

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE  
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION  
CITY OF WASHINGTON, FRANKLIN COUNTY, MISSOURI  
December 13, 2023**

**Agenda Item #1: Call Meeting to Order** – 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-Chair Sparky Stuckenschneider. Members: Bob Dzurick, John Freitag, Bob Kloeppel, Kevin Kriete, Jeanne Miller Wood, Betty Werner, Gavin Wooley, and Council Liaisons Jeff Patke and Al Behr.

Members not in attendance: Co-Chair Tessie Steffens and Dave Wehmeyer.

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

**Agenda Item #4: Approval Minutes** – November 8 minutes by John Freitag with a second by Betty Werner.

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

- Staff have been doing lots of smaller tasks that have been put off during the summer months. Had a crew at City Hall fixing the foundation fixing a foundation leak.
- Auditorium foam roof project has been completed. The brickwork project is almost complete, there were several bricks that had the faces coming off, so those are getting addressed.
- Crews spread 30 tandem loads of compost on the new Miller-Post trails. More work will continue throughout the winter.
- The Lafayette Plaza project is still at a standstill. The contractor is hoping to get back to project in the next few weeks.
- All memorial park benches have been installed.
- Lions Lake fountain stopped working again. It is in St. Louis at the company that it was purchased from and they are working with the manufacturer to get another resolution.
- The Angel of Hope Ceremony on December 6 was very well attended in person and online (approximately 270 people attended in person).
- The City is working on streamlining its communication with the public, with that said, the City has multiple Facebook pages that will be reduced down to one or two pages. More information on a new app and website to come.
- Met with Sarah from Washington Soccer Academy last week to review the 2023 season – nothing new to report.

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

**Agenda Item #7: Old Business**

- **Dog Park Ribbon Cutting:**
  - Wayne wanted to thank everyone who attended. We have received several phone calls with compliments since the event

- **Plastic Bag Recycling:**

- We have received three boxes. One box is at the Library and the second box is at City Hall.
- Discussion took place on where to place the third box. John Freitag offered to put the box in the lobby at First State Community Bank.

## **Agenda Items #8: New Business**

### **20 Visit Pool Card Promotion – Discussion:**

- Staff would like to start selling pool cards as possible Christmas gifts.
- The discount will be different this year (staying in trend with other pools) with the discount being the greatest now. We are hoping this alleviates some of the disgruntle customers at the pool.
  - Cards will be \$85 from December 14, 2023 - February 29, 2024
  - Cards will be \$90 from March 1, 2024 – April 30, 2024
  - Starting May 1, 2024, cards will be \$100 till the end of the season.
- A motion to approve the discount was made by Betty Werner, with a second by Jeannie Miller-Wood.

### **Riverfront East & West Trail Connection Grant:**

- Very happy to announce that we have received the grant.
  - There were 30 applications with funding requests of \$5.8 million dollars.
  - We are 1 of 7 applicants that were awarded the \$250,000 grant.
  - Grant must be completed by October 31, 2026.
- Staff will begin working on the RFQ for plans and getting the NEPA (National Environmental Policy Act) started.

### **Miller-Post Nature Reserve Pavilion/Shelter Donation:**

- The Miller-Post Nature Reserve Advisory Committee recently had a meeting. Jackie Miller-Huber is now on the Committee and has been very involved.
  - Jackie has been the middle person between the Board and Mark Tobben who donated \$25,000 for use at the property.
  - Jackie approached Mark about using the remaining funds towards a shelter
    - Wayne will be reaching out to Four Rivers Career Center Students (they built the shelter at the Police shooting range in 2019) to see if they are interested in constructing the shelter

### **Memorial Tree Application:**

- Staff will be calling the people on the waitlist soon
  - Will be doing a special planting in March to get the program kicked off.
  - Normal planting will take place annually in the fall.
  - Tree cost is \$500. Customer can purchase an engraved rock on their own from Washington Monument Co. for \$200.

## **Agenda Item #9: Executive Session: None**

## **Agenda Item #10: Next Meeting – January 10, 2024**

## **Agenda Item #11: Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned at 6:20 p.m. by Bob Kloeppel with a second by Gavin Woolley.**

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