

PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION
The Lodge Conference Room
January 7, 2016
6:00 P.M.

ROLL CALL

Commissioner Duff Hufford called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

WARD I — Margaret Amend and Duff Hufford

WARD II — Andrew Theising, Mary Duggan and Rob O'Blennis

WARD III —Katie Weinberg, Bill Reeves and Marie Ganninger

Director of Parks & Recreation – Brian Schaffer

Alderman – John Pound

AMENDMENT OF AGENDA

None

PETITIONS & COMMENTS

- Commissioner Amend commented that Pioneer Park looks awesome.
- Robert O'Blennis, our new Ward II Commissioner was welcomed to the Commission.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: Commissioner Amend motioned to approve the December 2015 minutes. Commissioner Ganninger seconded the motion. Those present voted as follows: Commissioners Hufford, aye; Theising, aye; Duggan, aye; O'Blennis, aye; Weinberg, aye; Reeves, aye. Motion approved.

ALDERMANIC REPORT

- Alderman Pound reported that the 2016 budget was approved at the December 14th Board of Alderman meeting.
- Alderman Pound discussed that at the next board meeting on January 11th they would be discussing a new Regions Bank development at the corner of Bopp and Manchester Rd. that Planning and Zoning has approved. A public hearing will be held on January 25, 2016.
- Alderman Pound reported that a Starbuck's opened up inside the Dierberg's Market which did not require board approval.
- Alderman Pound reported that the city has approved a white-tailed deer population count that is to occur this winter.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- Director Schaffer reported that the staff are busy getting bid documents prepared for the 8 projects that need to be completed this spring at the outdoor pool and Des

Peres Park so we can get them to the Board of Alderman in January or early February.

- Director Schaffer reported that the lighting scheme was changed at the West County Center fountain to red and green for the holiday season. Kozeny-Wagner is in the process of hunting down Reinhold Electric to see what the holdup is on moving the lights on the back wall of the fountain and replacing the defective light. Hydro Dramatics installed the five globes in the lower fountain. Now the lights will look more impressive when there isn't water in the fountain.
- Director Schaffer reported that Westport Pools came out to try and locate the leak(s) that we have in the upper leisure pool. They thought they had located one of the lazy river drive lines. They were asked to go ahead and schedule time to saw cut, break deck, and dig to expose the pipe. They dug up one suspect area, but were not able to locate the leak. They have determined that the leak should be quite large based on their air pressure tests. Westport Pools then came out with a subcontractor to test for leaks using helium. They have narrowed down where they believe the leak is, but are unable to locate it with a camera. They were given the go ahead to break into the pool deck in the area where the gas detection indicates that there is a leak. The leak can't be fixed until it is found. Westport Pools have dug a larger hole, but still no luck. Pro Pools, the company that winterized the outdoor pools last year, came out to inspect the broken water feature on the Splashpad. Westport Pools previously inspected it and determined that the feature was broken due to improper winterization. Pro Pools is going to let us know what they can do to repair it. Westport quoted us \$3,800 to make a repair.
- Director Schaffer announced that The Lodge offered a special deal on the purchase of Wet 'N Sweat cards on Black Friday. The cards purchased on Black Friday included two additional punches free of charge. The front desk sold 97 cards on Friday! This special cost The Lodge \$1,331.50, but brought in over \$13,000 in revenue in one day.
- Director Schaffer announced that the new Facility/Program Reservation Software with Maximum Solutions will go live on May 4, 2016. Training for staff will take place between April 4-15 to avoid spring breaks.
- Director Schaffer discussed the fitness room drinking fountain and that to install it some cinder blocks had to be cut to make the new fountain fit. The drain for the accessible side of the fountain is lower than the drain for the old fountain. The drain is incased in concrete so Kirkwood Plumbing will have to expose the drain so it can be hooked up. We received a complaint from a resident/member about not having access to a drinking fountain in the Fitness Center. We ended up borrowing the portable cooler from City Hall. GJ and Woody were able to temporarily hook up the bottle filler and the upper drinking fountain. Kirkwood Plumbing has now completed the drain repair.
- Director Schaffer announced that during the heavy rains the windows/roof above the hot tub in the Natatorium started to leak. This has been a persistent problem

during heavy rains and there have been three different companies out to try and pinpoint the leak. Woody now believes that the issue is the flashing behind the cedar siding on the dormers, not the roof or windows. This is the same issue we had in the lobby above the front desk. We are going to have Paragon Restoration come out and take a look at the siding. This is the same company that successfully repaired the lobby issue.

OLD BUSINESS

a) Pioneer Park Construction Update

Director Schaffer gave an update on Pioneer Park construction stating that Ideal Landscaping is almost complete with the installation of the new storm sewer and its connection to the new bio retention basin behind the tennis courts. This should eliminate the continuous water issue along the east side of Tallie Drive. Ideal poured the pad for the new water fountain and the new ride on bouncer in the playground. The concrete will have to cure for a few weeks before the rubber tiles can be installed. Vee-Jay has cut back all of the cables and sealed the holes. They plan on being out next week to pour the basketball court and plaza.

b) Park monuments Update

Director Schaffer reported that the cast stone signs for the park monuments (1-Pioneer Park, 2-Des Peres Park, 2-Sugar Creek Park) will be going up by the end of January. The stone has been ordered.

NEW BUSINESS

a) 2016 Parks & Recreation Budget Summary

Director Schaffer provided a handout of the 2016 Parks & Recreation Budget Summary and reviewed with the Commissioners.

b) SilverSneakers Program

Director Schaffer reported that the Lodge was contacted by the company that offers SilverSneakers, a fitness program designed exclusively for older adults, and is currently sponsored by Medicare health plans throughout the United States, regarding including the Lodge as one of their facilities. The Lodge has been trying to become a member of their program for years. Healthways will pay the Lodge \$2.50/member a visit up to \$20 per member per month for Silver Sneakers. Our current rates for seniors are \$20.42/month for residents and \$30/month for non-residents. This is for amenities only and not classes. The Parks and Recreation Commission motioned to accept participation in SilverSneakers.

MOTION: Commissioner Reeves motioned to accept the SilverSneakers program at the Lodge. Commissioner Amend seconded the motion. Those present voted as follows: Commissioners Hufford, aye; Theising, aye; Duggan, aye; O'Blennis,

aye; Ganninger, aye; Weinberg, aye. Motion approved.

UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENTS

Director Schaffer announced the upcoming special events:

- a) 2016 Health Fair – Saturday, January 9, 9 am
- b) February Parks & Recreation Commission Meeting – Thursday, February 4, 6 pm
- c) Frozen in February Dinner Dance – Saturday, February 6, 5:30 pm

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Commissioner Reeves motioned to adjourn at 6:53 p.m. Commissioner Theising seconded the motion. Those present voted as follows:
Commissioners Hufford, aye; Amend, aye; Duggan, aye; O’Blennis, aye;
Weinberg, aye; Ganninger, aye. Motion approved.