

SAINT LOUIS PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION

REGULAR MEETING

MONDAY, JANUARY 13<sup>th</sup>, 2020

The Regular Meeting of the Saint Louis Parks & Recreation Commission was called to order by Chair, Melissa Allen at 4:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Members Present: Melissa Allen, Tom Reed, Amanda Kelly, Ron Salladay and Kristi Hardy

Members Absent: Dorothy Trgina and Mary Reed (both excused)

Others Present: Kurt Giles, Sally Church, Mark Abbott and Keith Risdon

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Motion by Salladay, supported by Kelly to approve the Agenda with additional Items 6b) - Pool Update and 6c) – Healthy Pine River meeting summary. Discussion was held. Motioned carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion by Kelly, supported by Salladay to approve the minutes of the November 11<sup>th</sup>, 2019 Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting. Discussion was held and all ayes carried the motion.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

The Financial Report for period ending 12/31/19 was distributed at the start of the meeting. Members took a moment for a cursory review and did not have questions or comments at that time. Motion was made by Reed and supported by Hardy to receive and place the Financial Report on file as presented. All ayes carried the motion.

NEW BUSINESS:

Discussion was held regarding upcoming priorities for investment in Parks and Recreation. Mark Abbott reported he had received budgetary information for painting the structural steel components of the Clapp Park pavilion in the amount of \$7,425. In addition to pavilion maintenance item, the following capital improvement possibilities were discussed:

- 1) Electrical Receptacles in large pavilion at Leppien Park
- 2) Basketball Court upgrades or construction (Lincoln Park or elsewhere)
- 3) Safety Surface around Penny Park play equipment
- 4) Clapp Park play equipment upgrades

Mark Abbott reported the recommendation for Clapp Park play equipment would include construction of one multi-feature play structure that is similar to what was recently installed in other parks along with retiring two of the smaller items in the Park. Continued discussion revealed there was a consensus among members to enhance basketball opportunities in our Parks system but members do not wish to upgrade the basketball court in Lincoln Park in the near future. Revisiting the idea of basketball use at the Middle School tennis courts was also brought up and discussed.

Following this discussion, the members were asked to rank the four potential items with a score of four for highest priority and one for the lowest. With five members present, the scoring of priorities was as follows:

Electrical Receptacles in Leppien Pavilion: 16 points

Expanding Basketball Court Facilities: 9 points

Adding Safety Surface at Penny Park: 14 points

Clapp Park Play Equipment upgrades: 11 points

#### POOL UPDATE:

Giles and Abbott gave an update on the remaining work at the Pool. This included finishing installation of the fixtures in the family changing room in the next 2 to 4 weeks and putting the W.T. Morris sign back on the front awning once metal trim work is finished and weather conditions allow for safe access.

#### HEALTHY PINE RIVER MEETING:

Allen and Giles gave a recap of the recent Healthy Pine River Meeting where one of Murray Borello's Alma College students gave a presentation on her project that compared the uptake of phosphorus and nitrogen for crop production with the amount of nutrient being applied in manure. The presenter's name is Chelsea Faber and she summarized how manure receiving acreage in Gratiot County and numerous other Lower Peninsula counties are having greater than 150% of the required nutrient being applied.

#### ADJOURNMENT:

With no other business at hand, Chair Allen called the meeting adjourned at 5:35 p.m.

The next scheduled meeting of the Parks & Recreation Commission is Monday, March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2020.

Minutes by Acting Recording Secretary, Kurt Giles