

University Park Improvement District – Golf Course Club House
General Board Meeting minutes October 17th, 2023

The University Park Improvement District Board meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM in person and via zoom. Call to Order: Officers present were Richard Soash, James Slaymaker and Jo Ann Zahner (by zoom)

Community in person and on zoom: (In person: Richard Soash, James Slaymaker, Stanley Glaum, Ryan Dahl, Rita Cassida, John Cassida, Libby and Bob Vathauer, Gary McCabe, Laura Mendenhall, Tray and Jillyn Schmidt, Curt Friedrich, David Adkins, Don Turner, Danielle Maple, Jim D, Jim Jackson, Karla Slaymaker, Travis Gilbert, Mark Feldman, Stacey and Dave Chizek, Richard and Katelyn Biswell, Riley Perrine, Krista and John Havenstein, Kim Luna, Tracy and Gordon Sabo)

(Zoom: Jo Ann Zahner, Aly Gilbert, Edward Lotak, John Martens, Laura Soash, Laurie Brunner, Shawna Bedford, Mike and Michaela Closson)

Introductions/announcements Presentations

- **Saturday Oct 28th** Trick or Treating starting between 3-7:00 no map this year – if you have a sign from last year, please put it out and/or an indication that you would like trick or treaters.
- **Thursday Nov 23rd** Thanksgiving Day Turkey Trot 8:00 am at the clubhouse

Elections Nov 7th – Only University Park residents – including people who rent and live full time in University Park can vote in our election. You can write in anyone. Board members volunteer their time and energies. Advance voting at Riley County Office Building (see website for dates and hours)

Presentations by the five University Park Board candidates (you can vote for three). Listen to candidates and questions by zoom link.

- James Slaymaker (current board member)
- Sarah Dahl
- Tracy Sabo (write in candidate)
- Danielle (Dawn) Maple
- Jo Ann Zahner (current board member)

Previous meeting Minutes and financials are approved 3-0.

Standing committees reports:

- **Boat ramp** – Don Turner is going to work on the boat ramp this winter. It is no longer useable and is sitting up on dry land. Will move to his shop.
- **Firewise** – Per Karla Slaymaker please send your hours in your Firewise hours to kjslaymaker@gmail.com. Hours will count towards next years numbers. We are the only group in Kansas certified as a Firewise community. Per John Marten (asst fire chief for Riley County) we live in a very high risk area for wildfire and it is important to be proactive about cleaning up and trimming. Free audit is available. John said UP is always looking for volunteer firefighters (2-4 hrs a month is all it takes).

- **Golf court Maintenance** – see attached notes with agenda. Dealing with 3 noxious weeds including Old World bluestem.
Sat Dec 2nd Red Cedar X-mas harvest on golf course – free and hours go towards firewise. Coffee, hot chocolate and donuts provided!
- **Parks and Rec** – Kurt Friedrich on county Parks board. It meets 4 times a year. He will put in our request for Money towards our park. Our playground, picnic tables, trees has all been paid for with park funds over the years.
- **Sewer Update**- see Evans report attached. They are pulling out all stops to locate the best place for lagoon.
- **Sherman Township** – meets 4 times a year. Jo Ann can attend the meeting on October 18th. Another volunteer (Tracy Sabo) has offered to attend the next meetings.

New Business:

- Jo Ann Zahner request to build a shed has been approved.
- Jim Jackson request to build a house has been approved.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM