

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
Thursday, Feb. 13, 2020, 7 p.m.
Columbia Sports Fieldhouse, 4251 Philips Farm Road

MINUTES

Commission Present: Dan Devine, Ted Farnen, Marin Blevins, Sue Davis, Meredith Donaldson, Chad Henry, Paul Morrison

Commission Absent (excused):

Commission Absent (unexcused): none

Staff Present: Mike Griggs, Gabe Huffington, Erika Coffman, Tammy Miller

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 7 pm.

AGENDA

Agenda was approved on a motion by Farnen, seconded by Donaldson. Motion passed 6-0.

MINUTES

Minutes from January were approved on a motion by Henry, seconded by Blevins. Motion passed 6-0.

MONTHLY REPORT

Park Services Manager Gabe Huffington shared these highlights: Sports Turf crews completed infield renovations at Rainbow Softball Center, Forestry cleared Battle Park property for future development and park rangers issued 13 warnings for camping in parks, completing site cleanups.

Devine asked about alternatives for the transient population?

Griggs said in below freezing weather, the City has opened Wabash as an overnight shelter.

Recreation Services Manager Erika Coffman shared these highlights: the Sports Fieldhouse had 444 rentals in December and January, Show Me State Games had a basketball tournament there in January, ROC7K was sold out with 150 registered and 128 racers, the first swimming summit had more than 125 in attendance and total revenue for Golf is higher so far this fiscal year, than last year at the same time.

Donaldson asked about the rangers report, that it seemed like they had responded to two addresses that are not parks?

Huffington said he would have to clarify that information.

The January monthly report was approved on a motion by Farnen, seconded by Blevins. Motion passed 6-0.

PUBLIC HEARING

Philips Park pavilion

(Sue Davis arrived).

Huffington shared details about the indoor pavilion which is budgeted at \$800,000 from the 2015 Park Sales Tax. It would be about 5,800 square feet with phase I parking of 100 spaces and future phases adding 52 parking spaces. The building's main area

would be 2,780 square feet, enough for 200 seated guests. Other building amenities include catering kitchen, storage, restrooms and dressing rooms. The front of the building will have an overhang, allowing for guests to enter and exit with cover.

Huffington shared the proposed site plan.

Donaldson asked about the neighboring subdivision and lighting?

Huffington said that the lights would be LED and will automatically dim or turn off.

Farnen asked about a recent Missourian article, if there was a change to the building?

Huffington said the location shifted slightly to avoid the moving a sewer line, rebuilding the trail and that particular expense. The building will not be as close to the lake as planned, but will still have views.

Devine asked if there would be camps here like there are at Riechmann?

Coffman said there is nothing planned at this point, but there may be programming at the facility in the future.

Donaldson asked about outdoor space?

Huffington said there could be a gazebo or something similar in the future.

Davis asked about pricing for rentals?

Coffman said it would be more than Riechmann since the capacity is higher. There will be hourly rates as well as weekend packages, similar to the type of pricing packages that Riechmann has.

Griggs shared some pricing from the current fee ordinance. He said the building will not be complete by the 2021 MPRA Conference.

Devine opened the public hearing; there was no one to speak about the project, so the public hearing was closed.

Donaldson made a motion, seconded by Davis, to recommend to City Council approval of the proposed Philips Park improvements. Motion passed 7-0.

OLD BUSINESS

MPRA Conference

Blevins, Farnen and Davis plan to attend the conference at the Lake. Griggs reviewed plans for transportation and per diems for the week. The Conference will be Feb. 18-21.

CoMo Gives update

Griggs informed the Commission that the Parks and Recreation Fund won the \$2,000 challenge grant for donors under age 35, bringing the total from the campaign to \$12,815. There is more than \$68,000 in the Fund. Griggs explained how the Fund is under the Community Foundation umbrella, with investments handled through them.

NEW BUSINESS

Rezoning – Vineyards Lake

Huffington shared information about this rezoning, which is located at corner of E. Hwy. WW and E. Elk Park Drive, within a half-mile of the Vineyards park property. The current zoning is County Commercial and the request is to rezone and annex into the City with zoning of Mixed Use Commercial.

Donaldson made a motion, seconded by Farnen, that the Commission sees no adverse impact to the Vineyards property from the proposed rezoning. Motion passed 7-0.

Boards and commissions reception at Sports Fieldhouse

The City Clerk's office mailed postcard invitations to the reception, which will be at the Sports Fieldhouse on March 18 from 5 to 6:30 pm.

REPORTS

Council Items

Griggs said the LA. Nickell driving range will be on the Feb. 17 Council agenda.

Bicycle and Pedestrian Commission Report

No report this month, as the February meeting will be on the 19th.

Capital Project Report

Huffington shared these updates:

Armory Sports Center: LED lighting upgrades completed.

Clary-Shy Park: one-room schoolhouse being constructed.

Antimi: fiber upgrades made.

Cross Country Course: shelter under construction.

Park signs: new signs installed at Bethel, Bear Creek Park and Waters House.

Sports Fields: infield drag built inhouse, saving about \$3,900.

Recreation Services Report

Coffman shared these updates:

ROC7K: event held with participants running in snow.

Preschool activities: Frozen Frenzy held for kids at Hillcrest.

Paquin: art activities ongoing.

Upcoming events: Black History Month Film Fest, Gospel Explosion and Soul Food Dinner, Boy and Girl Scout Day, Stonegrinder Trail Run and Train Show.

STAFF COMMENTS

Griggs shared staffing updates and vacancies in both recreation and parks divisions.

COMMISSION COMMENTS TO STAFF

Farnen asked if there would be any signage put in place on Ponderosa, directing to the Sports Fieldhouse?

Huffington said he would check on that. Griggs added there may be a spot for a sign.

Farnen commented on the feedback on the department's Facebook page regarding the Perche Creek Trail.

Griggs said that Planner Janet Godon took a screen shot of the comments and will use those as public support for the grant she is writing for the project.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

NEXT MEETING DATE

March 19, 2020 at the ARC

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm.