

SAINT LOUIS PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, JANUARY 14, 2008
7:00 P.M.

The January Meeting of the Parks & Recreation was called to order by Chairman David Biehl at 7:00 p.m.

Roll Call:

Members Present: David Biehl, Melissa Allen, Sally Church, Kevin Palmer, Joe Scholtz, and Nancy Roehrs

Members Absent: Dorothy Trgina

Others Present: City Manager Robert McConkie, Joe Sherwood and Rosemary Horvath

Motion by Melissa Allen, supported by Kevin Palmer, to approve the November meeting minutes subject to the following corrections; page 1 paragraph two should read "Joe Scholtz to accept" and under Old Business the third paragraph should read "7-11 Sign". Motion carried.

Changes to the Agenda:

Sally Church joined the meeting at 7:02 p.m.

Commissioner Allen recommended that New Business should be moved before Old Business so discussion with Joe Sherwood would be first.

Financial Report:

City Manager McConkie recommended that the Parks Commission receive the Revenue/Expense Report and not the Balance Sheet.

Motion by Allen, supported by Church, to approve the Financial Report for the month of November 2007. Motion carried.

New Business.

Joe Sherwood Regarding Smith Farm.

Joe Sherwood stated that Bethany Township now owns the Smith Farm property and the Little League approached Bethany Township about building four ball diamonds, a concession stand and a walking track on the property.

Bethany Township had Spicer Group do a conceptual site plan for the ball fields. Spicer's recommended that they submit to the DNR for a Trust Grant to fund cost. There needs to be a

Recreation Plan and thought that they could use the city's plan. The grant application would be asking for \$280,000 to construct the recreation facility with a local match of \$50,000. Bethany Township is willing to contribute \$25,000 the Little League would contribute \$5,000 and would like the city to contribute the rest with either in-line services or funds.

Chair Biehl wanted to know how many ball fields they have now.

Sherwood stated that the Little League is short of ball fields since girl's softball leagues were added to the program.

City Manager McConkie stated that there are some issues that the Commission need to consider regarding participating in the DNR Trust Grant Application. The City's Parks & Recreation Plan would have to include the ball fields and list it as the city's priority. There would have to be a long term lease from Bethany Township to the city to establish that the city has control over the property. Also, the city would be required to maintain the property.

Sherwood stated that he would do the ground maintenance of the property.

Commissioner Allen stated that she had no doubt that Joe Sherwood would maintain the property but if Joe quit maintaining the property it would become the city's responsible and cost to continue the maintenance.

Chair Biehl wanted to know who was liable for the maintaining the contaminants on the property.

Sherwood stated that the DEQ is responsible for the environmental issues on the property.

Commissioner Roehrs stated that she was in favor of more ball fields but was not in favor of making that the Recreation's Plan number one priority. She believes that the swimming pool bath house is the city's recreation number one priority.

Chair Biehl stated that he thinks more ball fields in the community would be a very positive for the area but does agree with Member Roehrs about changing it to a number one priority.

City Manager McConkie stated that he knows that documents to submit a grant application by the March 1st deadline would not be possible but there would be more time for the second round grant application which is due in the fall.

Chair Biehl wanted to know the opinion of the City Council about developing the property in Bethany Township for ball fields.

City Manager McConkie stated that the City Council would want a recommendation from the Parks & Recreation Commission. The Parks & Recreation Commission needs more information on the matter for further discussion. At the February meeting City Manager McConkie will have more of the grant requirements available for the commission to review.

Old Business.

Goal Lists.

The Goal List was not available to the Commission so City Manager McConkie recommended that they table the matter until the next meeting.

Moved by Roehrs, supported by Church, to approve to table the Parks & Recreation Goal List until the next meeting. Motion carried.

7-11 Sign.

Chair Biehl stated 7-11 has a place for the community event sign. The owners are looking into where and how it needs to be placed. Will have more information at the next meeting.

Flower Planting Coordinator.

Commissioner Roehrs stated that she and Dorothy Trgina are going to coordinate the flower planting and requested that Sally Church bring the list of churches to her for the flower bed planting.

Sally Church stated that she would bring the list to Nancy Roehrs.

Bath House Renovations.

The commission wanted to know if the bath house can be renovated or should the city consider building a new one.

