

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE  
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION  
CITY OF WASHINGTON, FRANKLIN COUNTY, MISSOURI  
February 14, 2024**

**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-Chairs Sparky Stuckenschneider and Tessie Steffens. Members: Bob Kloeppel, Gavin Wooley, Kevin Kreite, and Council Liaison Al Behr.

Not in attendance: Bob Dzurick, Jeanne Miller-Wood, Dave Wehmeyer, Betty Werner, and Council Liaison Jeff Patke.

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

**Agenda Item #4: Approval Minutes** – January 10 minutes by Gavin Wooley with a second by Tessie Steffens.

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

- Daddy/Daughter Dance was last Friday night and had a great turnout.
- Lafayette Plaza Park project is continuing. Will be meeting with the Garden Club to get the plant design finalized. Concrete should be sealed soon.
- Riverfront Trail Connection Design RFQ is out.
- Memorial Tree spring deadline is this week. We have sold three trees so far.
- Tree trimming crew have been out in the parks.
- Working on parking lot site grading at the old Sand Plant rock lot before it gets paved.
- Pool building maintenance starting
- The Steriger Avenue project has been progressing with concrete work from the Street Department.
- Have been conducting interviews for full-time positions. Have ads out for seasonal employees. Our intern from last summer, Logan Williams, will be returning this summer.
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**Agenda Item #6: Communications from Audience** – None

**Agenda Item #7: Old Business**

- **Plastic Bag recycling - Update:**
  - Have collected around 870 lbs. to date
  - Has become very overwhelming for staff to keep up on.
- **Park Master Plan - Update**
  - Received 8 RFQs from firms. A selection committee has been formed and consists of Darren Lamb, Sal Maniaci, Mayor Hagedorn, Sparky Stuckenschneider, Al Behr, Jeff Patke, and Wayne Dunker.
  - Will have a meeting next week to figure out next step.
  - Would like to take the design contract to Council on March 18.

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

### **Park Rental Fees Review:**

- Park fee proposal was presented. Pickleball, Pavilion Riverfront Playground & Motor Sports Arena revised or new fees.
- A motion to approve the recommendations of adding the new fees was made by Gavin Woolley with a second by Kevin Kriete.

### **Arbor Day/Earth Day 2024:**

- Have been working with Dave Wehmeyer and Josh Wargo to get the event planned.
- Hoping to have a Callery Pear Buy Back Program in conjunction with Arbor Day.
- Will be using funds from the Bernie Hillermann Memorial Donation Fund to purchase the trees and then give them away

### **Pool Management & Operations RFP**

- The RFPs are due tomorrow, February 15. A few out-of-state companies and our previous contractor has shown interest.

### **Other:**

- Lake fountain is at the Pump Shop in St. Louis being repaired. The shop tore it apart and determined that the wiring didn't have enough insulation. The fountain is out of warranty so are waiting to hear back on the final price to get it fixed.
- West Riverfront Trail should be open soon. Corps of Engineers have a few days left of laying the rock and then the trail can be reopened.
- Pool passes are still on sale for \$85, until the end of the month.

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

## **Agenda Item #10: Next Meeting – March 13, 2024**

**Agenda Item #11: Adjournment** – The meeting was adjourned at 6:01 p.m. by Gavin Wooley with a second by Bob Kloeppel.

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