

St. Louis Parks & Recreation Commission
Regular Meeting
February 8, 2016

The regular meeting of the St. Louis Parks & Recreation Commission was called to order by chair Kevin Palmer at 4:15 p.m.

Roll Call

Members Present: Amanda Kelly, Melissa Allen, Kevin Palmer, Mary Reed

Members Absent: Dorothy Trgina (Excused), Sally Church, Steve Larson

Others Present: Kurt Giles, City Manager and Mark Abbott, DPW

Secretary's Report

Minutes of the last meeting (January 11, 2016) were read. A motion was made by Melissa Allen, seconded by Amanda Kelly, to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

Financial Report

Mary Reed started a discussion about the cost of maintaining a city swimming pool, as costs seem to be high in relation to its use, and with the aging infrastructure of the bathhouse. Reed asked for the number of people using the pool during the summer of 2015, and Kurt will provide that information before the next meeting. Melissa Allen made a motion to place the financial report on file, seconded by Amanda Kelly. Motion carried.

Park Reservation Policy

Discussion continued from last month. Members' consensus is to keep any policy simple until more detail is warranted. It was agreed to keep current guidelines for city parks other than Leppien.

With 20 or fewer parking spaces in Leppien Park and no electricity, it may be difficult to accommodate large groups within the new pavilion. Mark Abbott stated that his staff will build 12-18 new picnic tables to be placed within the pavilion. The pavilion will be available to anyone on a first-come, first-served basis until the need arises to make other accommodations. City Hall will monitor any requests for use of the pavilion over the summer, and Kurt will bring that number

to the next meeting. The commission will revisit this issue by placing it on the April meeting agenda.

There being no further business, Chair Palmer adjourned the meeting at 5:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Reed
Acting Secretary