

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION  
OF THE CITY OF SUNSET HILLS, MISSOURI  
HELD ON WEDNESDAY MARCH 28, 2018

BE IT REMEMBERED that the Parks and Recreation Commission of the City of Sunset Hills, Missouri met at the Community Center in said City on Wednesday, March 28, 2018. The meeting convened at 7:05pm. The meeting was held at the Community Center, 3915 S. Lindbergh Blvd.

Park Board

Present:	Doug McGuire	-Chairman
	Steve Bershe	-Member
	Esther Gier	-Member
	Jill Yarasheski	-Member
	Keith Kostial	-Member
	Laurie Taylor	-Member
	Pam Livingston	-Member
	Laurie Zeitler	-Member
	Claudia Svoboda	-Member
	Gerald Brown	-Director of Parks and Recreation
	Mike Svoboda	-Guest
Absent:	Blake Harris	-Member

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

Copies of the Minutes of the January 24, 2018 Parks & Recreation Commission meeting were distributed to the members for their review. Ms. Yarasheski made a motion to accept the minutes as submitted. Ms. Livingston seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

**OLD BUSINESS**

- A. Board of Alderman Report – Mr. Bershe stated that at the Board of Alderman, approval for the donated playground was approved.
- B. Pool Advisory – Mr. Brown reported on approved landscaping plan, between Lazy River and Comp Pool, Update on sand filters, handrails and painting projects and gave a brief report on pre-sale event – sold \$40,000 worth of pool memberships.
- C. Gempp Committee – The remaining two signs have been approved, hope to have installed by end of April. Mr. Brown reported that we are acquiring bids to remove honeysuckle in the area.

- D. Urban Forestry Commission – Mr. Brown reported that Board of Alderman approved moving the responsibilities of the Urban Forestry Commission under the direction of the Park Board, adding (2) additional people to the commission. Welcome Pat Otto and Claudia Svoboda to the Park Board.
- E. Swim & Dive Advisory – Mr. Brown reported that we have a new president of the swim and Dive committee, Carrie Clay coming on board.
- F. Fitness Committee – Nothing to report
- G. Art Committee – Mr. McGuire reported on:
  - Proposed Art Fair – April 27<sup>th</sup>, 2019
  - Sculptures on the move – looking at installing (1) piece on April 11th

**Director’s Report:**

- 1. Proposed Playground update – Mr. Brown reported on funds being donated to create a playground near athletic complex, Mr. Brown has been working with potential donor to create/solidify exactly what donor is looking for – including trails, playground equipment, benches, etc. Board of Alderman approved last night.
- 2. Municipal Parks Grant Application – Mr. Brown reported that the grant was selected for funding - \$352,000 for the purchase, construction of three restrooms – Minnie, Nancy Eschbach and Kitun Park. Minnie we are looking at vaulted restrooms, Nancy Eschbach ties to sewer district and Kitun we are still looking into – meeting with MSD to discuss options.
- 3. SunCrest Fest – September 22, 2018 – location Truman School, road from Kitun to Robyn. Sponsorship letters went out last week.
- 4. Bike Cruise – September 21<sup>st</sup> 10pm -12am, working with Mayor to host 1<sup>st</sup> annual bike cruise along route 66, Mr. Brown will be presenting to Mayors from other municipalities with next couple of weeks.
- 5. MO DOT/GRG Shared Use Bridge/Trail – Mr. Brown reported that he submitted grant request for close to 1 million for the construction of touchdowns on both sides of the river, restrooms, parking, and other site amenities. Mr. Brown will be presenting project to Municipal League on April 9<sup>th</sup>.
- 6. Flagpole Project -Mr. Brown reported that a donor has made a contribution in honor of Joyce Franklin to add (2) additional flagpoles and landscaping for the area in front of City Hall
- 7. HWY 270/30 – Mr. Brown reported that they will be assisting Alderman Lipe with a tree planting project along HWY 270/30. WE will be planting approximately 70- trees to improve the site line.
- 8. Working with GRG to plant 75 native trees along Rock Alva shared trail, planting on April 19<sup>th</sup>.

**New Business**

- A. **Eagle Scout Project –**
- B. **Program/Event Update –** Mr. Brown gave a brief update of the proposed events/programs coming along this Spring/Summer.

**Other Matters deemed Necessary**

- A. Halloween – 2018. Mr. Brown asked where the Commission would like to hold Halloween this year, community center or at Watson Trail Park? Ms. Livingston made a motion to host Halloween at Watson Trail Park for 2018 and 2019. Ms. Gier seconded. Unanimously approved.
- B. Have Day Camp on a few dates in summer before pool opens we open – June 5, 7, 19, 22, July 10, 12, 17, 20? The Commission requested additional information.
- C. Ms. Gier requested that 2018 budget that was approved be emailed to the commission.
- D. Mr. Kostial requested if Mr. Brown could look into discounts for park board members – for serving on the commission.

**NEXT MEETING DATE**

The Parks & Recreation Commission next meeting will be April 25<sup>th</sup>.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Kostial made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 pm. Ms. Zeitler seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

**As submitted by,**

**Gerald Brown, Director of Parks & Recreation**