

**PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION**  
The Lodge Des Peres, Oak Room  
October 5, 2023  
6:00 P.M.

**ROLL CALL**

Commissioner Ganninger called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m. with the following members present:

Commissioners:

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

**WARD II** — N/A

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

Staff:

**Director of Parks & Recreation** – Melissa Myers

Excused:

Commissioners Mary Duggan, Will Skowyra and Alderman Osherow

**AMENDMENT OF AGENDA**

None

**PETITIONS & COMMENTS**

None

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**MOTION:** Commissioner Reeves motioned to approve the August 3, 2023 minutes. Commissioner Corley seconded the motion. Those present voted as follows: Commissioners Amend, aye; Reutter, aye; Ganninger, aye; Corley, aye; Reeves, aye; **Approved.**

**ALDERMANIC REPORT**

N/A

**DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Director Myers asked the Commission if there were any questions regarding the weekly reports. Commissioners asked that the monthly attendance graph only include the years 2021 – 2023 so it is easier to read.

## OLD BUSINESS

### a) **Des Peres Park Playground Project**

Director Myers informed the commissions that the Board of Aldermen had approved the purchase of the playground equipment for the project. Construction bid documents will be going out in November and the project is in line for completion in late summer 2024.

## NEW BUSINESS

### a.) **Report Review** – Attendance, Memberships & Financials

Director Myers provided reports and reviewed with the commissioners. The membership total as of the end of September are 2,649. There is a plan to do a membership promotion in the fall and then again in the new year.

### b.) **The Lodge Membership and Daily Fees** – Myers distributed a memo recommending the increase if both daily rates and membership fees for The Lodge. The last time the rates had been increased was 2021. After general discussion, the commission made the recommendation to raise rates but recommended changing the proposed non-resident daily fee to \$12.00 instead of \$13.00. The recommendation will be submitted for consideration at the November 27<sup>th</sup> Board of Aldermen meeting.

### c.) **Budget Update** – Director Myers updated the Commission as to the progress of the 2024 budget. She has presented the Capital requests to the Board of Aldermen and has reviewed the Operational request with the City Administrator and Director of Finance.

### d.) **December Meeting** – The Commission decided to cancel the December 7<sup>th</sup> meeting due to the Boards and Commissions Reception being held the same evening.

### e.) **20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Event** – Myers informed the Commission of the upcoming 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary event at The Lodge. The event will be held Friday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> from 5:30-8:30 for residents and members. A formal invitation will be sent to the Commissioners.

### **COMMISSION PARK REPORTS**

Commissioners reported paint chipping at the restrooms at Pioneer Park. It was noted what a fantastic job the parks staff was doing.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION:** Commissioner Amend motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:35 p.m.  
Commissioner Corley seconded the motion. Those present voted as follows:  
Commissioners Amend, aye; Reutter, aye; Ganninger, aye; Corley, aye;  
Reeves, aye; **Approved.**