

PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION
The Lodge Des Peres, Oak Room
April 5, 2018
6:00 P.M.

ROLL CALL

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

WARD I — Duff Hufford, Margaret Amend and Julie Foshage

WARD II — Andrew Theising

WARD III — Bill Reeves, Marie Ganninger and Darlene Corley

Director of Parks & Recreation – Brian Schaffer

Alderman – Mark Becker

EXCUSED – Mary Duggan
Rob O’Blennis

AMENDMENT OF AGENDA

None

PETITIONS & COMMENTS

Commissioner Margaret Amend commented that she attended the Easter Egg Hunt for 3-6 year olds at Des Peres Park and loved it! She reported everyone was having such a great time.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: Commissioner Reeves motioned to approve the February 2018 minutes. Commissioner Ganninger seconded the motion. Those present voted as follows: Commissioners Hufford, aye; Amend, aye; Foshage, aye; Theising, aye; Corley, aye. Motion approved.

ALDERMANIC REPORT

Alderman Becker announced that he will be meeting with President of St. Luke’s Hospital on their thoughts for the Des Peres Hospital name change to St Luke’s Des Peres Hospital.

Alderman Becker reported that McDonalds and Panera have submitted plans to redo their building exteriors and drive thru lanes.

Alderman Becker commented that we will be looking at grant opportunities for making Manchester Road improvements on the eastern edge of town.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Director Schaffer provided a handout of the Parks and Recreation Department Activities in February and March 2018. Director Schaffer highlighted main activities from the handout such as; the outdoor pool splash pad resurfacing product decision, the Lodge flat roof drain leaks and getting quotes for repair, the filling of the West County Center Fountain for leak detection and that the annual baseball/softball field lottery was held on February 20th.

Director Schaffer reported that new blinds were installed in the activity room, 3 Life Fitness spinning bikes are being replaced by the manufacturer, that new meeting room speakers were installed and about issues with staining of the new meeting room chairs upholstery.

Director Schaffer announced that he has been elected to a 3-year term as President Elect, President and Immediate Past President of the MPRA and his term will begin in June 2018. Also, the City Administrator, Doug Harms, was awarded a Citation Award from MPRA for his involvement in arranging for the Executive Director of the MPIR to be housed as an employee of the City of Des Peres for the past 20 years.

Director Schaffer updated the commission on the street tree inventory and on the Bittersweet Woods trail, parking lot and sign.

Director Schaffer announced that the Underwater Egg Hunt held at the Lodge (sold out) and the Egg Hunt at Des Peres Park were a great success.

OLD BUSINESS

a) Proposition L – April 3 Results

Director Schaffer announced that Proposition L passed with an 86.45% approval and that beginning in 2020 the bonds for The Lodge will be paid off, which will free up some money to invest in our park and recreation facilities.

NEW BUSINESS

b) None

UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENTS

- a. Spring Dive-In Movie featuring Despicable Me 3 – Friday, April 20
- b. Next Commission Meeting – Thursday, May 3, 2018, Activity Room
- c. Monster Machines at Des Peres Park – Saturday, May 5

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Commissioner Corley motioned to adjourn at 6:34 p.m. Commissioner Hufford seconded the motion. Those present voted as follows: Commissioners Amend, aye; Foshage, aye; Theising, aye; Reeves, aye; Ganninger, aye. Motion approved.