

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION  
OF THE CITY OF SUNSET HILLS, MISSOURI  
HELD ON WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2021

BE IT REMEMBERED that the Parks and Recreation Commission of the City of Sunset Hills, Missouri met through Zoom. The meeting convened at 7:06pm.

Park Board

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

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

Copies of the Minutes of the January, 2021 Parks & Recreation Commission meeting were emailed to the members for their review. Ms. Livingston made a motion to accept the minutes as submitted. Ms. Svoboda seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

**Old Business**

- A. Update on the BMX Project  
Mr. Brown reported that the organization and sunset hills applied for a permit with DNR and COE for permission to move soil from Bander Property and we have been approved to move forward.
  
- B. Update on Watson Trail Playground Renovation Project  
Mr. Brown updated the Commission on the grading process and that our staff is approximately 75% complete. Mr. Brown informed the commission that the playground is out for bid, we should have designs and cost in by March 12<sup>th</sup>. Mr.

Brown asked if we could move our March meeting to March 16 or 17 so the commission could make a recommendation to Alderman for 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting.

C. Update on discussion pertaining to Paraclete Property

Mr. Brown reported that the Board of Alderman voted 7-1 to decline the offer from the Moore Family. Mr. Brown reported that he contacted Dennis Moore on Wednesday, February 10<sup>th</sup> to let him know the news.

D. Update on Bander fishing Access project

Mr. Brown reported that the Board of Alderman had no issues with the proposed project, Mr. Brown stated that he is acquiring cost estimates and hope to start the project late March/early April.

E. Update on I-44 pedestrian Bridge Project

Mr. Brown reported that the cost estimates came in approximately \$322,000 more than anticipated, he stated that he requested assistance from the Municipal Parks Grant Commission and they agreed to pay the entire amount of the project. Mr. Brown informed the Commission that he will be bringing the new agreement for the board to approve at March Board of Alderman meeting.

## Reports

- A. Board of Alderman, Alderman Bersche stated that the Paraclete Property was denied.
- B. Pool Advisory, Mr. Brown stated that they met February 16<sup>th</sup>, they anticipate to have a recommendation for the pool to you next month.

C. Gempp Commission, nothing to report

- D. Swim & Dive Committee – Mr. Brown stated that he met with the committee through ZOOM last week, we discussed have a team of 140 kids at this time based on current guidelines.

E. Fitness Committee – we purchased a new incline trainer to replace older version.

F. Art Committee

-Chairman McGuire informed the commission that we were able to secure our #1 sculpture – Nathan Pierce “Everything”.

G. Director’s Report

Mr. Brown first wanted to Thank Pam Livingston for decorating the Christmas Tree again this year. We received many comments on how it looked. Mr. Brown also asked if we could meet 1 week earlier next month to review playground bids.

Mr. Brown asked if there were any questions to the written report? No questions.

## New Business

- A. **Eagle Scout Project**
- B. **Urban Forestry Discussion**

Mr. Brown stated that enclosed was a copy of the application, site plan and recommendation from staff and P & Z Commission. Mr. Brown read the staff report pertaining to removal of the tree canopy. South Tech, 12721 would like to remove tree canopy for future development over the next (5) years. Mr. Brown went over the site plan and explained the exact areas for removal. Public Works Staff recommended approval for this petitioner. Ms. Svoboda made a motion to approve the application, Ms. Livingston seconded and it was unanimously approved.

**NEXT MEETING DATE**

- March 16, 2021 @ 6:30pm

**ADJOURNMENT**

Ms. Livingston made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:38 pm. Alderman Bershe seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

**As submitted by,**

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