

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
CITY OF WASHINGTON, FRANKLIN COUNTY, MISSOURI
Wednesday, January 12, 2021**

Agenda Item #1: Call Meeting to Order –Co-Chair, Tessie Steffens, called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m.

Agenda Item #2: Roll Call – Director of Parks & Recreation Wayne Dunker called roll.

Those in attendance included:

Co-Chair Tessie Steffens

Commission Members: Gavin Woolley, Betty Werner, Bob Dzurick, Bob Kloeppel, Kevin Kriete, Danny Cassette, Debbie Tedebusch, Dave Wehmeyer

Council Liaison Jeff Patke

City Administrator Darren Lamb.

Those not in attendance:

Co-Chair, Sparky Stuckenschneider & Council Liaison Duane Reed.

Agenda Item #3: Pledge of Allegiance

Agenda Item #4: Approval of Minutes (*December 8, 2021*) a motion by Gavin Woolley with a second by Bob Kloeppel.

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

- Ronsick field is ongoing. Waiting on a schedule. Doing some side projects like the bullpen & fencing in conjunction with the project. Will be able to tell a noticeable difference in the aesthetics when completed.
- Will be pouring the first section of concrete at pavilion #3 tomorrow. Pavilions are on track to be here sometime in February. They have finished being manufactured are now at the paint shop.
- Phoenix playground is still on track to be delivered the last week of January. Staff has some site grading to do before it arrives.
- Kohmuller House Roof is currently out to bid. Once the roof is completed, the Historical Society has some repairs to fix on the inside.
- Waterworks building renovation project has started.

Agenda Item #6: Communications from Audience - None

Agenda Item #7: Old Business –

Agenda Items #8: New Business

Busch Creek Greenway presentation (*given by Darren Lamb, Sal Maniaci & John Nilges*):

- Back in 1997 someone from Administration thought it would be a good idea to put a trail down along Busch Creek.
- In 2017 the City applied for funding and have had delays ever since. The project is a Federal Transportation Grant with a 70/30 split. The city just received word within the last two weeks that the project can go out to bid.

- With being a transportation grant and not recreational, the city had to show that this is an alternative transportation connection for people to travel between parks, schools, and places of employment.
- Trailhead will be at Jefferson and 8th Street.
- Phase one of the plan is a combination of off-road sidewalks and on-road bike paths connecting to the East End of the Rotary Riverfront Trail using properties the city and school district own.
- Phase two of the plan will try and incorporate the properties that the city & school district do not own.
- Path will be painted by the Street Department and maintained by the Parks Department.
- Phase one does not include bench pads or enhancements. Those amenities can be added later.
- Washington Day Camp overview:
- Did not have Camp in 2020 due to Covid
- 2021 enrollment was capped at 57
- Hoping to go back to full enrollment of 100-130 kids in 2022

Project Updates:

- Started reducing some of the landscaping beds. This will help with maintenance. Started on the West side of Lions Lake. This now opens it up to see the lake better and is better for fishing.
- Installed three new parks signs at Crestview water tower, Eckelkamp Park & Angel of Hope.
- Currently working on bidding out equipment and plants for the spring.
- Working with John Nilges to get Lakeview trails paved.
- Still two full-time staff members short. Hired a part-time office clerk.

Agenda Item #9: Executive Session: Went into Executive Session at 5:25 pm.

Agenda Item #10: Next Meeting –February 2, 2022, at 5:30 pm

Agenda Item #11: Adjournment – Meeting adjourned at 6:45 by Debbie Toedbusch with a second by Dan Cassette.

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