

**Raytown Park Board  
Minutes  
February 17, 2025**

**Attendance:**

**Park Board:** Dave Thurman, Rhonda Herring, Brian Morris, Jourdan Price, Brent Hugh, Angel Abercrombie, Jules Sneddon and Melina Alford.

**Staff:** Dave Turner, Jonda DeMarco, Matt Hartmann and Mary Ann McCormick

**Guests:** None

A quorum was declared present, and the meeting was called to order at 7:03 pm. The meeting was conducted over Zoom due to the weather. Dave Thurman made a motion to approve the minutes from January 13, 2025. Jules Sneddon seconded, and the motion passed.

**Reports of Officers:**

President – no report

Vice President – no report

**Reports of Standing & Special Committees:**

Personnel – no report

Finance – no report

Program – no report

Buildings & Grounds – no report

Main Street – no report

**Staff Reports:**

Director – a written report was distributed

Superintendent of Parks – a written report was distributed

Recreation – a written report was distributed

**New Business:**

1. 53<sup>rd</sup> St. Project Update – MO DNR will be on-site February 27<sup>th</sup> to inspect area for erosion control. The “Terry Copeland” sign has been delivered, staff will install. Project should be completed within the next month. Then we just have to wait for the grass to grow.
2. Sales Tax – Dave Turner will be meeting with BOA on Tuesday, February 25<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm to discuss increasing the Parks Sales Tax. We are aiming to be placed on the August 2025 ballot. We currently have a 1/8¢ sales tax which generates approx. \$327,000 for the parks and are asking for 1/4¢ sales tax with would generate approx. \$741,200 with 85/15 split after TIFF. A Sales Tax committee will be formed soon so they can start strategizing marketing the sales tax to the citizens of Raytown.
3. Creative Community Alliance – Park Board, we need your top 15 choices for the “Sculpture on the Move” for the Pocket Park. Here is the link to the Sculpture on the Move Presentation <https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1jb6N61L0kZtOlwBQaZPUPC5oLspFOsq2ZFRVqz5qkQ0/edit?usp=sharing> Please have your choices to Matt no later than March 1<sup>st</sup>.
4. Jules Sneddon made a motion to adjourn at 8:17 pm. Angel Abercrombie seconded, and the motion passed.