

PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION
The Lodge Des Peres, Oak Room
April 4, 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

GUEST – Nikki Buechler, Recreation Superintendent

EXCUSED – Rob O’Blennis

Sean Concagh

AMENDMENT OF AGENDA

None

PETITIONS & COMMENTS

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: Commissioner Hufford motioned to approve the March 7, 2019 minutes.

Commissioner Ganninger seconded the motion. Those present voted as follows: Commissioners Foshage, aye; Duggan, aye; Corley, aye; Reeves, aye. Motion approved.

ALDERMANIC REPORT

In absence of Alderman Concagh, Director Schaffer reported that at the March Planning & Zoning Commission, the Commission recommended approval for a rezoning and preliminary subdivision at Blattner Farm. A public hearing for the rezoning has been scheduled for April 22, 2019.

Director Schaffer reported that Rosalita has applied for a permit to have a Cinco de Mayo Celebration on May 5, 2019.

Director Schaffer stated that the board was addressed requesting that they consider amending the ordinance to allow back yard chickens.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Director Schaffer provided a handout of the Parks and Recreation Department Activities in March 2019. Director Schaffer highlighted main activities from the handout such as; the outdoor pool painting, mulching around the Lodge, the upcoming Lodge storage garage and the native plant burn along the shoreline of the lake at Des Peres Park and the two small rain gardens at Harwood Park.

Director Schaffer announced that Jayne Lundstrom, Recreation Supervisor, is retiring on May 1, 2019 after 18 years of service. Jayne will be greatly missed.

OLD BUSINESS

a) Des Peres Park Tennis Complex Update

Director Schaffer provided a drawing of the Des Peres Tennis Complex project and reported that the Board of Alderman approved the plan to use a mixture of cooperative purchasing and traditional bidding for the project. We will need to go out to bid for the demolition and earthwork, after working with MSD on the storm water plan for the project. Director Schaffer also reported that 21 trees need to be removed due to construction. Signs will be posted to inform park users why the trees are being removed. A new webpage has been created to provide updates on the construction project. <http://www.desperesmo.org/1510>

b) Medicare Healthcare Fitness Plans at The Lodge

Director Schaffer provided information on the SilverSneakers program at The Lodge and reviewed membership numbers with the Commissioners. The Commission discussed the Renew Optum program and a motion was made to not offer it at the Lodge.

MOTION: Commissioner Foshage motioned to not approve the Renew Optum Program being offered at the Lodge Des Peres. Commissioner Duggan seconded the motion. Those present voted as follows: Commissioners Hufford, aye; Corley, aye; Reeves, aye; Ganninger, aye. Motion approved.

NEW BUSINESS

a) Park & Recreation Survey Results (Nikki Buechler)

Nikki Buechler, Recreation Superintendent, presented a slideshow of the results of the Des Peres Parks & Recreation Survey that was taken in January – February by 224 people, the majority being non-residents, 55+ females that actively use the Parks and the Lodge. The results were very positive.

UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENTS

- a) Next Commission Meeting – Thursday, May 2, 2019, The Lodge

ADJOURNMENT

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