

PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION
The Lodge Des Peres, Activity Room
August 2, 2018
6:00 P.M.

ROLL CALL

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

WARD I —Margaret Amend and Duff Hufford

WARD II — Mary Duggan and Rob O’Blennis

WARD III —Marie Ganninger and Darlene Corley

Director of Parks & Recreation – Brian Schaffer

Alderman – Sean Concagh

Guest – Nikki Buechler, Recreation Superintendent

EXCUSED – Julie Foshage
Bill Reeves

AMENDMENT OF AGENDA

None

PETITIONS & COMMENTS

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: Commissioner Amend motioned to approve the June 2018 minutes.
Commissioner Hufford seconded the motion. Those present voted as follows:
Commissioners Duggan, aye; O’Blennis, aye; Ganninger, aye; Corley, aye.
Motion approved.

ALDERMANIC REPORT

Alderman Concagh announced a pending approval for the Village Bar to have a boutique distillery.

Alderman Concagh reported inquiries have been made regarding a microbrewery at West County Center.

Alderman Concagh reported that the chain link fence installed at 12384 Ironstone is not permitted under the new zoning code. Since it was approved originally it has to come down at the expense of Des Peres.

Alderman Concagh reported that a letter to staff requesting a transfer of the Conditional Use Permit from Elephant Bar to Copia Wine Bar has been received and is pending the submittal of a site plan. It should be open by the holidays.

Alderman Concagh reported that Chief Krumm, Chief of Police, is retiring effective September 30, 2018.

Alderman Concagh reported that Sgt. Millberg has announced his retirement.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Director Schaffer provided a handout of the Parks and Recreation Department Activities in June and July 2018. Director Schaffer highlighted main activities from the handout such as; the outdoor pool chemical feeder issues and the soccer field lottery.

Director Schaffer reported the summer attendance at The Lodge as of July 15th has been higher than the last two summers.

Director Schaffer reported that Jay Clark has been named Acting Park Superintendent while Steve Braddock is on sick leave for 4-6 weeks.

Director Schaffer reported the June and July special events were successful such as; the Youth Fishing Derby, the Great American Backyard Campout, the July 13 Summer Concert featuring Butch Wax and the Hollywoods, the Dive-in Movie and the Cardboard Catamaran Cup!

OLD BUSINESS

a) Full-Time Staff Photo Directory

Director Schaffer provided a full-time staff photo directory with an organizational chart on the reverse side for the Commissioners.

NEW BUSINESS

a) Lodge Admission Fee Structure & Membership Changes

I. Proposal to Change from Age/Residency Based to Residency Based

MOTION: Commissioner O'Blennis motioned to approve the fee change to a residency-based structure based on the current Resident Youth rate and Non-Resident Adult rate and eliminate the Resident Family Daily Admission Fee. Commissioner Hufford seconded the motion. Those present voted as follows: Commissioners Amend, aye; Duggan, aye; Ganninger, aye; Corley, aye. Motion approved.

II. Nanny Pass/Au Pair Pass

MOTION: Commissioner Duggan motioned to approve the increase of the pass from \$50 to \$100 annually. Commissioner O'Blennis seconded the motion. Those present voted as follows: Commissioners Amend, aye; Hufford, aye; Ganninger, aye; Corley, aye. Motion approved.

III. College Student Summer Pass

MOTION: Commissioner Hufford motioned to approve the change in fees from \$115 to \$125 for Des Peres residents and \$145 to \$160 for non-residents. Commissioner Corley seconded the motion. Those present voted as follows: Commissioners Amend, aye; Duggan, aye; O'Blennis, aye, Ganninger, aye. Motion approved.

b) Youth Fitness Orientation

Guest Nikki Buechler, Recreation Superintendent, presented the Commission with details of the Youth Fitness Orientation. Recently there was a member complaint about having to purchase a Youth Fitness Orientation session in order to allow the member's child to access the fitness center. Details of the advertised program, current pricing reasoning and history, posting of the Fitness Center age requirements, and comparisons to other St. Louis Fitness Centers were considered and discussed at length by the Commission. The Commission didn't believe any changes to the policy or program were needed and no action was taken.

c) August Project Schedule

Director Schaffer provided a timeline of the August shutdown for annual maintenance and new fitness equipment and reviewed with the P&R Commission.

UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENTS

- a) Free Concert in the Park (Midnight Piano Band) – Friday, August 10, Des Peres Park
- b) Outdoor Pool Closed for the Season – Monday, September 3
- c) Dog Days of Summer Event – Tuesday, September 4, 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.
- d) Next Commission Meeting – Thursday, September 6, 2018, Activity Room (Selection of Commission President & Vice President – Group Photo)

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Commissioner Hufford motioned to adjourn at 7 p.m. Commissioner Duggan seconded the motion. Those present voted as follows: Commissioners Amend, aye; O'Blennis, aye; Ganninger, aye; Corley, aye. Motion approved.