

PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION
The Lodge Des Peres, Oak Room
March 5, 2020
6:00 P.M.

ROLL CALL

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

WARD I —

WARD II — Mary Duggan and Rob O’Blennis

WARD III — Bill Reeves, Marie Ganninger and Darlene Corley
Director of Parks & Recreation – Brian Schaffer

EXCUSED – Margaret Amend
Larry Reutter
Dean Fitzpatrick

AMENDMENT OF AGENDA

None

PETITIONS & COMMENTS

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: Commissioner Duggan motioned to approve the February 6, 2020 minutes. Commissioner O’Blennis seconded the motion. Those present voted as follows: Commissioners Reeves, aye; Ganninger, aye; Corley, aye. Motion approved.

ALDERMANIC REPORT

In absence of Alderman Fitzpatrick, Director Schaffer reported that the master development plan for Colonnade Center has been approved.

The Board recently passed a resolution authorizing an Application to the Missouri Department of Conservation for a Special Permit to Allow Reduction in Deer Population in 2020 Using Professional sharpshooters and a resolution authorizing a Contract with White Buffalo for Professional Services for Reduction in Deer Population of Up to 60 Deer Using Professional Sharpshooters at a Maximum Cost of \$50,000.

An ordinance was referred to the Public Safety Commission relating to Archery Hunting of Deer on Tracts of Land Greater than Two Acres within the Des Peres City Limits.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Director Schaffer provided a handout of the Parks and Recreation Department Activities in February 2020. Director Schaffer highlighted main activities from the handout such as; a memorial bench ordered for Ken Flach (who was an Olympic Gold Tennis Champion) to put by the new tennis courts. Director Schaffer reported approval of a new Harwood Park shelter, three spray play water features at Des Peres Park, Pioneer Park & Sugar Creek Park, cedar siding repair at the Lodge and new vending machines at the Lodge and Des Peres Park. Director Schaffer reported the membership fee increase letters were mailed and the increase takes effect April 1, 2020.

Director Schaffer reported that six Lodge employees attended the Missouri Park & Recreation Annual Conference and Expo at Lodge of Four Seasons. Des Peres' Recreation Supervisor of Aquatics, Amy Boyd was awarded the Missouri Park & Recreation Association Aquatics Section Distinguished Service Award.

OLD BUSINESS

a) Des Peres Park Tennis Complex Update

Director Schaffer updated the Commission that the Des Peres Park tennis complex project should be complete by mid-April. This does not include any weather delays though so we should be conveying to the public that we anticipate the courts being available for play at the beginning of May.

NEW BUSINESS

a) Retirement of Bonds for The Lodge Des Peres

Director Schaffer announced the great news that after almost 20 years, the final bond payment to pay off the Lodge of \$1,353,593 was paid on February 20, 2020 leaving the City debt free.

b) City Hall Hazardous Material Abatement/Potential Renovations

Director Schaffer reported that City Hall will be having a hazardous material abatement on the 2nd & 3rd floors starting in August and discussed the potential renovations that may take place if approved.

UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENTS

a) Spring Dive-In Movie – Friday, March 6, The Lodge, Indoor Pool

b) Parks & Recreation Commission Meeting – Thursday, April 2, The Lodge, Oak Room

- c) Underwater Egg Hunt – Friday, April 10, The Lodge, Indoor Pool
- d) Get Hopping Egg Hunt – Saturday, April 11, Des Peres Park
- e) Yoga & Wine – Friday, April 17, The Lodge, Oak & Maple Rooms
- f) Des Peres Tennis/Pickleball Court Dedication – Thursday, May 7, Des Peres Park

ADJOURNMENT

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