City Manager McConkie stated that he would have an engineer review the condition of the building and submit a report to the commission.

Other Business. None

Moved by Scholtz, supported by Church, to approve to adjourn the meeting at 8:26 p.m. Motion carried.

Nancy L. Roehrs
Acting Secretary

SAINT LOUIS PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2008
7:00 P.M.

The January Meeting of the Parks & Recreation was called to order by Chairman David Biehl at 7:00 p.m.

Members Present: David Biehl, Melissa Allen, Sally Church, Kevin Palmer, Joe Scholtz,

Members Absent: Dorothy Trgina, Nancy Roehrs

Others Present: City Manager Robert McConkie, Joe Sherwood

Motion by Melissa Allen, supported by Kevin Palmer, to approve the January meeting minutes All Ayes. Motion carried.

Financial Report:

Motion by Scholtz, supported by Church, to approve the Financial Report for the month ending December, 2007. All Ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Palmer, supported by Church to recommend to City Council to work with Bethany Township, Pine River Township, St. Louis Public Schools and Little League to develop a future sporting complex to serve the community at a site with adequate acreage; however, the Parks Commission does not feel the "Smith Farm Property" is the appropriate site. Further, Bethany Township shall be advised of the same. Cost estimate - \$305,704. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Moved by Scholtz, supported by Church to table the goal list. Palmer abstained. Motion Carried.

7-11 Sign is ready.

Moved by Scholtz, supported by Palmer to adjourn. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Robert McConkie
Acting Secretary

SAINT LOUIS PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, MARCH 10, 2008
7:00 P.M.

The March Meeting of the Parks & Recreation was called to order by Chairman David Biehl at 7:00 p.m.

Roll Call:

Members Present: David Biehl, Kevin Palmer, Joe Scholtz, and Nancy Roehrs

Members Absent: Melissa Allen, Sally Church, and Dorothy Trgina (excused)

Others Present: City Manager Robert McConkie

Motion by Joe Scholtz, supported by Kevin Palmer, to approve the February meeting minutes. Motion carried.

Changes to the Agenda:

Chair Biehl added Park Goal List Review under New Business.

Financial Report:

Motion by Nancy Roehrs, supported by Dave Biehl, to approve the Financial Report for the month of January 2008. Motion carried.

Informational Items.

City Manger McConkie stated that he gave the Parks Commission a copy of the proposed signs that will be installed in Lions, Leppien, Penny and Barnum Parks required by FERC. The cost of the signs will be paid by the electric fund because it is an electric project. Also, as part of the same project Commissioner Scholtz has been assisting to install wood duck boxes, mallard boxes, bat boxes and purple martin houses in the river and in the parks.

City Manager McConkie stated that he gave a copy of the correspondence sent to Bethany Township regarding the Smith Farm to the board for informational purposes.

Old Business.

Commissioner Scholtz inquired about the status of the Rules and Regulations for the Parks.

City Manager McConkie stated that he proposed to the City Council at their last meeting about researching other cities ordinances for parks and drafting an ordinance for St. Louis. Have not

had time yet to start researching the matter but once the ordinance is drafted will have the Parks Commission review it and then submit it to council for their review.

New Business.

Update on Bath House Project.

City Manager McConkie stated that the City Council discussed the recommendation of the Parks Committee to have a consultant evaluate the bath house to see if it is feasible to renovate the building or build a new one. The City Council thought that it would be a waste of money to have the building evaluated for renovation because they felt the money would be better spent getting an architect design on a new bath house. A meeting has been set up for this Friday with an architect to discuss the matter.

Parks Goal List.

The Parks Commission discussed the following Goal List for the City Parks.

Large Gather Place for Community.

New Swimming Pool Bath House.

Barnum Park:

- Pedestrian Bridge
- Extend the Fishing Pier
- Pave the Parking Lot
- Canoe Portage

City Manager McConkie stated that the city has to do a lot of maintenance of the park area before park improvements can be done.

