

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
CITY OF WASHINGTON, FRANKLIN COUNTY, MISSOURI
August 10, 2022**

Agenda Item #1: Call Meeting to Order – Co-Chair, Sparky Stuckenschneider, 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-Chairs: Sparky Stuckenschneider & Tessie Steffens. Commission Members: Dan Cassette, Bob Dzurick, Bob Kloeppel, Kevin Kriete, Gavin Woolley & Jeanne Miller Wood. Council Liaison's: Al Behr & Jeff Patke.

Not in attendance: Betty Werner.

Agenda Item #3: Pledge of Allegiance

Agenda Item #4: Approval Minutes – *July 13, 2022. A motion by Bob Kloeppel with a second by Bob Dzurick.*

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

- Fair is over. Staff is wrapping up things in the fairgrounds. With the rain, the grounds are a little worse for the wear. Overall, everything went well and no major issues.
- Prior to the Fair, the pavilions with the rock columns were completed. Now, staff is trying to get the grass to grow.
- Fair wrap-up meeting will be on August 24, 2022.
- Administration is working on an e-vite for the Water Works Grand Opening. It is tentatively set for August 23, 2022.
- Water Works Building turned out nice. Parks staff still need to install a bike rack and nail down parking curbs and a few other minor things before the opening.
- American in Bloom symposium will be in St. Louis/Washington on Friday, September 30, 2022. Will have around 250 people from all over the country in town. There are many things to get ready for, so you will see City staff sprucing up around town.
- The pump from the Lake Fountain is out. The company was out and did some testing, and the pump was sent to Minnesota to be looked at. This is the third time it has been out since we purchased it.

Agenda Item #6: Communications from Audience –

Agenda Item #7: Old Business –

Lions Lake Pavilions:

- Lions Club is still working on designing logos for the pavilions.

Hwy 100 Medians:

- Still a work in progress.
- There is a plan that will be going to City Council soon. Proposing to do a beta test in one of the medians to see what the public thinks.

Agenda Items #8: New Business

Riverfront Park Playground Presentation-Downtown Washington

- John Patke did the presentation.
- The Riverfront needs something for the little kids.
- Demographics: Washington has a little over 15,000 people, with about 18% being under the age of 15.
- The board is proposing a 40' x 40' train-themed playground to fit in the area. The proposed area will be in the green space between the restrooms and the trail.
- Capacity is 50-55 children for age ranges 5-12.
- Budget is \$85,000.
- Parks Department has agreed to prepare the site and build sidewalk connections.
- The quote from Nutoys for the playground and installation is \$81,073.
- The plan to pay for the playground is to reach out to civic organizations for donations. Tyler King applied for a grant via Union Pacific Railroad
- Proposing that the City purchase the playground from the Cooperative Purchasing Agreement and for Downtown Washington Inc to repay the city over a two-year period.
- Would like to start soliciting for funding in September, break ground in January, and open by April 1, 2023.
- Proposing the surface to be kitty cushion or specialized playground mulch. The main reasoning, if the area would flood, the mulch will just float away.
- A recommendation to approve the playground with the City's blessing was made by Dan Cassette, with a second by Bob Kloeppel.

Pool Financial Report:

- Commission members had a handout from the Parks Department that compared 2019, 2021, and 2022 pool seasons. The report showed pre-season sales through July 15, 2022. As of date, the numbers are down some, but it has been a hot summer and the newness may be wearing off.
- Will be also be staying open one week longer this year compared to last year
- Will have full pool report at October Commission meeting

Agenda Item #10: Next Meeting – September 14, 2022, at 5:30 pm

Agenda Item #11: Adjournment – The meeting adjourned at 6:17 pm by Bob Dzurick and a second by Gavin Woolley.

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