

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

BE IT REMEMBERED that the Parks and Recreation Commission of the City of Sunset Hills, Missouri was scheduled to meet at Bander Driving Range, 13550 West Watson Road on Wednesday, July 22, 2020; however due to weather they met by Zoom. The meeting convened at 7:01pm.

Park Board

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

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

Copies of the Minutes of the June 24, 2020 Parks & Recreation Commission meeting were emailed to the members for their review. Mr. Harris made a motion to accept the minutes as submitted. Ms. Yarasheski seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

**OLD BUSINESS**

A. Pre-Liminary Design for I-44 Pedestrian Bridge Project

Mr. Brown let the commission know that engineer has updated the preliminary per changes from MoDOT; MoDOT has approved – changes include no public access to river; some minor changes to landscaping on West side, minor trail changes on west side due to storm water control, and some minor trail alignments to East/West side based on access for MoDOT vehicles, no drinking fountains on either side, no scenic overlook on east side and a turn around on East parking area. The plans have been distributed to Kirkwood, Fenton as well for approval. Ms. Yarasheski made a motion to approve the Preliminary Plans, Mr. Harris seconded and it was unanimously approved.

B. Discussion of BMX Proposal

Mr. Brown submitted a packet of material for the committee members, Mr. Brown explained that he met with the Alderman representing this ward and the Mayor two weeks ago and everyone seemed pleasant with the proposal. Ms. Svoboda made a motion to approve entering into an agreement for the proposed BMX track located in Minnie Ha Ha Park Ms. Gier seconded and it was unanimously approved.

C. Update on Bander Property

Mr. Brown gave a brief update on that the driving range is averaging approximately \$800/day. Almost hit \$50,000 for the year.

Mr. Brown reported that we are trying to work out a trade with Dr. Bander on equipment we used when our machine was stolen, trading old irrigation system in the ground.

Mr. Brown also asked how everyone felt about installing disc golf course and fishing lake adjacent to driving range? We have an organization that is willing to construct and pay for all disc golf equipment and plan the course. The commission discussed and advised Mr. Brown to bring additional information including a sketch and detailed cost estimate.

D. Public Discussion on Watson Trail Playground Renovation

Mr. Brown presented the proposal for the Watson Trail renovation project, spoke about the accessible components, play value, and the overall site plan. Mr. Brown commented on the kids focus group that assisted with the play components and overall layout of the playground. Mr. Brown stated that if the Municipal Parks Grant Commission approve for funding, we will then go out for bid on the project at which time we would have a sub committee to review the play components and present back to the Park Board for approval. Mr. Harris made a motion to approve the Watson Trail Park Playground Renovation Project Ms. Gier seconded and it was unanimously approved.

**Reports**

- A. Board of Alderman Report – Nothing to report
- B. Pool Advisory – Nothing to report.
- C. Gempp Committee – Had vandalism to restroom & signage, spray paint.
- D. Swim & Dive Advisory – Nothing to report.
- E. Fitness Committee – Nothing to report.
- F. Art Committee – Nothing to report, meeting August 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**Director's Report:**

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

Mr. Brown gave a brief update on facilities; we anticipate to open the following per St. Louis County Guidelines:

- Aquatic Facility – Closed for 2020 swim season
- Day Camp – June 15<sup>th</sup> (50 kids in each week), next week is last week.
- Athletic Fields – June 15<sup>th</sup> – rental of fields only at this time. No league plays
- Community Center/Fitness – Fitness (June 29) no longer need reservations to work out.
- Meeting rooms (July 18), Group Fitness classes (week of July 13), starting off slow.
- Proposed new hours for remaining of the year:

Mon – Thursday	6am -8pm
Friday	6am – 4pm
Saturday	7am – 2pm
Sunday	9am – 2pm

- Shelters – July 10
- Restrooms – July 1, going well

**Public Comment:**

**New Business**

- A. Eagle Scout Project
- B. Urban Forestry Concerns

**Other Matters deemed Necessary**

**NEXT MEETING DATE**

Park Board – August 26 @ 7pm at City Hall or Zoom if mandated.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Ms. Yarasheski made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:11 pm. Ms. Gier seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

**As submitted by,**

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