Clapp Park:

- Update/Add Equipment
- Attract Older Youth
- Acquire Prices for new playground equipment

Magic Square Park:

- Add Shade Trees
- Update Basketball Courts

Penny Park:

- Pave the Parking Lot
- Get Rid of the Geese

Lincoln Park:

- Put in Walkways

- Install drainage to Keep from Flooding
- A Full Basketball Court

Lions Park:

- Pave the Parking Lot
- Add Playground Equipment
- Add Some Trees
- Fix Walkway
- Cover up Concrete

Leppien Park:

- Add Playground Equipment for Older Children
- Fix the Boat Ramp as Moved Sideways in the river
- Add Drinking Fountain

Imperial Park:

Chair Biehl recommended that the Commissioners prioritize the goal list and then would look at the projects for the top three parks.

Other Business. None

Moved by Nancy Roehrs, supported by Joe Scholtz, to approve to adjourn the meeting at 7:44 p.m. Motion carried.

Nancy L. Roehrs
Acting Secretary

**SAINT LOUIS PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, APRIL 14, 2008
7:00 P.M.**

The April meeting of the Parks & Recreation Commission was called to order by Vice-Chairman, Kevin Palmer at 7:03 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Members Present: Melissa Allen, Joe Scholtz, Dorothy Trgina, Kevin Palmer and Nancy Roehrs

Members Absent: David Biehl, Sally Church

Motion by Nancy Roehrs, Seconded by Joe Scholtz to approve the March 2008 meeting minutes with the following changes: On Page 2, change “gather” to “gathering.” Motion carried.

Changes to the Agenda:

Add Don Burch from the Christian Caring for Community (CCC).

Financial Report:

Financial Report discussion. Noted that the Capital Outlay is under budget.

Don Burch was present from the CCC. First, he thanked the Parks & Recreation Commission on behalf of the CCC for the flowers the City purchased for the flower beds and streetscapes. Nancy Roehrs explained to Don how the Commission is purchasing the flowers for the 2008 season, i.e. a bid process. She also reported the color theme for the 2008 season.

Old Business:

Review of Goals List – Mark Abbott reported that the Park budget is \$72,000.00 for the 2007/2008 season.

Discussion on Park priorities. Mark Abbott did the tallying from he input of each Commission member.

There was a discussion on Frisbee Golf at one of the parks. This was mentioned by Kevin Palmer.

Following is the complete Priority List:

1. Bath house
2. Playground Equipment

3. Lions Park walk-way – next budget year
4. Trees at Lions Park – Dorothy Trgina is requesting a Join Hands Day Grant from Trivent Financial for Lutherans for four trees to be planted near the present playground equipment at Lions Park.
5. Pavilion in Clapp Park
6. Barnum Park
7. Basketball Courts.

There being no further business to come before the Commission, Motion by Melissa Allen, Supported by Kevin Palmer to Adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 8:32 p.m.

Next Meeting to be Monday, May 12, 2008 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dorothy Trgina
Secretary
Parks & Recreation Commission

SAINT LOUIS PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, May 12, 2008
7:00 P.M.

The May meeting of the Parks & Recreation Commission was called to order by Chairman David Biehl at 7:00 p.m.

Members Present: David Biehl, Melissa Allen, Sally Church, Kevin Palmer, and Dorothy Trgina

Members Absent: Nancy Roehrs and Joe Scholtz

Motion by Melissa Allen, Supported by Sally Church to approve the April 2008 meeting minutes with the following changes: On Page 1, "Mark Abbott reported that the Park budget request is \$72,000.00 for the 2007/2008 season." And on page two, item number 5 of the Priority List Clapp Park. Motion carried.

Changes to the Agenda: None.

Financial Report:

Question regarding the increase in utility cost for the pool. Manager McConkie will check into this and report at the June meeting.

Motion by Melissa Allen, Seconded by Sally Church to place the Financial Report on file. Motion Carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

Playground Equipment-Mark Abbott presented the members of the Commission with five options for playground equipment. Mark reviewed each option.

Swings are needed at Clapp Park, as well as a Merry-Go-Round to replace the present one at Clapp Park.

Motion by Kevin Palmer, Seconded by David Biehl to recommend to the City Council to purchase the following equipment from Capital Outlay money. Motion Carried.

1. Tripod 4 seat galvanized swing
2. Galvanized Moon Climber-super size
3. 10 Foot Merry-Go-Round

Trees- Dorothy Trgina announced that she has received a grant in the amount of \$750.00 from Thrivent Financial for Lutherans to purchase four trees for Lions Park. Dorothy will present these funds to the City. Mark Abbot will purchase the trees.

