

SAINT LOUIS PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION

REGULAR MEETING

MONDAY, MAY 11TH, 2020

4:00 P.M.

The Regular Meeting of the Saint Louis Parks & Recreation Commission was called to Order by Chairman, Melissa Allen at 4:04 P.M.

ROLL CALL:

Members Present: Melissa Allen; Tom Reed; Amanda Kelly; Dorothy Trgina; Mary Reed; Ron Salladay and Kristy Hardy.

Others Present: Mark Abbott, DPW; Linda Bader, Saint Louis Farmers Market; Kurt Giles, City Manager; Keith Risdon and Bill Leonard, Councilperson.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA: Add item 6 c to the Agenda, Zoom Meetings. Motion by Tom Reed, Seconded by Mary Reed to approve the Agenda as amended. Discussion. Motion Carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MARCH 9TH, 2020 MEETING; Motion by Ron Salladay, Seconded by Mary Reed to approve the Minutes of the March 9th, 2020 Parks & Recreation Commission Meeting to correct the wording to Members of the Parks & Recreation Commission from the word Commissioners. Discussion. Motion Carried.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Park & Rec maintenance; \$12,900.00 donation for playground equipment from the Gratiot Community Grant. Amending the budget to \$68,000.00 for the Pool. This includes \$22,000.00 from the W. T. Morris Foundation. Motion by Tom Reed, Seconded by Kristy Hardy to approve the Financial Report and place it on file. Discussion. Motion Carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

a. Pool Update: Kurt Giles has had discussions regarding the pool opening with the City Council. Do not see any way of opening the pool on June 6th, 2020 as planned. Mary Reed inquired as to what is the City Council's recommendation. Ron Salladay inquired about the "sudden kid syndrome?" Tom Reed stated that the Pool should not open for this season, as did Amanda Kelly, Mary Reed, Kristy Hardy and Dorothy Trgina.

b. Farmers Market: Spicer Group presented to the City their recommendations regarding sites for the Saint Louis Farmers Market. One of the sites is Clapp Park. Mary Reed inquired if there are any amenities that are not on the drawings, i.e., bathrooms, electricity, office-meeting rooms. Melissa Allen has concerns about damage to the buildings for the new market site. Mary Reed also has the same concerns. Tom Reed is not in favor of removing any trees from Clapp Park. Ron Salladay commented removing 13 or 16 trees from the Park would not be good, also not to remove the old Pavilion or Gazabo . Amanda Kelly likes the proposed location, likes the stage idea, re-do parking situation. Kristy Hardy agreed with Amanda Kelly. Mary Reed inquired of Mark Abbot, what about funds for Pavilion Roof and Gazebo. Mark Abbott reported that the graffiti is not as bad as in the past. There are parking lot concerns and increased maintenance of the Park. Mary Reed mentioned limited amount of playground area. Kurt Giles concerned with the tree removal for the East side parking area. Linda Bader is not aware of any parking requirements. Mary Reed inquired of Linda Bader about walking to Clapp Park. Tom Reed inquired about apartment building parking area. Kurt Giles mentioned Union Street Property. Kurt Giles mentioned multi dollar funding. Mary Reed inquired if there is a Mission Statement for the Farmers Market. Linda Bader does have a Mission Statement for the Farmers Market. Tom Reed inquired of Kurt Giles, one the burn site of the Velisco Site is taken care of, is that a possible use for the Famers Market. Kurt Giles replied not out of the question. Linda Bader thanked all of the member of the Parks & Recreation Commission for their input.

c. Zoom Meeting; Next Meeting will be Monday, July 13th, 2020. Kurt Giles is hoping to be able to meet in person. The Commission Members are all okay with a Zoom Meeting.

Tom Reed inquired if the Mill Street Property and the property to the West of Seely Auto could be used for a Farmers Market? Ron Salladay inquired about the old Marathon Station being a good site for the Farmers Market, using existing building. Response was not a good site, siting environmental issues with the property. Ron Salladay stated that Clapp Park is not a good location for the famers Market.

Kurt Giles will handle the Zoom Meeting for July.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before the Commission, the Meeting was Adjourned at 5:11 P.M. The next Meeting is scheduled for Monday, July 13th, 2020 at 4:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Dorothy Trgina

Secretary, Parks & Recreation Commission

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