

**PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION**  
The Lodge Des Peres, Activity Room  
January 4, 2018  
6:00 P.M.

**ROLL CALL**

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

**WARD I** — Margaret Amend and Julie Foshage

**WARD II** — Mary Duggan and Andrew Theising

**WARD III** — Bill Reeves, Marie Ganninger and Darlene Corley

Director of Parks & Recreation – Brian Schaffer

Alderman – Mark Becker

**EXCUSED** – Duff Hufford  
Rob O’Blennis

**AMENDMENT OF AGENDA**

None

**PETITIONS & COMMENTS**

Commissioner Amend commented that the Boards & Commission Dinner went very well.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**MOTION:** Commissioner Reeves motioned to approve the November 2017 minutes. Commissioner Theising seconded the motion. Those present voted as follows: Commissioners Amend, aye; Foshage, aye; Duggan, aye; Ganninger, aye; Corley, aye. Motion approved.

**ALDERMANIC REPORT**

Alderman Becker stated that Steve Meyer booked a meeting with Stock & Associates to discuss potential redevelopment of the Gershman Colonnade Center. No specifics have been disclosed regarding their intentions for the site.

Alderman Becker talked about all the water main breaks.

Alderman Becker announced that the Board of Alderman meeting on Monday, January 8<sup>th</sup> will be at the Lodge due to the City Hall elevator being down.

### **DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Director Schaffer provided a handout of the Parks and Recreation Department Activities in November and December 2017. Director Schaffer highlighted main activities from the handout such as; the outdoor pool leak repair, replacement of the steam room diaphragm in the water fill valve, winterization of the fountain and planting of various trees along the southern fence line at Des Peres Park.

Director Schaffer reported that he attended the November Public Safety Commission Meeting to seek suggestions to prevent thefts at the Lodge. Existing measures that are in place were reviewed.

Director Schaffer met with the Muni Park Grant Commission to review and approve 20 grants totaling \$7.6 million for 2018.

Director Schaffer announced that the Department of Parks & Recreation received a final copy of its strategic plan and has begun to put the vision in place.

Director Schaffer provided a 2017 Lodge Summary of member check-ins, non-resident admissions, resident admissions and memberships. He reviewed with the Commission

Director Schaffer reported that the Cyber Monday Wet N Sweat online sale exceeded that past 2 years with over \$20,000 in sales.

Director Schaffer announced the 14<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Lodge Des Peres which opened its doors to residents on Wednesday, November 22, 2003.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

None

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### a) Park & Recreation Strategic Plan

Director Schaffer provided the Commission with a hand out of the Park & Recreation Strategic Plan Summary. The staff met with consultants in October and came up with five key areas to work on and staff was assigned to different tasks.

b) Staff Reorganization

Director Schaffer provided the Commission with a new staff organization chart. He announced the new position of Facility Specialist which will have an emphasis on rentals in lieu of a Recreation Specialist, book birthday parties, park pavilions, athletic fields, gymnasium courts, group visits, and assist the Facility Supervisor with meeting room rentals.

c) Les Mills Group Fitness Class Offering Proposal

Director Schaffer provided the Commission with a memo for Proposal to Contract with Les Mills for group exercise classes. Les Mills offers premium group exercise classes that are pre-choreographed in order to elevate the level of programming and to increase attendance and overall revenue for the fitness department.

**UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENTS**

- a. Healthy Resolutions Health Fair – Saturday, January 13, The Lodge
- b. MLK Jr. Day Zumba Class – Monday, January 15, The Lodge
- c. Mother & Son Super Hero Date Night – Saturday, January 27, The Lodge
- d. Next Commission Meeting – Thursday, February 1, The Lodge Oak Room

**ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION:** Commissioner Theising motioned to adjourn at 6:48 p.m. Commissioner Duggan seconded the motion. Those present voted as follows:  
Commissioners Amend, aye; Foshage, aye; Reeves, aye; Ganninger, aye;  
Corley, aye. Motion approved.