New Business:

Pool House Reconstruction – Discussion regarding the letter from Spicer Group regarding the Pool House reconstruction project. Funds for this project will come from the Hoffmeyer Trust.

Flower Planting – Dorothy Trgina reported that she has contacted all the Churches and individuals who planted the flower plants last year. We have two new Churches to help with the planting this year. They are Lighthouse Church and Free Methodist Church.

David Biehl thanked the ladies on the Parks & Recreation Commission for taking charge of this project.

Sign Application – The City of St. Louis received an application from Twin City Landscape for permission to install a sign under the Tourist Oriented Direction Sign Program. The attachments/drawing with this application indicated that this sign would be in Clapp Park, between the sidewalk and curb of Highway M-46. There was much discussion on this application.

Motion by Kevin Palmer, Seconded by Melissa Allen, that the Parks & Recreation Commission members recommend to City Council that commercial signs be kept out of our City Parks. Motion Carried.

There being no further business to come before the Commission, Motion by Sally Church, Seconded by David Biehl to adjourn. Motion Carried.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Next meeting to be Monday, June 9, 2008, at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dorothy Trgina
Secretary
Parks & Recreation Commission

SAINT LOUIS PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, June 9, 2008
7:00 P.M.

The June meeting of the Parks & Recreation Commission was called to order by Vice Chairman Kevin Palmer

Members Present: Melissa Allen, Kevin Palmer, Joe Scholtz, Nancy Roehrs, Dorothy Trgina

Members Absent: David Biehl, Sally Church

Other Present: Robert McConkie, City Manager

Motion by Nancy Roehrs, Supported by Kevin Palmer to approve the May 12, 2008 meeting minutes. Motion Carried.

Changes to the Agenda: None.

Financial Report:

At the May meeting a question arose regarding the increase in the utility cost for the pool. City Manager McConkie reported that there has been an estimate in he meter reading for the pool. There was an adjustment made for this.

Old Business:

Update of Playground Equipment: The playground equipment has been ordered.

Utility cost for Pool: This was resolved. See explanation under Financial Report above.

Trees for Lions Park. Dorothy Trgina reported that four trees will be planted at 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, June 11, 2008. All commission members are invited to attend.

New Business:

Congratulations to Joe Scholtz for another outstanding Free Fishing Derby. Joe reported that over 500 people participated in this event held on June 7, 2008.

The Liability Insurance Company for the City covered all the property owners along the riverbank during the Free Fishing Derby. This was at no extra charge to the City.

Kevin Palmer reported that he is sponsoring a 5 K Run as part of the 4th of July events in the City.

David Biehl arrived at 7:14 p.m.

There being no further business to come before the Commission, Motion by Kevin Palmer, Seconded by Nancy Roehrs to adjourn. Motion Carried.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Next meeting to be Monday, July 14, 2008 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dorothy Trgina
Secretary
Parks & Recreation Commission

SAINT LOUIS PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, July 14, 2008
7:00 P.M.

The July meeting of the Parks & Recreation Commission was called to order by Chairman David Biehl at 7:01 p.m.

Members Present: Melissa Allen, Kevin Palmer, Nancy Roehrs, Dorothy Trgina, David Biehl, Sally Church

Members Absent: Joe Scholtz

Other Present: Robert McConkie, City Manager
Jerry Church (arrived at 7:16 p.m.)

Motion by Kevin Palmer, Supported by Sally Church to approve the minutes of the June 9, 2008 meeting with the correction of the word meeting to meter on page two of the minutes. Motion Carried.

Changes to the Agenda: None.

Financial Report:

Motion by Nancy Roehrs, Seconded by Sally Church to approve the Financial Report as presented and be placed on file. Motion Carried.

Old Business:

David Biehl reported that he has had discussions with Alma Sign regarding a quote for a sign to be placed at 7-11/Sunoco. David has the approval of the owner of this business. City Manager McConkie stated that a permit from MDOT needs to be obtained for this sign.

