

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
CITY OF WASHINGTON, FRANKLIN COUNTY, MISSOURI
October 4, 2023**

Agenda Item #1: Call Meeting to Order – 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.

In attendance: Co-Chair Tessie Steffens. Members: Bob Dzurick, Bob Kloeppel, Kevin Kriete, Betty Werner, Dave Wehmeyer and Gavin Wooley.

Council Liaisons: Al Behr, Jeff Patke.

Members not in attendance: Co-Chair Sparky Stuckenschneider, and members John Freitag, and Jeannie Miller-Wood.

Agenda Item #3: Pledge of Allegiance

Agenda Item #4: Approval Minutes – September 13, by *Gavin Woolley with a second by Bob Dzurick*.

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

- Miller-Post Trail installation continues. Stockpiling compost with the help of the Street Department.
- Pickleball Court project now has 8 new backless benches and perimeter fencing. Staff is working with Dan Cassette to have light timers installed soon.
- Lions Club delivered 8 new circular logo signs for the Lake Pavilions and Dog Park Shelters.
- Dog Park Pavilion Project is underway. The piers for the small dog park shelter have been poured. Hoping to have both shelters completed by the end of the month.
- Washington In Bloom Committee just returned from the National Symposium in South Carolina. Washington won the Urban Forestry Outstanding Achievement Award Advisors and Best Overall City Award for cities with a population between 10-15,000. Deaneal McAfoos was also nominated for Person of the Year but didn't win.

Agenda Item #6: Communications from Audience – None

Agenda Item #7: Old Business – None

Agenda Items #8: New Business

Optimist Park Ribbon Cutting – October 4:

- Thank you for attending.

Lafayette Plaza Park Work:

- With the sidewalk/street project happening on 2nd Street, Wayne inquired about replacing the old sidewalk in the park. Staff has wanted to do some repairs to the park for a while and with the street/sidewalk project happening in front of the park now seems like the right time. Tasks that will be completed -grade out hump on east side of park, remove old sidewalk, remove old pavilion pad & bench pads, remove tree (not in great health & under a new utility pole), remove tree stump and

then add new sidewalk, pavilion pad & bench pads, and install new trees. KJU said that if we replaced the park sidewalk they could stamp the walk and front curb for no cost if they were allowed to put their KJU logo stamp in the concrete by the pavilion, which Wayne agreed to do.

- Wayne is working with the Garden Club on plant replacement along the front sidewalk. 1.5 feet of the garden & plants has to be removed in order to set the front sidewalk concrete forms.

Memorial Tree Program:

- Wayne met with Washington Monument and staff came up with a rough draft document for the program. A memorial tree would be \$500. A 30-40 lb. engraved memorial rock can purchased separately from the tree, directly from Washington Monument Co. for an additional \$200. Parks staff would install the rock.

Pool Report:

- Gave Committee a handout of the pool revenue. Expenses will be given in November.
- Splashpad floor tiles are on order, was on a 6-week backorder. Due to weather, will probably not be installed until the Spring.

Other:

- Wayne has not heard anything regarding the Riverfront Trail Connection Grant yet. If we get the grant, the project probably won't start until Fall 2024.
- Planted a seed with the Lions Club regarding renovation the Flag Plaza at Riverfront Park.
- The old Sand Plant Gravel Lot and Boat Trailer parking lots will be paved this Fiscal Year.
- Discussion of whether a potential Amphitheater was ever going to happen at the Riverfront, south of the gravel lot. Jeff & Al stated that inflation has taken a hit on what money is available to finish the projects that were promised in the current Capital Improvement Sales Tax fund.

Agenda Item #9: None

Agenda Item #10: Next Meeting – November 8

Agenda Item #11: Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned at 6:05 p.m. by Bob Dzurick with a second by Bob Kloeppel.

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