

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
CITY OF WASHINGTON, FRANKLIN COUNTY, MISSOURI
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6, 2019**

Agenda Item #1: Call Meeting to Order – Chair Sparky Stuckenschneider called the meeting to order at 6:02 pm.

Agenda Item #2: Roll Call – Director of Parks & Recreation Wayne Dunker called roll. Those in attendance included Chair Sparky Stuckenschneider; Vice Chair Tessie Steffens; Commission Members Bob Kloeppel, Gavin Woolley, Betty Werner, Kevin Kriete & Dan as well as Council Liaison Jeff Patke & Greg Skornia.

Agenda Item #3: Pledge of Allegiance

Agenda Item #4: Approval of Minutes – Bob made a motion and Kevin seconded the motion to approve the February 6, 2019 minutes.

Agenda Item #5: Communications – None

Agenda Item #6: Parks Report –

Sculpture Park-Wayne met with Rebecca Mayer with Arts Council. Looking at places around town, mainly oak & third which is owned by LB Eckelkamp. The Arts Council is wanting to make a pitch to LB to use that lot for a sculpture park. They were hoping to meet with him by the end of February. Wayne was at a conference and hadn't had a chance to talk to her to see if that meeting occurred. Wayne spoke with Larry Pogue back in January and we are hoping to get some pieces out by Spring. We are looking to form a sub-committee to look for places to put 2-3 pieces by spring.

Pool passes- The Parks Department is in process of selling the pool passes back at the pool this year. The past few years they have been done at the office. We are moving it back to the pool this year as a convenience. Some of the past issues we have had with selling them at the pool is the equipment getting to hot, so we are looking at ways to keep the equipment cool.

River Relief- Last month we had river relief give a presentation. Wayne & Darren met with them and came to the conclusion that they would be charged \$125 for Saturday and since the pavilion doesn't get used much during the week, the Thursday & Friday would be no charge.

Gain asked why the Parks Commission didn't get to vote. Wayne stated that from what he gathered that the fees couldn't be waived without council's approval. Gavin agreed, but asked then why does the group have to come and waste their time with the presentation to the Parks commission. Wayne stated that Darren came to him and they set up a meeting with Mike & Gloria since they wanted all the fees waived. Jeff Patke stated that he couldn't speak for Darren but he believed that Darren didn't think the rental fee needed to go in affect. He thought we could deal with that in-house. The rental fee is set by the Parks Department. He said that even though it seems like you skipped over but we weren't really looking for a recommendation. We aren't going to come to the Parks Commission every time that we need a fee addressed.

Sparky asked if the commission would have voted to waive the fees, which was the direction he was leaning towards since it is a direct benefit to the parks system. If the Parks Department had to do it themselves, it would have taken a lot of time and money. Jeff stated from what he gathered from the last meeting the river relief was just giving a presentation and wasn't wanting the fees waived.

Some of the other commission members were under the impression that they were looking for the fees to be waived. Sparky asked if the commission could vote on it tonight and Tessie stated she thought it was a done deal

Wayne said that the River Relief group seemed fine with the fee. Greg Skornia stated that we don't have an ordinance that can waive fees. Jeff believed that if the park board supported it, the council could waive the fees if they wished. He stated that Darren took it upon himself to meet with them and get it figured out.

It was Sparky's understanding that if the park board felt it was a direct benefit they could vote to support waiving the fees and if it would have went before the Council, they would have taken the recommendation. Jeff agreed but they didn't feel this event need to go that far.

Dan stated that it clearly states in last month's minutes that they wanted to waive fees.

Soccer Fees- we wrapped of softball/baseball fees and council approved them on Monday. We Have a meeting on Soccer fees march 14, 2019.

Library roof bids- bids are due back tomorrow.

Main Stage Fence- We had a fieldtrip to the Fairgrounds on Feb. 26.

Plant Bids - AIB plants & mulch bids are out and due back end of month.

New Hire- Ben Schmittler started Feb 26 to replace someone we let go in December

Mowing Contract- we are renewing contract with Hillermann's for mowing.

Dan asked what the contract entailed. Chad said it includes, Main park, Eckelkamp Park are now included on top of what he had. We are adding areas for the Street Department for the Recycle Center & Landfill. We have Optimist, Riverview, McLaughlin, Krog, Riverfront, Part of the right away on Front Street. Everything we had last year for Parks, Fire & Water, but adding a few areas for the Street Department.

Software- We are in the process of getting new software so the ladies downstairs have been spending a lot of time working on that.

Shop- the guys have been doing equipment maintenance, trimming trees and a lot of snow removal

Disc golf- we had plans to work on Disc Golf but weather has not been favorable

Library Roof- Going out to bid on the Library roof soon.

Agenda Item #7: Old Business

Fee Schedule- addressed early in the Parks Report

Pool- The committee met with George from Councilman Huntsaker last week to go over the results. Wayne apologized but he was going to have to email everyone a copy because we were having printer problems.

Basically, most people want what we have now, but newer. Its wrapped up, the next phase is to move onto design. Councilman Huntsaker was not contracted to do the design, but they proposed some concepts. Wayne has been working with committee to take a field trip to see a few pools later this month using the Chambers bus. They are looking to go to Marceline, MO, they have a pool everyone likes. Wayne spoke with the person who designed that pool and since they have pools that are more in our price range and have a lot of the same features we have. He was also looking at some pools in the Kansas City area and some local ones in the St. Louis area.

The director of Eureka was working a number of what they spent. Gavin wanted to know what the time frame for that day was. Wayne was still trying to work on a schedule, but was looking for Friday, March 29, 2019.