New Business:

- a. Tree Grant Completion. Dorothy Trgina reported that the four trees purchased with funds from Thrivent Financial for Lutherans-Join Hands Day grant were planted on the 11th of June, 2008 at Lions Park. David Biehl thanked Dorothy for her efforts with this project and commented that the trees look very nice.
- b. Lions Park Path Repair. This is complete and looks very nice.
- c. Personal Injury – Leppien Park. Cricket Hamilton was seriously injured on the slide at Leppien Park. She lost a portion of her right thumb. This happened when a ring she was wearing on her right thumb caught on a bolt on the tubular slide at the Park. DPW has changed out the bolts on this slide.

d. July 4th Celebration Review.

Following are comments regarding the 4th of July weekend in the City of St. Louis.

“Wonderful event” Bob McConkie

“Great place to see old classmates” David Biehl

“Music was fantastic” David Biehl

“Fireworks were nice” Sally Church

Kevin Palmer reported that the numbers for his run were down this year. Kevin stated that he had about 60 runners. Dave Biehl thanked Kevin for doing the run.

Other Business:

Melissa Allen reported that she had visited the City of Fremont, Michigan. That City has Perennials planted in front of their City Hall. Melissa suggested that the City of St. Louis look into this for the future.

David Biehl suggested that the City of St. Louis send a card to Cricket Hamilton.

There being no further business to come before the Commission, Motion by Nancy Roehrs, Seconded by Melissa Allen to adjourn.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:32 p.m.

Next meeting to be Monday, August 11, 2008 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dorothy
Trgina
Secretary
Parks & Recreation Commission

**SAINT LOUIS PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, AUGUST 11, 2008
7:00 P.M.**

The August meeting of the Parks & Recreation Commission was called to order by Chairman David Biehl at 7:04 p.m.

Members Present: Melissa Allen, Kevin Palmer, Dorothy Trgina, David Biehl, Joe Scholtz

Members Absent: Sally Church, Nancy Roehrs

Other Present: Robert McConkie, City Manager

Sally Church arrived at 7:06 p.m.

Correction to be made to the Minutes; change June to July in the first paragraph. Dave Biehl inquired if a card had been sent to Cricket Hamilton. There was no response. City Manager McConkie stated that a Notice has been received by the City from Cricket Hamilton's Attorney.

Motion by Kevin Palmer, Supported by Joe Scholtz to approve the minutes of the July 14, 2008 meeting with the correction of the word June to July. Motion Carried.

Changes to the Agenda: None.

Financial Report:

Discussion of items. Motion by Kevin Palmer, Supported by Sally Church to approve the Financial Report as presented and be placed on file. Motion Carried.

Old Business:

- a. Playground equipment is at DPW and ready to be installed. DPW is shorthanded on staff at this time.
- b. Sign – Report by David Biehl that Alma Sign has not provided cost information to him. David Biehl will get another quote from another sign company.

New Business:

- a. Project Planning 2008/2009. To utilize the list made at previous meeting(s).

Playscape financed by funds from Community Day Committee.

Joe Scholtz reported that the Bass Tournament is the weekend of August 16, 2008 on the Pine River.

Dave Biehl reported that he walked the Parks during his vacation week and they all look very nice.

There being no further business to come before the Commission, motion by Joe Scholtz, supported by Sally Church to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned at 7:21 p.m.

Next meeting to be Monday, September 8, 2008 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dorothy Trgina
Secretary
Parks & Recreation Commission
City of St. Louis

**SAINT LOUIS PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, September 8, 2008
7:00 P.M.**

The September meeting of the Parks & Recreation Commission was called to order by Chairman David Biehl at 7:04 p.m.

Members Present: Kevin Palmer, Dorothy Trgina, David Biehl, Joe Scholtz
Sally Church, Nancy Roehrs

Members Absent: Melissa Allen

Other Present: Robert McConkie, City Manager
Mark Abbot, Dept. of Public Works

Approval of August Minutes. There was a discussion regarding whether the commission needs to approve the Financial Reprot.

Motion by David Biehl, Supported by Sally Church to approve the minutes of the August 11, 2008 meeting. Motion Carried.

Changes to the Agenda: None.

Financial Report:

Per City Manager McConkie, the Commission does not need to approve the Financial Report by Motion.

The equipment rental for the Parks was paid in July, but it is a June entry.

The Financial Report will be placed on file.

