

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
CITY OF WASHINGTON, FRANKLIN COUNTY, MISSOURI
June 14, 2023**

Agenda Item #1: Call Meeting to Order – Sparky Stuckenschneider, called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m.

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

In attendance: Co-Chair, Sparky Stuckenschneider, Members: Bob Dzurick, Bob Kloeppel, Kevin Kriete, Betty Werner, Jeannie Miller-Wood, Dave Wehmeyer

Council Liaisons: Al Behr, Jeff Patke.

Not in attendance: Co-Chair, Tessie Steffens, and Members: Dan Cassette and Gavin Wooley.

Agenda Item #3: Pledge of Allegiance

Agenda Item #4: Approval Minutes – May 10, 2023, by *Betty Werner with a second by Bob Dzurick.*

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

- Introduction of Parks & Recreation Intern- Logan Williams. He's from New Haven and is finishing his freshman year at Mizzou. He is majoring Sports Management Tourism/ Parks Recreation. He is helping us this summer.
- Optimist Park siding project at the Skate Park is complete. The new Skate Park features have been ordered. Expected to be here in 90 days, but hopefully less.
- We have been crack-sealing lots in the Parks in conjunction with the Street Dept. The Soccer lot has been finished. Currently working on Phoenix Trail and will do football before the end of summer.
- Amy Niehaus, who heads up the Dog Park Group, brought the Parks Department a check for \$5,600. She is moving out of state in October and closed the bank account. She didn't have specific use for the money, so it could possibly be used for concrete for the new mini pavilions.
- Saturday, June 10 was Community Clean-up Day with Downtown Washington Inc. We had 73 volunteers in addition to Wayne and 2 full-time Park employees. Were able to get a lot done very quickly.
- Pool attendance has been going well. One rain date out of 18/19 days that we have been open. We are averaging 245 people a day. We are averaging more daily admissions than membership check-ins.
- Riverfront playground equipment- There were a lot of comments on Facebook regarding a play feature being dangerous. Wayne checked it out and saw how it could be an issue. After contacting the playground sales representative., the company is going to replace the feature with an interactive play feature at no cost. Parks staff will install the new feature.

Agenda Item #6: Communications from Audience – Mike Lupardus, WSA Representative for potential new soccer storage shed via a Zoom call.

- Shed needs to be rotated 90 degrees, so the doors face west (towards soccer field 3)
- Engineering and grading done by Arrow Drilling & Washington Engineering

- 6-8 trees would need to be removed, but most of them would likely be removed in the future when this area is turned into a practice field area
- WSA will be responsible for any vandalism.
- WSA will paint containers so they look more visually appealing
- No electricity planned for the structure at this time.
- Structure will serve as storage and a shelter.
- Timeline: Container #1=Fall 2023, Container #2=Fall 2024. Containers under roof =Spring 2025.
- Jeanie Miller Wood made a motion to accept the plan for the soccer storage shed, with a second by Bob Kloeppel. Vote: 6 approved, with 0 opposed.

Agenda Item #7: Old Business –

Agenda Items #8: New Business

Fair Pavilion and Pickleball Court update:

- The concrete is completed.
- The Grading is finished.
- Seed/ Straw is finished.
- Sod is coming tomorrow (*paid for by the Fair Board*) for the hillside on the South and East sides of the Pavilion. Parks Staff will be helping install it.
- Steve Sullentrup has been doing a great job making sure everything is irrigated and being watered in a timely fashion.
- Downspouts and gutters still need to be installed.
- Will paint the pickleball court lines after the fair.

Auditorium Roof and Tuckpointing update:

- Auditorium Roof Project is part of the Capital Improvement Sales Tax (CIST or ½ sales tax). The roof and tuckpointing are the first projects of many that are lumped together into various City projects.
- The Auditorium is slated to get new HVAC, roof, and possibly windows. However, the ultimate use of the building hasn't been totally decided yet so it is best to wait a bit on the HVAC and windows.
- Tim Eagan with Eagan Design Build will be the Construction Manager.

Post 218 Mid-South Regional Tournament update:

- Legion was awarded the regional bid for 2024 and 2025.
- Missed a few criteria items, but the Legion's reputation won them over.
- There will be Sponsorship Opportunities for local businesses.
- Post 218 is looking to make improvements at Ronsick over the next year.
- Will be working with Fair Board on potential parking/routing changes.

July- Parks and Rec month:

- City Council will only have 1 meeting in July, and it will be Monday, July 17th. July is Parks and Recreation month. The mayor will read a Parks & Recreation Month Proclamation at the Council Meeting and Wayne invites the Commission to the meeting to receive the Proclamation with him.

Agenda Item #9: None

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

Agenda Item #11: Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned at 6:16 pm by Bob Dzurick with a second by Kevin Kriete.

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