

PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION
The Lodge Des Peres, Oak Room
February 6, 2020
6:00 P.M.

ROLL CALL

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

WARD I — Larry Reutter

WARD II — Mary Duggan

WARD III — Bill Reeves, Marie Ganninger and Darlene Corley

Director of Parks & Recreation – Brian Schaffer

Alderman - Dean Fitzpatrick

EXCUSED – Margaret Amend
Rob O’Blennis

AMENDMENT OF AGENDA

Director Schaffer amended the agenda to include the following in Old Business:

b. Increase in Membership Fees at the Lodge

PETITIONS & COMMENTS

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: Commissioner Duggan motioned to approve the January 2, 2020 minutes.

Commissioner Reutter seconded the motion. Those present voted as follows:

Commissioners Reeves, aye; Ganninger, aye; Corley, aye. Motion approved.

ALDERMANIC REPORT

Alderman Fitzpatrick reported the Board of Alderman is still reviewing renovations to Colonnade Center.

Alderman Fitzpatrick reported that the Board of Alderman approved an application to the Department of Conservation for a managed deer hunt in Bittersweet Woods and Phantom Forest this fall.

DIRECTOR’S REPORT

Director Schaffer provided a handout of the Parks and Recreation Department Activities in January 2020. Director Schaffer highlighted main activities from the handout such as; the MSD project at Phantom Forest, the hiring of a new building maintenance employee at the

Lodge and that several 2020 capital improvement items have been put out to bid. A summary of the January attendance comparisons was reviewed.

OLD BUSINESS

a) Des Peres Park Tennis Complex Update – Tentative Ribbon Cutting, Thursday, May 7, 2020

Director Schaffer updated the Commission on the Des Peres Park Tennis Complex progress. The contractor anticipates having a majority of the project complete by the end of February. Landscaping, furnishing and court striping will not be complete until spring. The striping cannot be completed until we have a string of days that are above 50 degrees and no rain. A ribbon cutting ceremony is being planned for the Parks & Recreation Commission meeting on May 7, 2020.

b) Increase in Membership Fees at the Lodge

Director Schaffer provided a draft letter that will be mailed and emailed to members regarding the membership fee increases scheduled to go into effect on April 1, 2020.

NEW BUSINESS

None

UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENTS

- a) Mother & Son Super Hero Date Night – Friday, February 7
- b) Daddy & Daughter Dinner Dance – Saturday, February 8
- c) Parents' Night Out with Mad Science – Friday, February 14
- d) Next Commission Meeting – Thursday, March 5, The Lodge, Oak Room
- e) Spring Dive-In Movie – Friday, March 6

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Commissioner Corley motioned to adjourn at 6:20 p.m. Commissioner Duggan seconded the motion. Those present voted as follows:
Commissioners Reutter, aye; Reeves, aye; Ganninger, aye. Motion approved.