Agenda Item #8: New Business –

Fairgrounds- walked the grounds. There was not a decision made, but we are looking for one tonight to move forward.

Proposal A- will still need a temp fence. We would possibly buy that fence and it would hook together and could be used during rentals. The renter would still be responsible to putting it up. Another option for the renters would be the plastic orange fencing that they currently use. We would need 350' for a price of \$3,600 for the fence and the plastic fence is \$400. With the plastic fence the renter would still need to drive fence posts.

Dan cassette stated that he understands the wrought iron fence is nice, but is there any way we could get a bid for just chain link on Grand Ave. There is a lot of grass in that area and the chain-link works better with the mowers and it would be cheaper since we are over budget.

Bob asked if there are other areas we can use the portable fence at. Jeff said we could possibly use it at the riverfront instead of the barricades. Chad proposes putting the temporary fence in the bid and agrees we could use it in the future.

Dan stated that the renter is still going to have to go through Dig Rite for the fairgrounds rental. Chad agreed and that is part of our agreement now. And has spoken with Mark with Emergency Management and he is fine with either fence there will have to be a parking plan put in place.

Sparky asked which method the Parks Department recommends. Wayne said either option is fine, we are looking for guidance. Each has its pros and cons. We will need to utilize the temporary fence in some other areas that we currently don't utilize it.

Tessie is not opposed to A, but wants at least 2 gates on veteran's drive that will be unlocked. Everyone agreed with that method. Wayne said yes, 6' tall except for the rock wall will be 4'.

Chad, we can do an alternative bid to see what just Chain-link on everything else besides Veterans and vice versa. Money is going to be tight. Its ultimately Councils decision. That as originally was B was proposed to stay under budget.

No trees will be lost with this fence.

Jeff, said Option B is not advantage, it has too many gates and just doesn't fit with if the fair grows. Steve mad a good point at the fieldtrip and we went out to vote and this was approved by the people, so we really have to proceed.

Tessie motions to recommends A with alternative Bids with the temporary metal fence and gates. 2nd by Gavin.

Fees for Motor Sports Arena-we were approached about a monster truck event. He wants the motor sports arena and after looking into it we realized we didn't have a fee for that area.

Wayne-we spoke about the fees with the committee earlier today. Since we don't have anything on the books for an ordinance with the fees. After some discussions, we came up with \$2000 deposit and \$2000 rental fees.

Dan asked if we had anything on the books from when the Jaycee's used it. Chad said most of their past events were donations to All Abilities and we couldn't find a solid amount from previous years. The motor sports arena building is new enough, so this is the first event to use it.

Tessie said the proposal to council is a one-time price for this event. Chad said we had further discussion about trash and electric and there may be additional fees and then after the event we will have further discussions for future. We will need to discuss the dirt since the fair is so close. The event will need to be over by midnight for the homeowner's in the area.

This event is in June, so we need to get things passed fairly quickly.

It's going to council on march 18, 2019.

Wayne said he is interested and wants to make this a reoccurring event.

Gavin asked if we would contact previous areas he has used to see what his track record was. This is why we are thinking \$200 deposit to cover issues. Tessie motioned to approve a one-time fee and go to council, betty 2nd.

Shingle Tech Final Payment- We completed the final payment for roofing Package C. Included Train & Freight Depot. Next is Library roof. Once we determine what that bid amount determines what other roofs we will move onto next.

Jeff wants to know a \$ on what we did and what we saved. We have done a fantastic job on everything.

Aquatic Facility Results- were discussed earlier in the parks report. Everyone Wayne has spoken to about the results has been amazed with our results. 500 would have been amazing let alone 1500.

Art Sculpture Sub- Committee-Wayne spoke about this earlier as well, we are looking for some places to get the sculptures out of storage and get out by spring. We are looking for volunteers. The committee has other commitments and doesn't have time. We are looking for highly visible spots but won't get torn up by lawn mowers. Some will need concrete pads poured or placed on and be secured.

Tessie wanted to know if all of them are from the same artist. She believes that we need to have variety. She just doesn't think we need to focus on one individual several times, we need diversity. These are wonderful things that have been gifted, but Larry already has a piece outside of the library. She's not saying that there isn't room but she doesn't believe we need 4-5 pieces out.

Wayne stated that we have about 15 pieces, but we are only looking for 2-3 out right now. The Arts Council is looking for other areas for the rest. The group agreed that we should have the Arts Council make a presentation.

Dan asked what the Arts Council was doing with the dead tree in the valley since it looks terrible. Chad stated that was why the tree is still there, since we were directed to leave it there for them. It has been there at least 2 years.

Larry has been the only one who has brought forward art. Tessie would like to get the word out that we are accepting of other people's art so that we have diversity. She thought the Arts Council would come before the Parks Commission and make a presentation since the artwork is going into the park.

They would like for the Arts Council to come back with a proposal instead of us coming up with a committee. Everyone agreed.

Gavin would like to get a shot out to the Parks Dept. for taking down the trees in the nasty conditions and are doing a great job of not tearing things up.

Dan wanted to know the status of the disc Golf. Chad said that we have tried but weather is not cooperating. He is a little concerned since we promised we were going to work on it this winter and now we need to get ready for ball season. Chad says we have everything ready but we just can't catch a break.

Bridge Demo-Kevin asked what the plans were for that event. Chad stated that they are having a meeting tomorrow and will no more details after that.

Chad said we had a proposed area that we have already brush hogged, but if they choose another area we might have to do some leveling.

Agenda Item #10: Next Meeting – April 3, 2019

Agenda Item #11: Adjournment – A motion was made by Commission Member Kloppel at 7:10 pm, seconded by Commission Member Kreite to adjourn. The motion was approved with a unanimous vote.

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