

PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION
The Lodge Des Peres, Oak Room
July 30, 2020
6:00 P.M.

ROLL CALL

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

WARD I — Margaret Amend and Larry Reutter

WARD II — Mary Duggan

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

EXCUSED – Dean Fitzpatrick
Rob O’Blennis

AMENDMENT OF AGENDA

None

PETITIONS & COMMENTS

Commissioner Reeves expressed that the new pickle ball and tennis courts at Des Peres Park are a Home Run!

Commissioner Reutter expressed his concern of Des Peres Lake having a problem with algae. Director Schaffer reported that the problem is being addressed with algaecide.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: Commissioner Duggan motioned to approve the March 5, 2020 minutes. Commissioner Ganninger seconded the motion. Those present voted as follows: Commissioners Amend, aye; Reutter, aye; Corley, aye; Reeves, aye. Motion approved.

ALDERMANIC REPORT

In absence of Alderman Fitzpatrick, Director Schaffer announced that the Board of Alderman meetings are available on Zoom for remote viewing.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Director Schaffer provided a handout of the Parks and Recreation Department Activities in June and July 2020. Director Schaffer highlighted main activities from the handout such as; the Des Peres Lake Boardwalk repair and the final punch list for the Des Peres Park renovation.

Director Schaffer reviewed the building closing due to COVID and the measures the staff took to manage the Lodge.

Director Schaffer reported that the continuous monthly membership charges resumed on July 1 after being suspended due to COVID. Annual memberships were extended for a total of 90 days. Attendance reports for the Lodge were also reviewed.

OLD BUSINESS

- a) None

NEW BUSINESS

- a) Park & Recreation Commission By-Law Review

Director Schaffer provided a rough draft and reviewed proposed changes with the Commission. Changes will be held for vote at the next meeting.

- b) Election of 2020-2021 Officers

- i. President
- ii. Vice President

President: Mary Duggan

MOTION: Commissioner Ganninger moved to elect Commissioner Duggan as President. Commissioner Duggan accepted the nomination. Commissioner Corley seconded the motion. Those present voted as follows: Commissioners Amend, aye; Reutter, aye; Reeves, aye. Motion approved.

Vice President: Larry Reutter

MOTION: Commissioner Reeves moved to elect Commissioner Reutter as Vice President. Commissioner Reutter accepted the nomination. Commissioner Amend seconded the motion. Those present voted as follows: Commissioners Duggan, aye; Ganninger, aye; Corley, aye. Motion approved.

c) Report of Park & Recreation COVID Operational Updates

Director Schaffer reviewed the COVID guidelines and restrictions taking place at the Lodge and Parks. As of July 31 the Lodge will go back to 25% capacity limits.

d) COVID Budgetary Impact

Director Schaffer provided reports of sales tax receipts and the budget to review with the Commissioners showing the impact COVID has made.

e) Program Fee Structure Change

Director Schaffer proposed changing the programming fee tiers from 3 tiers to 2 tiers for 2021.

Current three-tiered pricing structure:

Lodge Member

Des Peres Resident (5% more than member rate)

Non-Resident (20% more than member rate)

Proposed two-tiered pricing structure:

Lodge Member/Des Peres Resident (20% discount from non-resident rate)

Non-Resident

MOTION: Commissioner Reutter motioned to approve the change of the program fee structure from three tiers to two tiers for 2021. Commissioner Corley seconded the motion. Those present voted as follows: Commissioners Amend, aye; Duggan, aye; Ganninger, aye; Reeves, aye. Motion approved.

UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENTS

- Group Exercise Classes Resume/Tot Care Reopens – Week of August 3, 2020
- Outdoor Pool Open Weekends Only – Starting Monday, August 24, 2020
- Outdoor Pool Closes for the Season – Monday, September 7, 2020
- Dog Days of Summer (Dog Swim) – Tuesday, September 8, 2020
- Park & Recreation Commission Meeting – Thursday, October 1, 2020

ADJOURNMENT

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