

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
OF THE CITY OF SUNSET HILLS, MISSOURI
HELD ON WEDNESDAY JANUARY 22, 2020

BE IT REMEMBERED that the Parks and Recreation Commission of the City of Sunset Hills, Missouri met at Sunset Hills Community Center, 3915 S. Lindbergh on Wednesday, January 22, 2020. The meeting convened at 7:03pm.

Park Board

Present:	Doug McGuire	-Park Board Chairman
	Kelly Finney	-Member
	Claudia Svoboda	-Member
	Pam Livingston	-Member
	Steve Bersche	-Member
	Laurie Taylor	-Member
	Jill Yarasheski	-Member
	Gerald Brown	-Director of Parks and Recreation
	Mike Svoboda	-Guest
	Sandra Ankney	-Guest
	Johnny Murdock	-Guest
Absent:	Caiti Lipe	-Member
	Laurie Zeitler	-Member
	Esther Gier	-Member
	Blake Harris	-Member

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Copies of the Minutes of the November 6, 2019 Parks & Recreation Commission meeting were distributed to the members for their review. Ms. Livingston made a motion to accept the minutes as submitted. Alderman Bersche seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

OLD BUSINESS

Reports

- A. Board of Alderman Report – Mr. Brown reported on the purchase on a new vehicle to replace old escape and purchase of a new excavator to replace old tractor.
- B. Pool Advisory – Nothing to report, next meeting February 25
- C. Gempp Committee – Nothing to report, next meeting February 10
- D. Swim & Dive Advisory – Nothing to report.
- E. Fitness Committee – Nothing to report

- F. Art Committee – Nothing to report – next meeting, January 27.

Director's Report:

Mr. Brown ask if there were any questions pertaining to the written report?
No questions from written report.

- A. Mr. Brown then provided a Proposed Budget amendment (cuts). He stated that he attended the finance committee on January 21 and was mandated to cut \$75,000 from 2020 budget. This was based on the 2019 that Parks & Recreation Department budget being over budget. Mr. Brown walked the board through the recommendations. Ms. Livingston made a motion to approve, Ms. Svoboda seconded and it was unanimously approved.

Public Comment:

Ms. Ankney spoke on Bander property, Urban Forestry Commission and Trail along the East side of the Meramec.

New Business

- A. **Eagle Scout Project**
Mr. Brown passed around a tree manual that was created by an Eagle Scout, everyone was impressed with the final product.
- B. **Urban Forestry Concerns**
Mr. Brown requested that we transplant (3) hornbeam trees located in front of the community that are obstructing the name of the facility and replace with (3) dwarf trees to avoid in the future. Ms. Yarasheski made a motion to approve the request, Alderman Bersche seconded and it was unanimously approved.
- C. **Discussion of Bander Property**
Mr. Brown presented (3) proposal based on conversation/ideas submitted from past meetings. The Commission requested that they like Option A, but would like to see connection of lakes to channel/creek, Fishing access (no dock), 25' mowed along West Watson, 5 & 10 foot (cost analysis of each) along the proposed trails. Mr. Brown stated that he would have updated site plan and (2) maintenance plans for the area at the February meeting.
- D. **Proposed closing dates for 2020**

Mr. Brown presented closing dates for 2020 for the community center. Chairman McGuire requested that everyone look over proposed dates and we would discuss at February meeting.

E. Special Program Discussion

Mr. Brown presented (2) recommendations. One for Easter Egg Hunt – change to Saturday before with pre-registration and the Halloween Hayride (Charge \$10/ticket and/or \$5 food) Ms. Livingston made a motion to approve, Ms. Yarasheski seconded and it was unanimously approved.

F. BMX track Discussion

Mr. Brown presented an idea for a BMX track for the City, this was an idea that was brought to him by a few residents. Mr. Brown identified an area in Minnie Ha Ha Park approximately 225” x 265” for the proposed track. Mr. Brown recommended the board take a look at the area and we can further discussion at February meeting.

Other Matters deemed necessary

NEXT MEETING DATE

The Parks & Recreation Commission will be at 7:00pm, February 26, 2020 at the Community Center. Starting in March, we will move to City Hall at 7pm for meetings.

ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Finney made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:53 pm. Ms. Taylor seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

As submitted by,

Gerald Brown, Director of Parks & Recreation