete with small attractive plaques briefly describing native Missouri plants. Plaques could also include a bar code that would take you to another website could share more information.

A goal was established to have the fundraising proposal for the pool park renovations ready by the next board meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 1:24 p.m.