

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
CITY OF WASHINGTON, FRANKLIN COUNTY, MISSOURI
Wednesday, June 3, 2020**

Agenda Item #1: Call Meeting to Order –Co-Chair Sparky Stuckenschneider called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

Agenda Item #2: Roll Call – Director of Parks & Recreation Wayne Dunker called roll. Those in attendance included co-Chair Sparky Stuckenschneider. Commission Members Bob Kloeppel, Gavin Woolley, Kevin Kriete, Bob Dzurick, Debbie Toedebusch as well as Council Liaison Nick Obermark. City Administrator Darren Lamb was also in attendance.

Those not in attendance were Dan Cassette, Tessie Steffens, Betty Werner, Dave Wehmeyer and Jeff Patke.

Agenda Item #3: Pledge of Allegiance

Agenda Item #4: Approval of Minutes May 6, 2020 minutes were approved by member Kloppele and seconded by Woolley.

Agenda Item #5: Parks Report – given by Wayne Dunker

Activities included grass mowing, working on landscaping revamping and adding new beds.

Revamped, Burger & Phoenix Park sign beds and getting ready to install new sign at the Dog Park. Installed a new landscaping bed today west of the kiosk at Riverfront Park.

When it's not raining, working on Ronsick Field for the Legion league. Getting requests for tournaments at Lakeview fields.

Hauling rock to Main Park playground. Will compact it and install concrete. Contactor will come back and pour rubberized surfacing.

Still need to landscape and install sidewalks, but will not deter it from opening

Agenda Item #6: Communications from Audience – Kathy Haddox. Discussed digging the new pool deeper for a high dive. If it is not done now, you will never get the opportunity to do it later.

Agenda Item #7: Old Business –

Dog Park- it is complete! The last piece was the sign. Will landscape around the new sign soon. Grass is coming in nicely. Fencing is down, it's looking like a park. City still needs to stripe the parking lot. PW will do that in conjunction with other parking lot stripping.

Main Park Playground-Will need to pour concrete curbing and contractor will pour surfacing Did not have it fenced off, but after Memorial Day weekend, it got used so we had to fence it off.

Disc Golf-put a path up the hill from hole #8 to #9. Had to work with DNR because it was a pervious landfill. Engineering helped with that process. When we pour concrete at the Main Park playground, we will pour the t-pads for the first 9 holes. New sign was installed at the park entrance & off of Hwy

100. Signs were donated by Mr. John Burger. Wayne had a sample of the sign in a meeting earlier this year.

The design of the Disc Golf and Dog Park signs is the same plan for all park entry signs in the park system. Some of the signs will be new while the existing frames of some current signs maybe repainted black and a new sign installed in the frame. Some signs will have the City logo depending on if space is available and if the logo will be viewable from the street.

Disc Golf Donations: Lions-\$12,500 (disc baskets), Elks \$7,500 (concrete work), John Burger \$5,000 (park signage). Darren Lamb addressed the group to let them know that Lions Club is upset that their logo is not on the sign. Darren has emailed them asking for a rendering on what they would like to see, but had not heard back from them at the time of the meeting. The Lions Logo will be on each hole sign as well as the Elks & City Logo.

Dzurick noted that it might have been an assumption, because in the past the logos got put on the signs. Wayne stated that Mr. Burger did not want his name anywhere on the signs. The Lions Logo will also be on a course kiosk at the park.

Wayne sated that logos were never brought up by groups. The designer of the course approached Wayne at the Grand Opening in October 2019 regarding the signs for the holes. He said there would be room to put the individual orgs logos on the hole signs.

New Aquatic Facility-will be updates each month. Council approved going with Westport Pools for design and construction. Demo will start June 8, 2020. Asbestos and lead paint testing was done this week. Due to the timing of the contract, the Parks & Recreation Commission is seeing the presentation before the Aquatic Facility Committee.

