

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

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

EXCUSED:

Mary Duggan

Marie Ganninger

Rob O’Blennis

AMENDMENT OF AGENDA

None

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 approximately 15 candidates have applied for the Director of Parks and Recreation position. The deadline for applications is April 16th.

Alderman Barrett advised that the transition of police dispatching to Kirkwood 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 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 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 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.