

PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION
The Lodge Des Peres, Oak Room
February 4, 2021
6:00 P.M.

ROLL CALL

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

WARD I — Margaret Amend and Larry Reutter

WARD II — Mary Duggan

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

EXCUSED – Rob O’Blennis
Pat Barrett

AMENDMENT OF AGENDA

Director Schaffer amended the agenda to include the following in New Business:
e. Resident ID Price Increase (Action)

PETITIONS & COMMENTS

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Duggan stipulated a typographical correction in the December 3, 2020 minutes under roll call.

MOTION: Commissioner Reeves motioned to approve the December 3, 2020 minutes with the stipulated correction. Commissioner Ganninger seconded the motion. Those present voted as follows: Commissioners Amend, aye; Reutter, aye; Duggan, aye; Corley, aye. Motion approved.

ALDERMANIC REPORT

In absence of Alderman Fitzpatrick Director Schaffer reported the recently passed bills of emergency dispatching services moving to the City of Kirkwood and the hiring of Midwest Pool Management to manage the pools at The Lodge Des Peres.

DIRECTOR’S REPORT

Director Schaffer sends reports to the Commissioners weekly to review. Commissioner Reuter requested clarification on the managed deer hunt in the Conservation Area.

OLD BUSINESS

a) 2020 Budget, Membership & Attendance Review

The commission was presented with a preliminary review of the Park Fund budget and a review of the membership & attendance figures for 2020.

NEW BUSINESS

a) Outsourcing Pool Management Services

Reviewed the details relating to hiring Midwest Pool Management to manage the pools at The Lodge Des Peres.

b) 2021 Aquatic Schedule

Reviewed the schedule for open swims at the indoor and outdoor pools at The Lodge Des Peres which includes reduced indoor open swim times.

c) Memorial Tree/Bench Pricing (Action)

Staff is proposing an increase to the fees for Memorial Trees from \$225 to \$350 and Memorial Benches from \$1,850 to \$2,500 due to the rising costs of trees, benches, materials, and delivery costs. We are also proposing limiting the warranty of the tree to 1 year and a 5 year warranty on the plaque instead of the unlimited warranty that we currently have. Any tree that needs to be replaced after the warranty would be charged the price of the tree (typically \$150). After discussion, a motion was unanimously approved to increase the Memorial Tree price to \$350/tree and change the warranty for new trees to 1 year and a 5 year warranty on plaques. After the warranty dead trees will be replaced for the actual cost of the tree. The Memorial Bench price will increase to \$2,500. Due to space limitations, benches in Des Peres Park will increase to \$3,000.

MOTION: Commissioner Duggan motioned to approve the changes to the Memorial Tree and Bench pricing, as well as the Memorial Tree warranty. Commissioner Corley seconded the motion. Those present voted as follows: Commissioners Amend, aye; Reutter, aye; Reeves, aye, Ganninger, aye. Motion approved.

d) Non-Resident Corporate Memberships for Country/Social Club Members (Action)

Reviewed a request from Greenbriar Country Club to offer discounted Lodge memberships to their club members. The Lodge offers special membership rates to employees of businesses that are located in the City of Des Peres or for businesses located outside of the city limits that wish to join as a group. We currently do not

allow members of an organization to join as group, only employees of a business.

MOTION: Commissioner Amend motioned to not consider adding Country/Social Clubs to non-resident Corporate Memberships. Commissioner Ganninger seconded the motion. Those present voted as follows: Commissioners Reutter, aye; Duggan, aye, Reeves, aye, Corley, aye. Motion approved.

e) Resident ID Price Increase (Action)

Staff is proposing an increase to the Resident ID Card fee from \$5 to \$7 to match the current Resident Daily Admission. Residents receive a complimentary admission to The Lodge on the day of card purchase.

MOTION: Commissioner Amend motioned to approve the price increase to the Resident ID. Commissioner Reeves seconded the motion. Those present voted as follows: Commissioners Reutter, aye; Duggan, aye; Corley, aye; Ganninger, aye. Motion approved.

UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENTS

- Park & Recreation Commission Meeting – Thursday, April 1, 2021
- Underwater Egg Hunt – Friday, April 2, 2021
- Get Hopping Egg Hunt/Dog Egg Hunt – Saturday, April 3, 2021

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Commissioner Ganninger motioned to adjourn at 7:02 p.m. Commissioner Corley seconded the motion. Those present voted as follows: Commissioners Amend, aye; Reutter, aye; Duggan, aye, Reeves, aye. Motion approved.