

**PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION**  
The Lodge Des Peres, Activity Room  
January 2, 2020  
6:00 P.M.

**ROLL CALL**

Commissioner Reeves called the meeting to order at 6 p.m.

**WARD I** — Margaret Amend and Larry Reutter

**WARD II** — Mary Duggan and Rob O’Blennis

**WARD III** — Bill Reeves, Marie Ganninger and Darlene Corley

Director of Parks & Recreation – Brian Schaffer

**EXCUSED** – Dean Fitzpatrick

**AMENDMENT OF AGENDA**

None

**PETITIONS & COMMENTS**

Commissioner Amend inquired if there has been any feedback on the tennis courts or Lodge rate increases at which Director Schaffer reported none at this time since construction is still underway and the fees will not increase until the spring.

Commissioner Reeves was impressed with the West County Center Fountain holiday décor.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**MOTION:** Commissioner Amend motioned to approve the November 7, 2019 minutes. Commissioner Corley seconded the motion. Those present voted as follows: Commissioners Reutter, aye; Duggan, aye; O’Blennis, aye; Reeves, aye; Ganninger, aye. Motion approved.

**ALDERMANIC REPORT**

In absence of Alderman Fitzpatrick, Director Schaffer reported that the 2020 budget was approved.

Director Schaffer stated that the Board of Alderman are still reviewing renovations to Colonnade Center and awaiting a traffic study.

Director Schaffer stated that the Board of Alderman is weighing allowing the Department of Conservation to conduct a managed deer hunt in Bittersweet Woods and Phantom Forest next fall.

### **DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Director Schaffer provided a handout of the Parks and Recreation Department Activities in November and December 2019. Director Schaffer highlighted main activities from the handout such as; the Lodge fee changes to take place in the spring, changes to the Summer Concert Series to incorporate the Folds of Honor Charity into the June Concert, repairs at the Bake House, the upgraded digital marketing at the Lodge and the results of the MPRA Park Maintenance Rodeo.

Director Schaffer provided a summary of 2019 admissions and memberships and reviewed with the Commission.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

#### **a) Des Peres Park Tennis Complex Update**

Director Schaffer updated the Commission on the Des Peres Park Tennis Complex progress such as; the eastern tennis courts (3) and pickleball courts (3) were poured on Monday, December 23. A ground water issue was resolved in the northwestern corner of the courts (nearest City Hall) and Vee-Jay Cement Contractors will be pouring concrete on the western tennis courts and shuffleboard courts on Friday, January 3.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **a) 2020 Park & Recreation Capital Items**

Director Schaffer provided a report and reviewed the 2020 approved Capital Items for City Hall, Parks & the Lodge.

### **UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENTS**

- a) Healthy Resolutions Health Fair – Saturday, January 11
- b) Next Commission Meeting – Thursday, February 6, The Lodge, Oak Room

### **ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION:** Commissioner Reutter motioned to adjourn at 6:45 p.m. Commissioner O'Blennis seconded the motion. Those present voted as follows: Commissioners Amend, aye; Duggan, aye; Reeves, aye; Ganninger, aye; Corley, aye. Motion approved.