

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE  
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION  
CITY OF WASHINGTON, FRANKLIN COUNTY, MISSOURI  
June 8, 2022**

**Agenda Item #1: Call Meeting to Order** – Co-Chair, Tessie Steffens, called the meeting to order at 5:30 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: Dan Cassette, Bob Dzurick, Bob Kloeppel, Kevin Kriete, Betty Werner & Council Liaison Al Behr and Jeff Patke.

Those not in attendance: Sparky Stuckenschneider, Debbie Toedebusch, Dave Wehmeyer, Gavin Woolley

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

**Agenda Item #4: Approval Minutes** – *May 11, 2022. A motion by Bob Dzurick with a second by Betty Werner.*

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

- Pool update: Opening weekend went well. The pool had a line waiting to get in on the Tuesday after Memorial Day.

Concession Stand sold \$1900 on Sunday 5/29/22

Sixteen birthday parties are booked, leaving seven remaining openings. Four pool rentals are booked, leaving eight openings. Many levels of swim lessons are booked.

We had a pump motor that went out in the kids play feature, but that has since been repaired, under warranty.

Staffing is in good shape. Robin has been keeping a good eye on it and spending a lot of time there making sure it continues.

- Pavilion update: All the concrete should be poured this week at Pavilion 3, which is across from the stage. Will then move onto Pavilion 2 then Pavilion 1.
- Waterworks Renovation: We are working side by side with the sidewalk contractor, as well as working on piping and rerouting some irrigation lines and the building's gutters.
- Byrne and Jones is coming out to doing a demonstration & training with the new field groomer with Parks staff and Post 218 at Ronsick Field.
- South Point Bark Park: The sticking gate latch that was brought up at the last meeting has been repaired.
- Staffing: We still have one Full Time open position. We have picked up three Seasonal staff members.

## **Agenda Item #6: Communications from Audience –Kurt Zuroweste and Mike Watkins**

### Pickleball Courts:

- Kurt Zuroweste spoke; he is following up on the tennis courts in the Fairgrounds. He is looking for areas that could fit Pickleball, and feels that the tennis courts in the Fairgrounds happens to be a good area. He stated there are some cracks and stuff like that need to be fixed but if configured right, four Pickleball courts could fit there. He appreciates having the Auditorium gymnasium available in the winter for Pickleball.

Mike Watkins spoke and stated he moved here 2.5 years ago and has been playing Pickleball for 9 years. The sport is growing. He thinks it would be nice to have designated Pickleball courts, as it is a growing sport for young and old. The sport of Pickleball has been around for 50 years. It started on the West Coast then filled in on the East Coast and just now filling into the Midwest region.

## **Agenda Item #7: Old Business –**

### Ronsick Ribbon Cutting:

- We had the field ribbon cutting on May 20. Everyone seems happy with the way the project turned out. A lot of thought went into the project and lots of sweat equity. Everyone (Parks staff, Post 218 reps and volunteers) pitched in, and it turned out to be a nice project. We received our field groomer and should be getting trained on how to use it soon. We have heard nothing but rave reviews.

### Hwy 100 Medians:

- Staff will be working on the medians over the next few weeks to try and get caught up.
- John Nilges, Darren Lamb, and Wayne have had discussions on how to rectify the looks of the medians. A plan was presented to the City Council on why native plants are good and how to educate the public on the benefits of native plants. The plan showed how Storm Water Funds could be used to help offset the contractor costs to maintain the medians, in addition to the traffic benefits that the medians bring. Council rejected the bid and decided not to spend any more money on making the medians look better, when most people do not understand what plants are currently in place. The Mayor has formed a Median Committee to come up with a plan to address the beautification of the medians.
- The medians cost the city around \$11,400 a year to maintain. If the Irrigation system is used, the cost is approximately \$16,000.00

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

### Lake pavilions rock columns:

- We received a donation last fall from the Lions Club for up to \$30,000. The winning bid was Patke Restoration at \$27,810. The bid was approved by City Council. The company has started the process of trying to match the columns to the rock color on the main stage building.

### Community Clean Up Day:

- We had Clean Up day on Saturday, June 12, from 8 am to noon. We met at the Post Office. The volunteers got a lot done. The volunteers help the Department and the City tremendously.

America in Bloom:

- Washington will be hosting America in Bloom on September 30, 2022. Expecting 200-250 people from all over the United States to visit Washington. The group will start at the Main Park Pavilion with food trucks and then proceed on with tours. In the evening, we will have a farm-to-table style dinner on Main Street and a happy hour at the Farmer's Market. The local banks have been very generous in donations for shirts. We will have clean-up days coming up to do things like painting and planting, including a fall clean-up day.

**Agenda Item #10: Next Meeting** – July 13, 2022, at 5:30 pm

**Agenda Item #11: Adjournment** – The meeting adjourned at 6:32 pm by Bob Dzurick and a second by Bob Kloeppel.

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