

**St. Louis Parks & Recreation Commission
Meeting Minutes**

Monday, March 12, 2018

The regular meeting of the St. Louis Parks & Recreation Commission was called to order by Chair Mellissa Allen at 4:15 p.m. on Monday, March 12, 2018.

Roll Call

Present: Amanda Kelly, Sally Church, Melissa Allen, Ron Salladay, Mary Reed

Absent: Dorothy Trgina and Steve Larsen

Others Present: City Manager Kurt Giles, Mark Abbott, DPW Director, Keith Risdon,
Utilities Director, Lizette Betancourt, Pool Supervisor

Chair Allen had those present introduce themselves to new member Salladay, and Salladay briefly told of his background and interest in serving on the Parks Commission.

Approval of January 15, 2018 Minutes

Motion made by Church, seconded by Kelly, to accept the January 15, 2018 minutes and to place them on file. Motion carried.

No changes to the Agenda

Financial Report

Allen stated that the finances seem to be in good order at this point in the fiscal year. Salladay asked about the use of pool "paint," with Giles explaining the use of marcasite, which is a trowel-on finish, which seems to be the finish of choice for today's public pools. Its use in the City Pool is a spot repair on the original finish. With no further comments or questions, Kelly made the motion to place on file the report, Salladay seconded, and the motion carried.

Business

a. Lincoln Park Recap and Future Plan Discussion

Discussion ensued about the basketball court at Lincoln Park: the size of the court (30' x 50' was suggested), how much it's used currently, what would be needed in the way of preparation and materials to replace/resurface the court. Both Abbott and Risdon are working on gathering information and pricing (\$16,565 was an estimate given by Abbott, not including labor, wages and equipment rental, suggesting a final estimate at just under \$20,000) for the Commission.

Play structures at Leppien Park are well-used but are getting older and showing wear, and safety is always a consideration. Abbott's research to-date suggests about \$25,000 will be needed for new, ADA-approved play equipment. Abbott strongly suggests the continued use of rubber mulch for Leppien and all further replacement of materials (as opposed to gravel or wood mulch) under play structures. There was

discussion of the relatively steep incline at Penny Park and what sorts of materials would work best at that site.

\$84,000 is the proposed amount needed for Parks for the City for the next fiscal year, stated Abbott. Given that funding – or a lack of funding - continues to be a consideration each year at budget time, a prioritization of any proposed spending for upgrades to parks was given in this order: Leppien, Penny, Lincoln and Lions.

b. Pool Update

Betancourt gave a detailed account of Summer 2017 City Pool's hours, fees, attendance, and staffing. Betancourt stated that she's "learning as she goes," but the Commission praised her for her dedication, attention to details, involvement with the business community, her outreach and commitment. The pool has been doing well with her management and the Commission looks forward to Betancourt's continued involvement for the coming summer pool program.

At 5:53 p.m. Allen was excused for a business appointment, and Vice Chair Kelly continues the meeting, with general discussion about the pool continuing. With no further business, the Kelly declared the meeting adjourned at 5:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Reed,
Acting Secretary