

PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION
The Lodge Des Peres, Oak Room
December 2, 2021
6:00 P.M.

ROLL CALL

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

WARD I — Margaret Amend, Lawrence Reutter and William Sheridan

WARD II — Will Skowyra

WARD III — Marie Ganninger, Darlene Corley and Bill Reeves

Director of Parks & Recreation – Melissa Myers

Alderman James Osherow

EXCUSED – Mary Duggan

Timothy Callahan

AMENDMENT OF AGENDA

None

PETITIONS & COMMENTS

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: Commissioner Reeves motioned to approve the October 7, 2021 minutes. Commissioner Ganninger seconded the motion. Those present voted as follows: Commissioners Amend, aye; Reutter, aye; Sheridan, aye; Skowyra, aye; Corley, aye. Motion approved.

ALDERMANIC REPORT

Alderman Osherow had nothing to report at this time.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Director Myers asked the Commission if there were any questions regarding the weekly reports. No questions or concerns were raised.

OLD BUSINESS

a) None

NEW BUSINESS

a) Reporting

Director Myers discussed the issues with pulling reports for financials and memberships due to discrepancies with Civic Rec.

b) Park Rules – Fires in City Parks

MOTION: Commissioner Reeves motioned to approve the change to the Park Rules, Municipal Code Section 17.1, f) to read “Prohibition of open fires with the exception of park provided BBQ grills.” Commissioner Skowrya seconded the motion. Those present voted as follows: Commissioners Amend, aye; Reutter, aye; Sheridan, aye; Ganninger, aye; Corley, aye. Motion approved.

c) Winter Park Projects

Director Myers announced that the Parks Crew will have a part-time worker to help with projects for 4 weeks, such as the repair of the rotted boards at the Des Peres Park Gazebo.

d) Lodge Staffing

Director Myers reported that the Lodge is still looking for full and part time custodians. The custodian supervisor will be retiring at the end of December.

e) MPM Analysis

Director Myers announced that the Lodge will continue to use Midwest Pool Management for the indoor and outdoor pools.

COMMISSION PARK REPORTS

The commissioners reported items of concern they saw at the parks like dead trees and interest in the resurfacing of the tennis/pickle ball courts at Pioneer Park.

UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENT

- Claus and Paws – December 4, 2021
- Cookies with Claus – December 4, 2021
- Visits from Santa – December 4, 2021
- New Year’s Eve at Noon – December 31, 2021
- Healthy Resolutions Health Fair – January 8, 2022
- Mermaid Pool Party – January 28, 2022
- Park & Recreation Commission Meeting – February 3, 2022

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Commissioner Corley motioned to adjourn at 6:40 p.m. Commissioner Skowyra seconded the motion. Those present voted as follows: Commissioners Amend, aye; Reutter, aye; Sheridan, aye; Ganninger, aye; Reeves, aye. Motion approved.