

PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION
The Lodge Des Peres, Activity Room
August 5, 2021
6:00 P.M.

ROLL CALL

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

WARD I — Margaret Amend and Larry Reutter

WARD II —

WARD III — Marie Ganninger, Darlene Corley and Bill Reeves
Director of Parks & Recreation – Melissa Myers

EXCUSED – Rob O’Blennis
Mary Duggan

AMENDMENT OF AGENDA

Director Myers amended the agenda to include the following in New Business:

f. Park Inspections

PETITIONS & COMMENTS

Commissioner Amend commented on how beautiful the flowers around the Lodge property are.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: Commissioner Reeves motioned to approve the June 3, 2021 minutes.
Commissioner Amend seconded the motion. Those present voted as follows:
Commissioners Reutter, aye; Ganninger, aye; Corley, aye. Motion approved.

ALDERMANIC REPORT

None

DIRECTOR’S REPORT

Director Myers asked if there were any questions or comments regarding the Director’s Reports that she e-mails to the Commissioners weekly. The re-organizational chart was requested by Commissioner Amend and will be provided to the Commissioners after the next Board of Alderman meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

a) None

NEW BUSINESS

a) Facility Operations Update – St. Louis County Health Department Guidelines

Director Myers stated that the CDC guidelines are being followed with signage strongly recommending masks with or without vaccination.

b) Park Fund Performance – YTD Financials

Director Myers provided a summary and breakdown of financials through the end of July and reviewed with the Commissioners. Attention was brought to the sports revenue being at 158.31%.

c) Membership Updates

Director Myers presented a report showing all membership types with non-resident and resident totals thru August 1st.

d) Memorial Trees – Existing Tree Adoption

Director Myers notified the Commissioners that talks are ongoing regarding additional options to the tree donation program like the adoption of existing trees. Proposed recommendations will be discussed at the October meeting.

e) Review of Weekly Report Format

Director Myers reviewed the current format of the weekly reports sent via e-mail. The Commissioners expressed they are pleased getting the weekly report sent to them so they can keep up to date as things happen. They also would like to see a memo for each department at the Commission meetings showing what the staff are working on and what has been accomplished rather than what repetitive tasks they do on a weekly basis.

f) Park Inspections

Director Myers asked the Commissioners if they would like to be assigned to a park that they can help with targeting issues that need to be addressed. The Commissioners were pleased with this idea and happy to help. Director Myers reported repairs being done at Des Peres Park playgrounds like the surface patching and the replacement of a playground bench on the 5-12 year old playground, as well as, the replaced stairs on the 3-5 year old playground.

UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENT

- Summer Concert Series - August 12th
- Dog Days of Summer – September 7th
- Park & Recreation Commission Meeting – October 7, 2021

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Commissioner Corley motioned to adjourn at 6:37 p.m. Commissioner Amend seconded the motion. Those present voted as follows:
Commissioners Reutter, aye; Ganninger, aye; Reeves, aye. Motion approved.