Agenda Items #8: New Business

Pool Presentation-features and overall layout changes

Splash Pad features:

- Increased in size from the original. It will now be 666 square feet.
- 2 Jets
- 2 Waves
- 1 Luna
- 1 Heilo ball
- 6 Jet Streams
- 1 Heilo Nano

Zero depth entry features:

- 3 Aqua Arch
- 1 Dalton the Dolphin
- 1 Larry the Lobster
- 2 Pop Rocks
- 1 9' Underbrella
- 1 Large play feature featuring a slide & bucket.

Climbing wall was moved to the west side of the comp pool and the water slide was moved to west side of the plunge pool to accommodate a second water slide in the future.

The tree swing was eliminated due to bad reviews by other pools. Removing it opened up an adult swim lane.

In the evening for the lap lanes, the one diving board will need to be closed.

Shade structures were changed. They will now be a cantilever type, so there won't be poles on the pool deck, the piers will be built into the retaining wall.

There will be some street improvements on Circle Drive and new sidewalks. The hill is getting addressed and will be getting a retaining wall with flood lights for better night vision.

Some of the side streets by the pool are going to be getting new sidewalks that lead to the pool so that those neighborhoods can walk to the pool. They will meet up across from the splash pad. There will be a new sidewalk that runs from the top of the existing parking lot down the to the bottom of Circle Dr. All of the improvements are coming from the Transportation Fund.

The splash pad area will have access to bathrooms as long as the splash pad is open.

The pool pumps will be in the men's locker room side of the existing pool house.

The sun tanning area changed shape.

The plunge pool at the bottom of the slide moved west, an underwater bench was added and can be used for swimming lessons.

Two other underwater benches were added in other areas of the pool.

High Dive discussion - To accommodate a high dive, you would be removing a very popular low dive board. Insurance is not a factor. The city's insurance does not change, but the lifeguard company's premium goes up and that cost would be passed onto the city. The pool has to be dug an additional foot deeper, extra excavation is need, will need a bigger pump for the additional water, extra rebar is need as well as more concrete is needed.

Darren:

Out of the \$4 million that was allotted for the new pool from the Sales Tax, we used an owner's rep for \$250,000, leaving \$3.75 million to work with. We added the \$100,000 donation from Anita Jaeger Trust.

With all the additions/subtractions of the pool amenities and features the overall budget is now \$4,115,239.00. The additional \$115,239.00 will come from savings of other sales tax projects. This does include the additional \$8,000 to accommodate the high dive depth.

Debbie Toedebusch motioned to approve including the additional \$8,000 for the high dive with a second by Bob Dzurick.

COVID-19 Operations-Staff was operating in two crews and were working 10 hour days. Everyone is back together and back to 8 hour days.

WIB Awards and Symposium – this was Cancelled-Due to COVID, the awards were cancelled and since most of the symposium is based on the awards program the symposium was canceled.

2021's Symposium was already under contract with a city in South Carolina so AIB offered the symposium to Washington/St. Louis in 2022. The offer has been accepted.

Programs-Yard of the Month started in May. National Trail Day is June 6, Family Fitness Day is June 13 and we will be having a drive in movie at the Amphitheater on June 25.

Downtown Cleanup is scheduled for June 20 and we are looking for volunteers!

Lakeview fields-with Little League being cancelled, we have been getting a lot of rental calls and might be having some small tournaments for surrounding area teams.

Removal of East Trail Portable Restroom-May was a rough month for the toilet. It got thrown in the river and the following weekend it got flipped over.

We moved this portable restroom to the riverfront by the other one at the Water Works building.

Once the restroom gets opened, Wayne would like to see this portable restroom removed until the East trail opens back up.

Agenda Item #9: Executive Session: None

Agenda Item #10: Next Meeting – July 1, 2020.

Agenda Item #11: Adjournment – Meeting adjourned at 7:36 pm.

MINUTES SUBJECT TO PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION APPROVAL.