

PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION
The Lodge Des Peres, Oak Room
June 1, 2023
6:00 P.M.

ROLL CALL

Commissioner Duggan called the meeting to order at 6 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 April 6, 2023 minutes. Commissioner Ganninger seconded the motion. Those present voted as follows: Commissioners Reutter, aye; Amend, aye; Sheridan, aye; Corley, aye; Skowyra, aye; Duggan, aye; **Approved.**

ALDERMANIC REPORT

Alderman Osherow reported Public Safety making an effort to drive through the parks on a more regular basis.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Director Myers asked the Commission if there were any questions regarding the weekly reports. There were none at this time. Director Myers needed commissioners to volunteer for President and Vice President. Commissioner Duggan agreed to be President and Commissioner Ganninger agreed to be Vice President.

OLD BUSINESS

a) **Des Peres Park Playground Project**

Director Myers discussed that the playground project will be in two parts. The first part is the playground equipment and the second part is the installation of the playground. The playground BID will be going out the following week and the construction RFPs are scheduled to be sent in July.

b.) **Sugar Creek Bridge** – CDG has advised the entire bridge needs to be replaced. They will be submitting a final recommendation and estimate on repairing 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 are steadily increasing every month. The membership total as of May is 2,633. Rental Revenues continue to increase monthly. The start of summer is proving to be positive for sports programs, aquatics and special events.

b) **Summer Concerts** –We have 3 sponsors for each concert. Edward Jones, Waste Management and Central Bank

c) **Pool Management** – The summer is off to a great start under Lodge management staff. We have received positive feedback that this year is better than the last year.

Upcoming Special Events:

-Summer Concerts on June 9th , July 14th and August 11th.

COMMISSION PARK REPORTS

Commissioners reported that the parks were in excellent condition. They did bring up the condition and lack of the pool furniture. Director Myers will look into getting them replaced and adding more.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Commissioner Reeves motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:26 p.m.
Commissioner Ganninger seconded the motion. Those present voted as follows: Commissioners Reutter, aye; Amend, aye; Sheridan, aye; Corley, aye; Skowyra, aye; Duggan, aye;