

PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION
The Lodge Des Peres, Oak Room
April 7, 2022
6:00 P.M.

ROLL CALL

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

WARD I — Margaret Amend, Lawrence Reutter and William Sheridan

WARD II — Will Skowyra and Tim Callahan

WARD III — Marie Ganninger, Darlene Corley and Bill Reeves

Director of Parks & Recreation – Melissa Myers

Alderman James Osherow

EXCUSED – Mary Duggan

GUEST – Jay Clark – Interim Park Superintendent

AMENDMENT OF AGENDA

None

PETITIONS & COMMENTS

Director Myers introduced Jay Clark, Interim Park Superintendent, to the Parks & Recreation Commission.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: Commissioner Reeves motioned to approve the December 2, 2021 minutes. Commissioner Ganninger seconded the motion. Those present voted as follows: Commissioners Amend, aye; Reutter, aye; Sheridan, aye; Skowyra, aye; Callahan, aye; Corley, aye. Motion approved.

ALDERMANIC REPORT

Alderman Osherow had nothing to report at this time. There was general discussion regarding properties in Des Peres.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Director Myers asked the Commission if there were any questions regarding the weekly reports. Commissioner Skowyra requested a report showing 2019 comparisons on membership totals.

OLD BUSINESS

a) Park Rules – Fires in City Parks

The change of the park rules Municipal Code Section 17.1, f) to read “Prohibition of open fires with the exception of park provided BBQ grills” was not passed by the Board of Alderman.

b) Winter Park Projects

Jay Clark provided lists of projects that have been completed as well as upcoming spring projects for the parks and horticulture staff.

c) Lodge Custodial Staffing

Director Myers reported that the full-time custodial staff positions are full.

d) MPM Updates

MPM and the Lodge are preparing for the upcoming pool season. MPM is hiring lifeguards and there will be upcoming meetings to review safety protocols and procedures.

NEW BUSINESS

a) Report Review – Attendance, memberships & financials

Director Myers provided reports and reviewed with the commissioners. Memberships continue to grow.

COMMISSION PARK REPORTS

The commissioners currently have no items of concern at the parks.

UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENT

- Underwater Egg Hunt – April 15, 2022
- Visits from the Easter Bunny – April 15, 2022
- Dog Egg Hunt – April 16, 2022
- Egg Hunt – April 16, 2022
- Des Peres Pirates Treasure Hunt – May 14, 2022
- Princess and Unicorn Tea Party – May 14, 2022
- Park & Recreation Commission Meeting – June 2, 2022

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Commissioner Reeves motioned to adjourn at 6:35 p.m. Commissioner Amend seconded the motion. Those present voted as follows: Commissioners Reutter, aye; Sheridan, aye; Skowyra, aye; Callahan, aye; Ganninger, aye; Corley, aye. Motion approved.

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