

Saint Louis Parks & Recreation Commission

Regular Meeting

January 9, 2017

The regular meeting of the Saint Louis Parks & Recreation Commission was called to order by Chair Kevin Palmer at 4:19 p.m. on Monday, January 9, 2017.

Roll Call

Members Present: Steve Larsen, Kevin Palmer, Amanda Kelly, Sally Church, Melissa Allen, Mary Reed

Members Absent: Dorothy Trgina (excused)

Others Present: Kurt Giles, City Manager, Mark Abbott, Department of Public Works, Roger Collison, resident, Kathy Larsen, resident

A motion to approve the **minutes of the previous meeting** was made by Sally Church, seconded By Steve Larsen. Motion carried.

There were **no changes to the agenda** items as presented.

A motion to approve the **current financial report** was made by Melissa Allen, seconded by Sally Church. Motion carried.

Kurt Giles presented ideas and photographs for playground equipment and a pavilion for Lincoln Park, as researched by Mark Abbott. A "ball park figure" for five pieces of playground equipment was given as approximately \$10,500. Discussion also included a possible State of Michigan grant for the pavilion and a new basketball court for the park. Amanda Kelly and Mary Reed offered to attend a January 20th grant application process seminar in Bay City, with Roger Collison attending, as well. They will give a summary at the next Parks meeting.

Kevin Palmer suggested that the Lincoln Park project be done in two phases: the initial phase of several playground pieces and a second phase of building the pavilion and basketball court. All agreed that ADA compliance is crucial for residents' safety and comfort and in applying for possible grant funds.

The Parks & Recreation Commission's 5-year plan (2013-2107) is coming due for renewal and updating. Kurt will contact the Spicer Group to cost-out their helping with this process. Kurt will also contact other communities to obtain copies of their winning grant applications.

Chair Kevin Palmer excused himself at 5:00 p.m. Melissa Allen, Vice-Chair, took over the meeting.

Kurt offered the option of getting started with the Lincoln Park project by taking Phase I to City Council for approval (playground equipment, City labor costs, grass seeding, etc.), and looking into writing a grant to the Gratiot Community Foundation to help underwrite these costs. Melissa Allen made the motion toward this end, supported by Steve Larsen. Motion carried.

Kurt Giles mentioned that the Marcite flooring on the City Pool's floor is deteriorating and that we should look into the cost of replacing it before this summer. He estimated that the cost could be \$25,000.

Three members are unable to attend the next meeting. There will not be a quorum so the February meeting is cancelled.

Melissa Allen adjourned the meeting at 5:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Reed
Acting Secretary for Dorothy Trgina