

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
CITY OF WASHINGTON, FRANKLIN COUNTY, MISSOURI
December 14, 2022**

Agenda Item #1: Call Meeting to Order – Co-Chair, Sparky Stuckenschneider, called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

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

Commission Members in attendance included: Co-Chair Tessie Steffens Bob Kloeppel, Kevin Kriete Jeanne Miller Wood, Betty Werner, Gavin Woolley, and Dave Wehmeyer

Council Liaison: Jeff Patke

Not in attendance: Dan Cassette, Bob Dzurick, and Al Behr (CL)

Agenda Item #3: Pledge of Allegiance

Agenda Item #4: Approval Minutes – November 9, 2022. A motion by Gavin Woolley with a second by Bob Kloeppel.

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

- Caboose has been painted. When the last coat was applied, we had some heavy dew that night and it made the paint run in spots. The contractor will come out and fix it, probably in the spring once the weather is warmer.
- Phoenix playground fence project is supposed to start on Monday. It is likely to get pushed back due to the weather.
- On the 19th, Chad and Wayne will be conducting a year-end walk-through of the soccer fields (per the lease) with the Washington Soccer Academy President and Tim Peters.
- Staff have been at Miller-Post with the forestry cutter cutting in a new trail behind the cabin. We have a list of projects there that we will be doing over the winter months.
- Had a very successful Angel of Hope Ceremony on December 6, 2022. Robin, Betty and many other volunteers work very hard to put that program on.
- Asked staff to go through facility rental fees and see if we need to update anything since they were changed in 2019. Will likely need to get the fees and charges committee together to review and then Wayne will present to the Parks Commission.

Agenda Item #6: Communications from Audience –

Agenda Item #7: Old Business –

Memorial Bench Committee:

- The Committee met this past Monday and are making good progress.
- Still waiting on concrete pad pricing from KJU.
- The goal is to have something together in January.

Agenda Items #8: New Business

Hall of Fame Nomination-Mike & Eileen Stapp

- Washington Youth Sports Association would like to nominate Mike & Eileen Stapp for 27 years and counting of service to the children of the community.
- A motion to approve the nomination was made by Gavin Woolley with a second made by Jeanne Miller Wood.

Riverfront Playground Swings:

- Downtown Washington Inc. raised more funding than the playground cost, so they were looking to add four swings for a cost of \$4,900.00. Parks Director approved the addition of swings and met with Downtown Washington, regarding location.
- The Parks Department had budgeted the rock, concrete, rebar, etc. for the project from the Parks budget for the playground. Tyler thought they would have enough funding to cover those expenses as well.
- The Optimist Club is looking at donating benches around the playground and possibly a water fountain at Optimist Park.

Highway 100 Median Maintenance:

- Darren Lamb asked the Department to bring Hwy 100 Median Maintenance back to City Council to see if they would allow maintenance of the medians to go back out to bid since this was tabled by Council back in May.
- There is a potential sponsor for a median (name has not been made public). The potential sponsor wants an estimate of what it will take to maintain a median so they can figure out if they want to sponsor one, thus the need to put this back out to bid.
- Jeff said the consensus of the Council in May was to look at doing something different in one of the four medians; to see what the public thought of the improvements.
- There is currently money in the City budget to improve one of the medians.

City Comprehensive Plan:

- The City is having a Comprehensive Plan tonight at 6 pm. Park-related items will be discussed. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Frist Parkway Median Replacement:

- Parks Department (via contractor) will be removing 11 diseased Pin Oak Trees. The project is out to bid and those are due back December 16.
- Have met with the homeowners and had a public meeting to get a plan gathered. Will be replacing the Pin Oaks with four (4) different species of trees.
- Depending on the contractor's schedule, tree removal will probably start in January.

Other:

- River is extremely low which has exposed a lot of trash.
- Lake fountain is back in St. Louis from being fixed in MN. Wayne has been in contact with the manufacturer regarding getting it back into Lions Lake.
- American Legion is moving forward with the application to host the regional tournament at Ronsick Field in 2024 and 2025 in Washington. Jeff asked Park Board, if the Parks Director could write a recommendation letter. A motion to approve a letter of recommendation was made by Tessie Steffens with a second by Betty Werner.

Agenda Item #9: Executive Session – *Went into Executive Session at 5:41 pm. Adjourned at 6:00 pm.*

Agenda Item #10: Next Meeting – January 11, 2023, at 5:30 pm

Agenda Item #11: Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned at 6:01 pm by Jeanne Miller Wood and a second Gavin Woolley.

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