

PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION
The Lodge Des Peres, Activity Room
June 2, 2022
6:00 P.M.

ROLL CALL

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

WARD I — Margaret Amend, Lawrence Reutter and William Sheridan

WARD II — Mary Duggan and Will Skowyra

WARD III — Darlene Corley and Bill Reeves

Director of Parks & Recreation – Melissa Myers

EXCUSED – Timothy Callahan

Marie Ganninger

James Osherow

GUEST – Jeff Nilges from Planning Design Studio

AMENDMENT OF AGENDA

None

PETITIONS & COMMENTS

Commissioner Amend commented on how beautiful the colorful flowers are in front of the fountain.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: Commissioner Reutter motioned to approve the April 7, 2022 minutes.

Commissioner Reeves seconded the motion. Those present voted as follows:

Commissioners Amend, aye; Sheridan, aye; Duggan, aye; Skowyra, aye;

Corley, aye. Motion approved.

ALDERMANIC REPORT

None

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) None

NEW BUSINESS

- a) Summer Programming Update
Director Myers reported that camps are fully staffed and full. The lifeguard shortage has been challenging but manageable at this time.
- b) Results of the Customer Service Survey
Director Myers provided a brief overview of the survey which was mainly from members that were extremely satisfied.
- c) Report Review – Attendance, Memberships & Financials
Director Myers provided reports and reviewed with the commissioners. Memberships are rising though not as strong as pre-Covid numbers.
- d) Municipal Park Grant Commission Planning Grant
Director Myers announced the grant was awarded.
- e) Des Peres Park Playgrounds – Planning Design Studio
Jeff Nilges from Planning Design Studio gave a presentation showing the existing playgrounds and the problems they are having like surfacing and retaining wall issues. Various types of playground structures were reviewed showing structures with different levels of play, components and features. On July 1st there will be a Resident and Member event at the outdoor pool with project boards to collect resident feedback. The boards will also be displayed on July 8th at the Summer Concert. The Commission is in favor of the project and had general discussion regarding types of playgrounds, surfaces, where the band stand would go for concerts and the time frame of the project. Commissioner Reeves commented it would be very helpful to have a meeting at the park to visualize the changes. A survey was given to the Commission requesting their feedback and comments. Residents will have a chance to complete the survey as well.

COMMISSION PARK REPORTS

Commissioner Reeves reported the parks look great. He noticed the erosion problem at Des Peres Park has been taken care of and was very pleased.

UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENT

- Summer Concert, Rockin' Chair – June 10, 2022
- Youth Fishing Derby – June 25, 2022
- Campout in Des Peres Park – June 25-26, 2022
- Summer Concert, Borderline – July 8, 2022
- Cardboard Boat Race – July 17, 2022
- Park & Recreation Commission Meeting – August 4, 2022

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Commissioner Corley motioned to adjourn at 6:52 p.m. Commissioner Sheridan seconded the motion. Those present voted as follows: Commissioners Amend, aye; Reutter, aye; Duggan, aye; Skowyra, aye; Reeves, aye. Motion approved.