

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
CITY OF WASHINGTON, FRANKLIN COUNTY, MISSOURI
May 11, 2022**

Agenda Item #1: Call Meeting to Order – Co-Chair, Tessie Steffens, called the meeting to order at 5:28 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, Debbie Toedebusch, Dave Wehmeyer, Gavin Woolley & Council Liaison Al Behr.

Those not in attendance: Sparky Stuckenschneider, and Council Liaison Jeff Patke.

Agenda Item #3: Pledge of Allegiance

Agenda Item #4: Approval Minutes - *April 12, 2022. A motion by Gavin Woolley with a second by Bob Kloeppel*

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

- Ronsick Field Ribbon Cutting is Friday, May 20 at 5:00 pm. Post 218s first game is that night at 6:00 pm.
- The metal roof is complete at Kohmueller House.
- The rock columns for the Lions Lake Pavilions are out for bid. They are due back on May 17. Hoping for good pricing.
- Donated Pool Umbrella update. The company we ordered the umbrella from is still waiting for the material that is stuck in a port on the West Coast. It does not look like it will be ready for the opening of the pool season. The donor is aware of this and understands.

Agenda Item #6: Communications from Audience – Maureen King and Cathy Zuroweste

Fairgrounds Tennis Courts Restoration:

- Maureen King spoke and would like the City of Washington to consider the renovation of the Fairgrounds Tennis Courts. Mrs. King came before the Park Board in 2015 and at that time, she was told the courts were shut down because the cost to repair was too much. Mrs. King stated she is a spokesperson for several people and taxpayers that support this proposal and turned in a signed petition. The group would like to see courts on the west side of town for those who do not have the capability to get to the Phoenix Tennis Courts.
- Cathy Zuroweste spoke and would like to propose the renovation of the Fairgrounds Tennis Courts/Pickleball Courts. Pickleball is the fastest growing sport in the United States and across the world right now. Pickleball is for all ages. They currently have 6-year-olds up to 85-year-olds playing. Mrs. Zuroweste stated that she wants to help with the solution. Top Gun Storage Solutions would like to contribute \$1,000 towards the Fairgrounds court renovation. She also would like to reach out to other businesses and Pickleball players for donations.
- A woman, who did not state her name, stated that she home schools her children and has her 8-year-old son playing Pickleball with her; he loves it.
- The Fairgrounds pickleball/tennis renovation will be added to June's Parks Commission Agenda for discussion.

Agenda Item #7: Old Business –

Lions Lake Concrete:

- The concrete trail on Lions Lake dam is finished. Looks good, but edges still need to be backfilled.

Lakeview Trails & Phoenix Park Paving Project:

- We have completed the paving at both Lakeview and Phoenix Parks. Looks good but edges still need to be backfilled.
- The paving contractor hit the field irrigation valve at Lakeview so soccer didn't have water for field irrigation and the rose garden was damaged. Josh got everything fixed and made the rose garden look nice again.

Agenda Items #8: New Business

Ronsick Field Infield Turf Upgrade Ribbon Cutting:

- Ribbon Cutting will be next Friday, May 20 at 5:00 pm.

America in Bloom:

- Washington will be hosting America in Bloom on September 30, 2022. Expecting 250-275 people from all over the United States. They are here for one day only. We will start at the Main Park pavilion with food trucks and then proceed on with tours. In the evening, we will have a table-to-farm dinner on Main Street with a happy hour at the Farmer's Market. The local Banks have been very generous in donations. We will have clean-up days coming up to do things like painting and planting.

HWY 100 Medians Maintenance:

- John Nilges, Darren Lamb, and Wayne have had discussions on how to rectify the medians. They came up with a plan to present to City Council on why native plants are good and how to educate the public on the benefits of native plants, how Stormwater funds could be used to help offset the contractor cost to maintain the medians, in addition to the traffic benefits that the medians bring. Council rejected the bid and decided they did not want to spend any more money on making the medians look better when most people do not want them there.
- The City will be forming a committee to review options (different plants, completely removing the medians etc.). In the meantime, Parks Staff will continue to maintain them as best they can.
- 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 Item #9: Executive Session:

- Went into Executive Session at 6:05 pm.

Agenda Item #10: Next Meeting – June 8, 2022, at 5:30 pm

Agenda Item #11: Adjournment – The meeting adjourned at 6:32 pm by Debbie Toedebusch and a second by Gavin Woolley.

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