

PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION
The Lodge Des Peres, Oak Room
August 4, 2022
6:00 P.M.

ROLL CALL

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

WARD I — Margaret Amend

WARD II — Mary Duggan, Will Skowyra and Timothy Callahan

WARD III — Marie Ganninger, Darlene Corley and Bill Reeves

Director of Parks & Recreation – Melissa Myers

Alderman James Osherow

EXCUSED – Lawrence Reutter
William Sheridan

AMENDMENT OF AGENDA

None

PETITIONS & COMMENTS

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: Commissioner Amend motioned to approve the June 2, 2022 minutes.
Commissioner Reeves seconded the motion. Those present voted as follows:
Commissioners Duggan, aye; Skowyra, aye; Callahan, aye; Ganninger, 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. There were none at this time.

OLD BUSINESS

a) Des Peres Park Playground

Director Myers showed a brief presentation of the recommended vision for the new Des Peres Park playgrounds. The presentation will be displayed at the Board of Alderman work session on Monday, August 8th as well, with Jeff from Planning Design Studio in attendance. The Commission made a formal recommendation to apply for a Municipal Park Construction Grant.

Commissioner Reeves motioned to approve the recommendation to apply for a Municipal Park Construction Grant for the Des Peres Park Playgrounds. Commissioner Corley seconded the motion. Those present voted as follows: Commissioners Amend, aye; Duggan, aye; Skowyra, aye, Callahan, aye, Ganninger, aye. Motion approved.

NEW BUSINESS

a) The Lodge Shut Down Week

Director Myers discussed the The Lodge maintenance week closure dates of Monday August 8th – Sunday August 14th. Maintenance and CIP projects will be completed throughout the building.

b) Report Review – Attendance, Memberships & Financials

Director Myers provided reports and reviewed with the commissioners. Daily fees and rental revenue are showing improvement.

c) Aquatic Supervisor and Recreation Specialist

Dylan Thomas has accepted the position of Aquatics Supervisor. Dylan and his family are relocating from Ozark, MO and have set a start date of August 15th.

Haley Nichols accepted the position of Recreation Specialist. Haley is relocating from Waterloo, Iowa and started on August 1st.

COMMISSION PARK REPORTS

Commissioner Reeves appreciated the overgrowth brush clean up the park staff did at the back of Des Peres Park.

Commissioner Amend had a family event at the Pioneer Park pavilion and was impressed with the spotless condition of the pavilion/park.

UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENT

- Summer Concert – Fat Pocket – August 12, 2022
- St. Louis Metropolitan Orchestra Concert – September 4, 2022
- Dog Days of Summer – September 6, 2022
- Park & Recreation Commission Meeting – October 6, 2022

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Commissioner Amend motioned to adjourn at 6:35 p.m. Commissioner Ganninger seconded the motion. Those present voted as follows: Commissioners Duggan aye; Skowrya, aye; Callahan, aye; Corley, aye; Reeves, aye. Motion approved.