

Simpson Memorial Tennis Fund Committee
Meeting Minutes
February 10, 2016
Alton City Hall
Room 203
4:30 P.M.

1) Call to Order

Committee Chair Kathy Claywell called the meeting to order at 4:30 p. m.

2) Roll Call

Committee members Kathy Claywell (Chair), James Humphrey (Secretary) and Gene Ursprung present.

Also present: Mike Haynes (Alton Parks and Recreation)

3) Approval of Minutes of the Previous Meeting Gene Ursprung motioned to approve minutes. Kathy Claywell seconded.

All members voted to approve.

4) Proposal from Robert Barnhart to Use Funds James Humphrey read the following request from an e-mail from Robert Barnhart sent on February 2, 2016, "As we discussed earlier, I have authorized and executed an agreement to provide testing to determine the pavement composition and thicknesses of the courts at the Simphon Tennis Complex. Originally the cost estimate was \$2000; however, with some donated time we have found a way to do the work for only \$700. I spoke with Alton City Treasurer Cindy Roth and we need for your group to have a meeting to authorize payment for the core sample testing. "

Discussion: James Humphrey reported that he had received a statement from Cindy Roth that showed \$4,311.17 in the Fund as of the meeting.

Discussion: James Humphrey asked whether the testing was being done as part of an official City project to improve the courts and facilities at the Bud Simpson Tennis Center. James said that he felt it was important to spend money toward an official project plan.

Mike Haynes explained that the testing was done a week ago and was part of a project by McConnell and Associates to provide an estimate to refurbish the courts and facilities at the Bud Simpson Tennis Center at Gordon Moore Park. Mike believes that McConnell may deliver the proposal to the City within two weeks from today.

Discussion: Kathy Claywell asked whether the City was budgeting money for improvements to the Bud Simpson Tennis Center.

Mike Haynes explained that the City was considering including tennis court repair at the Bud Simpson Tennis Center in the PEP Grant application and considering including tennis court repair at the Bud Simpson Tennis Center in the 2016 Parks and Recreation budget plan.

Mike said that the PEP Grant and Budget were due to be finalized in early March.

Gene Ursprung made a motion to approve the disbursement of \$700 from the Simpson Memorial Tennis Fund to cover the cost of court core analysis as described by Robert Barnhart in his e-mail. James Humphrey seconded. Kathy Claywell called a vote and all three Committee members present voted to approve.

5) Budget Plans for Gordon Moore in 2016

Discussion: All members of the Committee expressed an interest in having the City apply for grants and allocate 2016 budget funds for the repair of the tennis courts at the Bud Simpson Tennis Center at Gordon Moore.

Mike Haynes explained that at Gordon Moore work on bathrooms, concession buildings, and dugouts has been identified as a priority.

Kathy Claywell explained that she knows of several local families interested in providing donations to assist with a project to repair the courts. She expressed her opinion that if the City had an official project with budget that potential, donors would be more likely to contribute to the Simpson Memorial Tennis Fund to help complete it.

6) Gordon Moore Surface Analysis

Mike Haynes said he would notify the Committee with the results of the court analysis and the project proposal from McConnell and Associates when it becomes available.

7) Review and Possible Amendments to 2016 Meeting Schedule (April 5, July 5, October 4)

James Humphrey went over the remaining schedule of meetings for the SMTF for 2016 which includes April 5, July 5, and October 4. It was decided that since the City budget for fiscal year 2016 will be complete on April 1 and a draft of a plan for repairing the Bud Simpson Tennis Center should be complete in early March, that the Committee will plan on meeting on April 5th.

8) Comments from the Public

No comments were made.

9) Adjourn

James Humphrey motioned for Adjournment. Kathy Claywell seconded. The motion to adjourn carried.