

PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION
The Lodge Des Peres, Oak Room
June 6, 2019
6:00 P.M.

ROLL CALL

Commissioner Reeves called the meeting to order at 6 p.m.

WARD I — Julie Foshage, Duff Hufford and Margaret Amend

WARD II — Mary Duggan

WARD III — Darlene Corley, Bill Reeves and Marie Ganninger

Director of Parks & Recreation – Brian Schaffer

Alderman - Dean Fitzpatrick

EXCUSED – Rob O’Blennis

Mary Duggan

AMENDMENT OF AGENDA

Director Schaffer amended the agenda to include the following in New Business:

c. Commissioner Julie Foshage Retirement (Ward 1)

PETITIONS & COMMENTS

Welcomed the new Aldermanic Representative for Parks and Recreation, Dean Fitzpatrick.

Thank you to Duff Hufford for serving on the Parks & Recreation Commission board since 2012 and to Julie Foshage for serving on the Parks & Recreation Commission board since 2016.

Commissioner Bill Reeves reported that a friend commented on how great Des Peres Park is.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: Commissioner Hufford motioned to approve the April 4, 2019 minutes.

Commissioner Foshage seconded the motion. Those present voted as follows:

Commissioners Amend, aye; Corley, aye; Reeves, aye; Ganninger, aye.

Motion approved.

ALDERMANIC REPORT

Alderman Fitzpatrick planned to discuss the Des Peres Park Tennis Complex Project, which was discussed in Old Business.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Director Schaffer provided a handout of the Parks and Recreation Department Activities in April and May 2019. Director Schaffer highlighted main activities from the handout such as; mudjacking of slabs at the outdoor pool deck, the painting and new drain covers for the outdoor pool, new sidewalk ramps at the Lodge, the new Lodge Tuff-Shed storage garage, mulching at the Lodge and the new lighted lake fountains at Des Peres Park.

Director Schaffer announced that Samantha Hayworth accepted the Recreation Specialist position. Samantha is a recent graduate of the University of Missouri-Columbia. She completed her internship with the City of Webster Groves and has been working for the City of Brentwood for the past year. Samantha started on May 13th.

OLD BUSINESS

a) Des Peres Park Tennis Complex Update

Director Schaffer presented a slideshow of the project and reviewed the timeline. Director Schaffer reported that at the request of the Board of Alderman, Planning Design Studio (PDS) met and discussed the project budget with Vee-Jay Cement Contractors and McConnell and Associates to clarify items regarding their individual bid pricing. Based upon those discussions, both contractors have offered the City credits of 1%. If the Board of Alderman approves the changes to the budget on June 17th the contractors will proceed.

NEW BUSINESS

a) Folds of Honor Event in Des Peres Park

Director Schaffer announced that Schnucks is planning a Folds of Honor Event on Saturday, June 29th from 5 – 7 p.m. and have asked Des Peres to partner with them by hosting the event at Des Peres Park. The event would include the Clydesdales, singer John Rich from Big & Rich and representatives of the Field of Honors organization. Details are still being worked out and the final approval will rest with the Mayor & board of Aldermen.

b) Commissioner Hufford Retirement (Ward 1)

Duff Hufford (Ward 1) is retiring from the P&R Commission. Duff was recognized for his service on the board since 2012. We wish him the best of luck.

c) Commissioner Foshage Retirement (Ward 1)

Julie Foshage (Ward 1) is retiring from the P&R Commission. Julie was recognized for her service on the board since 2016. We wish her the best of luck.

UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENTS

- a) Yoga & Wine Event at The Lodge – Friday, June 7
- b) Free Concert featuring “Dance Floor Riot” in Des Peres Park – Friday, June 14
- c) Night Waves Pool Party at The Lodge – Friday, June 21
- d) Youth Fishing Derby in Des Peres Park – Saturday, June 22
- e) Great American Backyard Campout in Des Peres Park – Saturday, June 22
- f) Fall Soccer Field Lottery at The Lodge Des Peres – Thursday, June 25
- g) Folds of Honor Event in Des Peres Park – Saturday, June 29
- h) Free Concert featuring “4 & 20: A Tribute to Crosby, Stills, Nash & Young” in Des Peres Park – Friday, July 12
- i) Dive-In Movie featuring “Elf” at The Lodge Des Peres – Saturday, July 13
- j) Cardboard Catamaran Cup at The Lodge Des Peres – Sunday, July 21
- k) Next Commission Meeting – Thursday, August 1, The Lodge Des Peres, Oak Room (Election of Officers 2019-2020)
- l) Free Concert featuring “Trilogy” in Des Peres Park – Friday, August 9

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Commissioner Amend motioned to adjourn at 6:30 p.m. Commissioner Corley seconded the motion. Those present voted as follows: Commissioners Foshage, aye; Hufford, aye; Reeves, aye; Ganninger, aye. Motion approved.