

PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION

The Lodge Des Peres, Oak Room
August 3, 2023
6:00 P.M.

ROLL CALL

Commissioner Duggan called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m. with the following members present:

Commissioners:

WARD I — Lawrence Reutter, Margaret Amend and William Sheridan

WARD II — Will Skowyra and Mary Duggan

WARD III — Marie Ganninger, Darlene Corley and Bill Reeves

Staff:

Director of Parks & Recreation – Melissa Myers

Administrative Assistant – Kate Morgan

Alderman — James Osherow

Excused:

Commissioner Timothy Callahan

AMENDMENT OF AGENDA

None

PETITIONS & COMMENTS

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: Commissioner Reeves motioned to approve the June 1, 2023 minutes. Commissioner Amend seconded the motion. Those present voted as follows: Commissioners Reutter, aye; Ganninger, aye; Sheridan, aye; Corley, aye; Skowyra, aye; Duggan, aye; **Approved.**

ALDERMANIC REPORT

Alderman Osherow reported the proposed apartment buildings have been approved and are just starting the zoning and planning phase. Root 66 business was approved and the right to sell recreational marijuana will be on the November 2024 ballot to be voted on by residents.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Director Myers asked the Commission if there were any questions regarding the weekly reports. Commissioners asked if the information sent in the weekly reports could include a line graph. It was also suggested to add goals to the program reports so they can see if departments are meeting their goals.

OLD BUSINESS

- a) **Des Peres Park Playground Project**
Power Point presentation on possible layouts and equipment to be used. Commission asked for a designated area for kids under 5 since the park is going down to 1 playground.
- b.) **Sugar Creek Bridge** – CDG has advised the entire bridge needs to be replaced. The Parks crew was able to repair the existing bridge until it can be replaced.

NEW BUSINESS

- a.) **Report Review** – Attendance, Memberships & Financials
Director Myers provided reports and reviewed with the commissioners. Memberships continue to increase every month. The membership total as of the end of July is 2,699. There is a plan to do a membership promotion in the fall. Revenues for The Lodge were strong this summer and are tracking above expectations.
- b.) **Summer Concerts** – We have 1 concert remaining on August 11, 2023. Looking forward to ending the season on a high note.
- c.) **Des Peres Park Parking Lot** – The parking lot project is part of the City Hall renovation. A drawing of the proposed parking lot was given to the commissioners and taken to a vote. It was an 8-1 vote in favor of the project.

COMMISSION PARK REPORTS

Commissioners reported that there is some erosion at Des Peres Park. Sugar Creek Park will begin honeysuckle removal next week.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Commissioner Reeves motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:12 p.m. Commissioner Ganninger seconded the motion. Those present voted as follows: Commissioners Reutter, aye; Amend, aye; Sheridan, aye; Corley, aye; Skowrya, aye; Duggan, aye;