Old Business:

David Biehl reported that he has contacted three sign companies regarding the sign to be placed at the 7-11, but no response from any of them.

New Business:

City Manager sent a letter to Christopher C. Andrews and Jesse C. Andrews, regarding a parcel of property in the area of the swimming pool. A copy of this correspondence is included in park members packets. City Manager McConkie reported that he has had no response regarding this correspondence.

Question by Mark Abbot if there is no response from the Andrews, can the City go eminent domain?

Manager McConkie reported that the City never gave an easement to the Andrews.

Memo from DPW Supervisor:

Melissa Allen arrived at 7:11 p.m.

Discussion by Mark Abbott regarding safety issues in and around and with the playground equipment in the City Parks. There was a discussion on placement of the new playground equipment.

Penny Park: The playground equipment in this Park is the original playground equipment which came from the family of Penny Wischmeyer as a memorial.

Mark Abbott made presentation on prices of various safety surfaces for the City Parks.

Mark Abbott has breakdown for costs for each Park.

Motion by Joe Scholtz, seconded by Nancy Roehrs, to remove the old play structure at Penny Park for safety reasons. Motion carried.

Motion by Kevin Palmer, seconded by Sally Church to install safety surface of pea stone at Clapp Park. Motion Carried.

Motion by David Biehl to install new playground equipment in the Northeast corner of Clapp Park. Discussion. Table installation of new playground equipment in Clapp Park.

Motion by Sally Church, seconded by Nancy Roehrs to have October Parks & Recreation Commission Meeting at 6:00 p.m. and to meet at City hall and then proceed to Clapp Park to view location for installation of new playground equipment.

Motion by David Biehl, seconded by Sally Church to install pea stone at Lions Park in the playground as a safety zone area. Motion Carried with 1 nay.

To be placed on the October meeting agenda is the item of Park reservations and rentals This is page 3 of the memorandum from Mark Abbot, dated September 3, 2008.

There being no further business to come before the Commission, Motion by Joe Scholtz, seconded by Sally Church to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned at 8:33 P.M.

Next meeting to be Monday, October 13, 2008, at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Dorothy Trgina, Secretary Parks & Recreation Commission

ST. LOUIS PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2008
6:00 p.m.

The Commission members met at City Council Chambers at 6:00 p.m. and walked to the East side of Clapp Park. We looked around the area and measured as to where would be the best location for the new playground equipment.

Motion by Kevin Palmer, Seconded by Nancy Roehrs, to place the new Merry-Go-Round at the location of the former one, and to place the new Swing Set and Climber on the North side of Clapp Park where there presently exists a Shuffleboard slab and Horse Shoe pits. Motion carried with 5 yeas; no Nays; and one abstaining: Melissa Allen.

The Commission members then went back to the Council Chambers to proceed with our monthly meeting.

Meeting called to order by Chairman, David Biehl at 6:15 p.m.

Roll Call:

Members Present: David Biehl, Kevin Palmer, Melissa Allen, Joe Scholtz, Dorothy Trgina, and Nancy Roehrs

Members Absent: Sally Church (excused)

Others Present: Mark Abbott-Department of Public Works

Approval of September minutes. Motion by Nancy Roehrs, Seconded by David Biehl to approve the Minutes of the September meeting as prepared. Motion Carried.

Changes to the Agenda: None.

Financial Report: Kevin Palmer questioned the Communications expense in the Financial Report. Nancy Roehrs will check on this and report back at the November meeting. The Financial Report will be placed on file.

Old Business:

Placement of Playground Equipment in Clapp Park – This item was taken care of at the beginning of these Minutes.

Park Reservation Fees – There was a lengthy discussion regarding the Memo attached to the Minutes, entitled “Park reservation rentals”.

During the discussion on this item, agreement by all in attendance that there would be no charge for events where all the Community is involved, i.e. Fishing Derby, Community Day.

Regarding the moving of picnic tables, Mark Abbott indicated that the City only has 26 picnic tables, thus the reason to be moving them around to the different City Parks.

Conclusion regarding this item, is that all the Commission Members will further review the attached Memo and come to the November Parks & Recreation Commission meeting with more suggestions.

Note: Memo entitle Park reservation and rentals will be attached to the November Meeting Agenda.

New Business: None.

