

PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION
The Lodge Des Peres, Oak Room
October 1, 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

Alderman Pat Barrett

EXCUSED – Rob O’Blennis

AMENDMENT OF AGENDA

None

PETITIONS & COMMENTS

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: Commissioner Reeves motioned to approve the July 30, 2020 minutes.
Commissioner Amend seconded the motion. Those present voted as follows:
Commissioners Reutter, aye; Duggan, aye; Ganninger, aye; Corley, aye.
Motion approved.

ALDERMANIC REPORT

Alderman Barrett reported the Board of Alderman have been working on the budget for 2021 as well as dealing with the loss of revenue in 2020.

Alderman Barrett announced that St Louis County would distribute \$47 million of CARES ACT Funds on a Per Capita Basis to the Municipalities within the County to be used for eligible expenses.

Alderman Barrett reported that the real estate tax levy would not be implemented for 2020.

Alderman Barrett announced that a 5-year contract with Waste Management has been will be on the Board’s next agenda for approval.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Director Schaffer provided a handout of the Parks and Recreation Department Activities in August and September 2020. Director Schaffer highlighted main activities from the handout such as; the completion of the tennis court project at Des Peres Park, clearing of the Des Peres Park Lake algae, and installation of a new fire alarm panel at the Lodge.

Director Schaffer discussed The Lodge membership decrease, change in the hours of operation, cutting back on part-time staff, summer attendance, park fund revenue and discussed the recreation software upcoming changes.

Director Schaffer announced acceptance of a monument donation from the Friends of Ray Barrett for his role in the purchase and development of Des Peres Park.

OLD BUSINESS

- a) Park & Recreation Commission By-Laws Review

MOTION: Commissioner Reeves motioned to approve the changes to the Park & Recreation Commission By-Laws. Commissioner Corley seconded the motion. Those present voted as follows: Commissioners Amend, aye; Reutter, aye; Duggan, aye; Ganninger, aye. Motion approved.

NEW BUSINESS

- a) 2021 Park Fund Proposed Capital Budget

Director Schaffer provided memos of the Lodge operations and park maintenance proposed budgets for review.

- b) Managed Deer Hunt on MDC Property (December 2020)

Director Schaffer discussed the upcoming MDC managed deer hunt, which will only allow bow hunting. The managed hunt will take place at Phantom Forest and Bittersweet Woods.

UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENTS

- Pumpkin Glow – Saturday, October 10, 2020, Des Peres Park
- Nerf War in the Park – Sunday, November 8, 2020, Des Peres Park
- Park & Recreation Commission Meeting – Thursday, December 3, 2020
- Managed Deer Hunt Meeting (Selected Hunters Only) – Saturday, December 5, 2020

- Visits from Santa – December 12, 2020, Pre-Registration Only (Various Des Peres Residents)

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Commissioner Amend motioned to adjourn at 6:50 p.m. Commissioner Reeves seconded the motion. Those present voted as follows:
Commissioners Reutter, aye; Duggan, aye; Ganninger, aye; Corley, aye.
Motion approved.