

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

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.

In attendance: Co-Chairs Sparky Stuckenschneider and Tessie Steffens.

Commission Members: Bob Dzurick, Bob Kloeppel, Kevin Kriete, Dave Wehmeyer, Betty Werner, Jeanne Miller Wood, and Gavin Woolley.

Council Liaisons: Al Behr and Jeff Patke

Not in attendance: Dan Cassette

Agenda Item #3: Pledge of Allegiance

Agenda Item #4: Approval Minutes – February 8, 2023, by *Tessie Steffens with a second by Bob Dzurick*.

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

- Skate Park concrete is complete, and fencing is about 75% complete.
- Fair E-Pavilion asphalt removal completed by Staff. Concrete flat work was bid out and came in at \$81,875.
- Spring soccer and flag football are practicing.
- Riverfront Playground has been delivered and will be installed soon.
- Staff hiring for summer help.

Agenda Item #6: Communications from Audience – None

Agenda Item #7: Old Business –

East-West Riverfront Trail Connection Grant:

- Grant was submitted on February 23. Grant awarded in October. The public engagement meeting was great we had great comments that lead to re-routing of the connection through the center of the park.

Midwest Pool Management Lifeguard Fee Increase:

- Discussed lifeguard fee increase with the City Administrator. Did not want to close parts of the pool or specific weeks since the pool is still new. Will raise programming and rental fees approximately 10%. Will also adjust concession food stand pricing.

Agenda Items #8: New Business

Hwy 100 Median Maintenance Services Bid:

- City Council approved a one-year contract with Go Green Lawn & Landscape.
- Contractor wants to get out to the medians ASAP to start putting down pre-emergent.
- Would like to conduct a beta test on the smallest median with some new plants and new design this year. Will discuss possible options with new median contractor in a few months after her has seen the medians a few times.

Lafayette Plaza Park Update:

- The owners of The Alley no longer need the green space of the park with their current plan. As of now the park will not change.

Marijuana User Tax:

- There is a link on the city's website for information on the recreational user tax. The link describes the process of how City Council approved it to be put on the April ballot, if approved how much money could be generated and where the City plans to allocate the money.
- Council's intention (if the tax passes) is to put the funds in the General Fund and earmark it for use in the parks and communications departments.

RV Campground Site Plan – Miller Post Trail Connection:

- City Council approved the plans for an RV Campground next to the Miller Post Nature Reserve with a possible connection to the Nature Reserve.

Wayne showed the RV Campground plans on the video screen with the trail connection to Miller Post highlighted.

Other:

- Update on memorial benches. The staff have been contacting people off the wait list and waiting to hear back from them before moving forward to the next person on the list. So far, staff has contacted 19 people. Of the 19 people, 7 were not interested, 5 were interested but checking with family members and 2 have made payment. This leaves about 26 people yet to contact.
- Gavin suggested since the bench cost is substantial, that perhaps a memorial area could be incorporated into the trail at the riverfront or a memorial brick plaza at Krog, or any other park. As the funds build up, they could go towards putting a memorial bench in the parks system. *Betty noted that the city already has this concept at the Angel of Hope Garden.*
- Memorial Trees are the next topic for the Memorial Committee to discuss. Wayne needs to compile all the notes into one document and have the Committee meet to finalize.

Agenda Item #9: None

Agenda Item #10: Next Meeting – April 12, 2023, at 5:30 pm

Agenda Item #11: Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned at 6:22 pm by Bob Dzurick with a second by Gavin Woolley.

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