There being no further business to come before the Commission, Motion by Nancy Roehrs, Seconded by Melissa Allen to adjourn. Motion Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:04 p.m.

Next meeting to be Monday, November 10, 2008 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dorothy Trgina
Secretary
Parks & Recreation Commission
City of St. Louis

ST. LOUIS PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2008
7:00 p.m.

The November St. Louis Parks & Recreation Commission meeting called to order by Chairman, David Biehl at 7:04 p.m.

Roll Call:

Members Present: David Biehl, Kevin Palmer, Joe Scholtz, Dorothy Trgina,
Nancy Roehrs

Members Absent: Melissa Allen, Sally Church

Others Present: Robert McConkie, City Manager

Approval of October minutes. Motion by Nancy Roehrs, Seconded by Kevin Palmer to approve the Minutes of the October 2008 minutes. Motion Carried.

Changes to the Agenda: None.

Financial Report: Nancy Roehrs reported that the Communications expense that was questions at the October meeting is for the expense of a telephone line at Leppien Park to enable a live Radio broadcast be done from the site of the Annual Fishing Derby held in June of each year. Discussion regarding this telephone line becoming part of the City telephone system. Motion by Kevin Palmer, Seconded by David Biehl to place the Financial Report on file. Motion Carried.

Commission Member Sally Church arrived at 7:16 p.m.

Old Business:

Park Reservations and Rentals – Dorothy Trgina shared with the Commission members information she had obtained from the City of Corunna regarding their rental charges. There was a discussion on the Memo attached to the October minutes entitled “Park Reservation and Rentals.”

Motion by Nancy Roehrs, Seconded by Sally Church, to recommend to the City Council that they set a fee schedule for any person requesting any of the following: Moving of Picnic Tables; Moving of Port-a-johns; Moving of Trash Cans; and for a dumpster for non-City events. Motion Carried.

Other Business:

City Manager McConkie again inquired as to what we want our town to look like in 10 years. Discussion followed.

Discussion on the plan for the Dam in the City.

David Biehl mentioned a water fountain in either Veteran's Park or the Pocket Park. Also mentioned was a sidewalk on Michigan Avenue towards Alma.

There being no further business to come before the Commission, Motion by Nancy Roehrs, seconded by Sally Church to adjourn. Motion Carried.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

All Commission Members are requested to bring the Recreation and other plans to the December meeting.

Next Meeting to be Monday, December 8, 2008, 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dorothy Trgina
Secretary
Parks & Recreation Commission
City of St. Louis, Michigan

St. Louis Parks & Recreation Commission
Regular Meeting
Monday, December 8, 2008
7:00 p.m.

The December St. Louis Parks & Recreation Commission meeting was called to order by Joe Scholtz, Acting Chairman, at 7:03 p.m.

Roll Call:

Members Present: Melissa Allen, Sally Church, Joe Scholtz, Dorothy Trgina, Nancy Roehrs

Members Absent: David Biehl, Kevin Palmer

Others Present: Robert McConkie, City Manager

Approval of November Minutes: Motion by Nancy Roehrs, seconded by Sally Church, to approve the November 2008, minutes as prepared. Motion Carried.

Changes to the Agenda: No changes to the Agenda and it will stand as printed.

Financial Report: The Financial Report will be placed on file as printed.

Old Business:

Discuss Projects for Grant Application: Following much discussion, the following reflects the consensus of the members in attendance in the order presented:

- A. River Walk Trails-These projects are funded by grant from DNR. Need to coordinate with Alma and Pine River Township.
- B. Bath House- Designs and pictures were presented for the committee members to look at. The committee members present decided on the design with the blue roof at a cost of \$495,000.00

David Biehl arrived at 7:16 p.m.

- C. Canoe Portage-Parking in Barnum Park and bank stabilization.
- D. Boat Landing on Michigan Avenue.
- E. Pavillion in Clapp Park.
- F. Basketball courts in Magic Square.
- G. Safety Walk/Crossing at Leppien Park.

City Manager McConkie will begin preparations for the grant requests.

New Business: None.

There being no further business to come before the Commission, Motion by David Biehl, seconded by Sally Church to adjourn. Motion Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:14 p. m.

Next meeting to be Monday, January 12, 2009 at 7:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Dorothy Trgina
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