

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
OF THE CITY OF SUNSET HILLS, MISSOURI
HELD ON WEDNESDAY APRIL 25, 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, April 25, 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
	Pat Otto	-Member
	Jill Yarasheski	-Member
	Keith Kostial	-Member
	Pam Livingston	-Member
	Laurie Zeitler	-Member
	Blake Harris	-Member
	Claudia Svoboda	-Member
	Gerald Brown	-Director of Parks and Recreation
	Mike Svoboda	-Guest
Absent:	Esther Gier	-Member
	Laurie Taylor	-Member

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Copies of the Minutes of the March 28, 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 – Nothing to report.
- B. Pool Advisory – Nothing to report
- C. Gempp Committee – Next meeting May 9th
- D. Swim & Dive Advisory – Mr. Brown reported that we have 155 children signed up already.
- E. Fitness Committee – Nothing to report
- F. Art Committee – Mr. McGuire reported on:
 - Proposed Art Fair – April 27th, 2019
 - Sculptures on the move – Sculpture installed.

Director's Report:

1. 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; we are looking to move the funds from Kitun to Gempp.
2. SunCrest Fest – September 22, 2018 – location Truman School, road from Kitun to Robyn. Sponsorship letters went out last week. We have approximately \$9,000 in sponsorship at this time.
3. Bike Cruise – September 21st 10pm -12am, working with Mayor to host 1st annual bike cruise along route 66, Mr. Brown will be presenting to Mayors from other municipalities with next couple of weeks.
4. MoDOT/GRG Shared Use Bridge/Trail – Mr. Brown reported that he received funding for approximately \$1 million for the assistance of the bike trail.
5. 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
6. HWY 270/30 – Mr. Brown reported that the planting project went very well. Planted over 70 trees along HWY 270/30.

New Business

- A. **Eagle Scout Project –**
- B. **Urban Forestry Concerns –** Mr. Brown gave a brief update on tree care at Minnie Ha Ha Park. Located near soccer fields, the staff has removed all honeysuckle and planted 35 native trees in the area. Mr. Brown also reported that worked with GRG to plant 130 trees in the Rock Alva area; after removing non-native species.

Other Matters deemed Necessary

Ms. Gier asked that the following comments be added to the minutes pertaining to the Earth Day Event:

The 2 upstairs conference rooms were too crowded; please consider using the gym again.

- The conference rooms are carpeted and stain easily with plant droppings (for Sunset Hills Garden Club, South Tech Greenhouse Growers & Arbor Day Trees)

- We need more vendors to share in the Earth Day experience; I would be willing to help recruit them.

- Teresa was very accommodating and a pleasure to work with!

Mr. Harris discussed walking through the park and did not like all the flowers, lights and extra's added to tree memorial sites; he asked if the Park Board could make a rule to preserve the natural habitat of the park area.

Mr. Kostial made a motion to only have brick and tree memorials, no other flowers, lights, etc should be added to tree memorials within the park. Ms. Otto seconded and it was unanimously approved.

NEXT MEETING DATE

The Parks & Recreation Commission next meeting will be a joint meeting with Pool Advisory Committee May 23rd at the aquatic facility.

ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Otto made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:37 pm. Mr. Kostial seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

As submitted by,

Gerald Brown, Director of Parks & Recreation