

Morrow Park future to be explored

(KAIR)--What to do with Morrow Park?

That matter will be discussed when the Atchison City Commission meets Monday.

According to a release from the City of Atchison, the discussion, pertaining to whether or not the City will retain Morrow Park as a locally taxpayer-funded and supported recreation area, comes as the City continues to work toward the on-going goal of “right-sizing” city parks. That’s due to the City currently maintaining what the release calls “an abundance of green space” said to be “about five times as much as the average community the same size as Atchison.”

The City, in conjunction with the Parks and Recreation Board, has, over the years, discussed the possibility of releasing the south side park from its ownership.

The release notes that the City has owned and maintained the park since it was donated to the City in 1963.

It served as a youth baseball field until the construction of the local sports complex. It also once housed a controversial skateboard area until that was closed by the City.

More recently, a portion of the park has been used as a community garden.

According to the release, Morrow Park’s future will only be a matter of discussion Monday, with action on the issue not expected until later in February.

Monday’s meeting will begin at 4:30 at Atchison City Hall.

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