

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE  
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION  
CITY OF WASHINGTON, FRANKLIN COUNTY, MISSOURI  
WEDNESDAY, MAY 1, 2019**

**Agenda Item #1: Call Meeting to Order** – Vice-Chair Tessie Steffens called the meeting to order at 6:01 pm.

**Agenda Item #2: Roll Call** – Director of Parks & Recreation Wayne Dunker called roll. Those in attendance included; Vice Chair Tessie Steffens; Commission Members Bob Kloepfel, Gavin Woolley, Betty Werner, Kevin Kriete & Dan Cassette.

**Agenda Item #3: Pledge of Allegiance**

**Agenda Item #4: Approval of Minutes** – Dan made a motion and Gavin seconded the motion to approve the April 3, 2019 minutes.

**Agenda Item #5: Parks Report** –

Wayne stated last week McDonalds had a tree they wanted to donate to the parks dept. We met at Krog Park and planted the cherry tree there. This replaces a larger tree that had died.

Hiring-have 2 positions open. Ballfield & parks labor 1. Ballfield prep position is needed immediately. The other replaces a retiring person. We are down to one candidate for both positions. Picking would be slim. People aren't calling or coming back for the second interviews. We are hoping to call back the one candidate for a second interview next week.

Pool Season-opening concession stand again. We have had vending for the past two years. A resident came and met with Wayne soon after he started and gave some suggestions. Kathy Jinkerson, with Washington CAPS group is going to run the concession stand this year. They will be using our equipment but they will be doing everything else. They will manage it, hire staff and order all supplies. They will also keep all the proceeds.

John Burger contacted the City and wanted to know how he could help the Parks System. His father donated the property that is now known as Burger Park. He is in town this weekend and wants to meet on Monday.

Phoenix Park-having issues with ATV & UTV's. We are working on signage and getting the bollards fixed in hopes that it will reduce the traffic. Wayne has seen them fly by on two occasions.

**Agenda Item #6: Communications from Audience** –

**Agenda Item #7: Old Business**

Arbor Day-We had a great event for the weather we had, with around 50 people. The Conservation Department gave away free trees, there were demonstrations, hot dogs & 4 trees were planted. Jackie Miller was there and was very pleased. She purchased a Franklin County stainless steel kite and had it painted, so we did get that installed. It's on a Cedar Post that Gavin helped with. It's up higher so no one can grab it. Tessie wanted to thank everyone who helped organize and volunteer for the event. The area is beautiful!

Wayne said that Staff did spend some time there the past few weeks and installed signage, put down rock and cleaned up the trails. The city hired a new mapping person last week, so we had him develop a map for Miller-Post.

Soccer Fees-It's in the hands of the soccer board. The committee suggested a reduction in the practice fees. The fees would be \$15 & \$20 with games being \$25 & \$40. The Soccer board is concerned with them marking fields for practices. The suggestion is that the parks department would keep marking the fields from Sept to mid-November. After that it would be up to the association to get the field marked. Wayne gave them alternate locations for practices because ideally we would like to take a field out for a year to let it rest. It was also proposed that they help with maintenance since most of the other user groups do help. Wayne emailed Sarah with all of this info, but as of the meeting he still hadn't heard back from her.

Park Benches & Memorial Trees-Gavin, Dave, John Steffens & Sparky met a few weeks ago and reviewed information that other places do and what we have done previously. They had a lot of good ideas and seemed enthusiastic. Besides benches & trees possibly do other memorial items like trash cans, picnic tables & bike racks. They won't meet again until Sparky is back from vacation.

Dog Park-The dog park ground measured out the small dog area. Chad has pricing on fencing & entry sign. Things are slowly but surely moving a lot. We need to meet with the dog park group to go over all the prices.

### **Agenda Items #8: New Business**

Disc Golf-when it's not raining the Parks staff has been pouring holes. Sean with the Lions Club came out and we mapped out the fairways. Things are moving along. We have a long way to go, but getting there.

Sculpture placement-everyone should have received pictures and placement locations in your packet.

We have had them in storage for a number of years so we just want to get them out.

Colorado Wind –is going behind the pool, The Arts Council would provide the plaque and the clips and the concrete pad.

Missouri Fish-would go at the depot. Highly visible, not a lot of people walking through the bed. Larry Pogue wanted that downtown somewhere.

Chariots of Fire-Put it outside City Hall closer to Jefferson Street. It has electricity so if we found a way to plug it in we could.

Last location would have multiple pieces and dress up that drab gray wall and up high enough that no one would vandalize it.

The Arts council wanted to paint the wall, but we have leaned away from going that route because of the upkeep that would be involved with that. Tessie said Power Washing that wall would still be a good idea to clean the wall up.

After these get out, we would let the Arts council take a look at the sculpture process. Our main goal is to get them out before AIB.

Everyone on the Parks Commission is on the same page with the sculpture placement. Tessie recommends we wait to put anymore out and give others a chance.

Fence Bid-We had 2 bids, with the lowest bid going to Washington Fence Company with the base bid being \$99,400 and the alternate for the temporary fence panels being \$5600 for total of \$105,000. We will have to do a budget amended to \$100,000 that was allotted. We will have the fence panels at the shop and will then rent out the rental groups for them to install. All the fencing will be the aluminum. It will go to Council on May 6, 2019 and if approved it will be up before the Fair.

Lunch stand roof bid- The bid came back at \$30,000 and will to city council on May 6, 2019. Insurance money from 2016 is paying for this roof as well. It needs painting and some other repairs, so those will be done as well.

Other-Gavin was approached by a citizen about the trees above Tiemann & West Main. From Ronsick field to Tiemann that the trees are leaning and causing issues. Wayne was aware of those and will take a look.

Kevin brought up the Stonecrest road. With it now being open and has increased pedestrian use is there any talks about getting a playground for Phoenix Park. Dan thought that there was money in the capital sales tax for a significant playground. Wayne said someone had talked about taking the playground that we are going to replace at Main Park to Phoenix, but that got nixed because it is in such bad shape.

Wayne noted that we had some vandalism at Phoenix in the past few weeks. Some bad works were graffitied on one if not both restroom walls and the soap dispenser was kicked off. Parks Staff spent all day repainting and fixing things. Its off the beat and path so it gets more abuse. Tessie said we can't keep replacing things if the keep getting damaged.

**Agenda Item #9: Executive Session:**

**Agenda Item #10: Next Meeting – June 5, 2019**

**Agenda Item #11: Adjournment** – A motion was made by Commission Member Wooley at 6:38 pm, seconded by Commission Member Werner to adjourn. The motion was approved with a unanimous vote.

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