

**PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION**

The Lodge Des Peres, Oak Room  
April 8, 2021  
6:00 P.M.

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**ROLL CALL**

Commissioner Reutter called the meeting to order at 6 p.m. [with the following members present:](#)

**COMMISSIONERS:**

**WARD I** — Margaret Amend and Larry Reutter

**WARD II** —

**WARD III** — Darlene Corley and Bill Reeves

**STAFF:**

Interim Director of Parks & Recreation – Scott Schaefer

Interim Recreation Superintendent – Amy Boyd

Prior Director of Parks & Recreation – Brian Schaffer

Alderman Pat Barrett

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**EXCUSED:**

~~M~~Mary Duggan

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**AMENDMENT OF AGENDA**

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**PETITIONS & COMMENTS**

Brian Schaffer thanked the commission for their service and was congratulated on his new position with St. Louis County Parks and Recreation.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**MOTION:** Commissioner Amend motioned to approve the February 4, 2021 minutes. Commissioner Reeves seconded the motion. Those present voted as follows: Commissioners Reutter, aye; Corley, aye. Motion approved.

**ALDERMANIC REPORT**

Alderman Barrett reported that [numerous approximately 15](#) candidates have applied for the Director of Parks and Recreation position. The deadline for applications is April 16<sup>th</sup>.

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Alderman Barrett ~~reported~~ advised that the ~~April 1<sup>st</sup>~~ transition of police dispatching to Kirkwood ~~is going well~~ officially took place on April 1 without issue. Emergency calls for police, fire and emergency medical service are now being handled entirely by the City of Kirkwood.

#### **INTERIM DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

The Director reports are sent weekly to the P&R Commission and are open for discussion. There were no comments.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

- a) None

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

- a) Director Vacancy – [Recruitment Efforts and Selection Process](#)

Interim Director Schaefer offered the opportunity for the Commissioners to be involved in the selection of the new Director which was accepted.

- b) Interim Recreation Superintendent – [Amy Boyd](#)

Amy Boyd was introduced to the Commissioners and she reviewed her aquatic and interim superintendent duties. Amy updated the Commissioners on the current St. Louis County guidelines regarding pool opening safety protocols for this summer.

- c) Strategic Planning – [“Reimagining The Lodge”](#)

Interim Director Schaefer described the strategic planning process of engaging staff to help in choosing a new director and ideas for changes to improve the Lodge, as a means of engaging staff on their desired skills and traits for the next director. The strategic planning initiative also strives to reflect carefully on what The Lodge currently provides from a service standpoint and how to improve or adjust those services based on the evolving industry which has been dramatically impacted by COVID-19.

d) Capital Project Preview – [Lodge Cedar Siding](#)

Interim Director Schaefer ~~reviewed~~ [provided a quick overview of](#) the Lodge siding project schedule, the delay of material delivery, the siding product that will be used and brought awareness to the construction that will be occurring.

e) Facility Operations Update – St. Louis County [Health Department Guidelines](#)

The current guidelines were reviewed. There were no questions from the Commissioners.

f) Park Fund Performance – [YTD Financials](#)

Interim Director Schaefer provided a summary and breakdown of financials through the end of February. Brian Schaffer discussed the negative effect that losing daily admissions due to ~~Covid~~ [COVID](#) has had on the budget.

**UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENTS**

- Outdoor Pool Opening – May 29, 2021
- Park & Recreation Commission Meeting – June 3, 2021

**ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION:** Commissioner Reeves motioned to adjourn at 6:42 p.m. Commissioner Corley seconded the motion. Those present voted as follows: Commissioners Amend, aye; Reutter, aye. Motion approved.