

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE  
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION  
CITY OF WASHINGTON, FRANKLIN COUNTY, MISSOURI  
February 8, 2023**

**Agenda Item #1: Call Meeting to Order** – Co-Chair, Tessie Steffens, called the meeting to order at 5:34 p.m.

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

Commission Members in attendance included: Tessie Steffens Dan Cassette, Bob Dzurick, Bob Kloeppel, Kevin Kriete, Dave Wehmeyer, Betty Werner, and Gavin Woolley.

Council Liaisons: Al Behr and Jeff Patke

Not in attendance: Co-Chair, Sparky Stuckenschneider, Dan Cassette, and Jeanne Miller Wood

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

**Agenda Item #4: Approval Minutes** – January 11, 2023, by Gavin Woolley with a second by Bob Dzurick.

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

- Mike & Eileen Stapp were honored at Monday night's Council Meeting on the Hall of Fame Wall for their years of service with the Youth Sports Association.
- Wayne handed out and reviewed a Parks Project List that listed all Winter-Spring projects.

**Agenda Item #6: Communications from Audience** – None

**Agenda Item #7: Old Business** –

Memorial Bench Committee:

- Application is finalized, minus which parks cannot accept benches (will continue to work on that). Will be sending that to the Commission later this week.
- Committee will reconvene to discuss other memorial items such as picnic tables, trees, etc.
- Staff will start to contact the people on the memorial bench waitlist.

**Agenda Items #8: New Business**

East & West Rotary Riverfront Trail Connection Project - Open House:

- Thought it went well. Had a good turnout. 33 people!
- Had great comments that hadn't been thought of including moving the trail to run through the center of the park to preserve the passive park space on the east side of the park. Staff will see if they can implement this change.

Pool Visit Card Promotion 2023:

- Staff needed to get this to Council for approval; Wayne apologized to the Commission for not running this by them first but it is essential the same promotion as 2022. The Rec Coordinator also needed to get the pricing in the Program Flyer that will go in with the March water bill.

- Promotion is the same as last year. The only difference is the cards don't expire.

Midwest Pool Management Lifeguard Fee Increase:

- MPM submitted a price increase letter to the Director for a \$33,000 increase to the 2023 contract. MPM is paying all lifeguards across the St. Louis region \$15 per hour in order to be competitive in recruiting lifeguards
- Other cities in the region are cutting hours in August once the high school and college students return to school in order to help offset the increase.
- Administration does not want to raise entry fees or cut open hours. Administration has tasked staff with raising pool program fees to help offset some of the increase.
- The Commission suggested that Staff should look into shutting down one area of the pool rather than shutting down one day of the week (slowest attendance day).
- A motion that the City approve the MPM lifeguard price increase for 2023 and for Staff to do what is best to help offset the lifeguard increase. Motion made by Gavin Woolley with a second by Kevin Kriete

Other:

- Jeff wanted to thank everyone for their support of the Legion Baseball Tournament Application.

**Agenda Item #9: None**

**Agenda Item #10: Next Meeting** – March 8, 2023, at 5:30 pm

**Agenda Item #11: Adjournment** – The meeting was adjourned at 6:25 pm by Bob Dzurick with a second by Betty Werner.

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