

Parks and Recreation Board
 November 15, 2018 – 4:00 p.m.
 Parks, Recreation & Civic Facilities Administration Building
 1920 Grand Avenue

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	<u>Name</u>	<u>Members' Term Attendance</u> (mtgs attended-mtgs absent)	<u>End of Current Term of Office</u>
MEMBERS PRESENT:	Douglas, Larry	(45-09)	02/03/19
	Foley, Karen	(44-10)	02/03/19
	Grace, Darrell	(11-02)	06/20/21
	Hatten, Bob	(31-23)	02/03/19
	Houts, Joe – Chairman	(41-13)	02/03/19
	King, Keeran	(27-26)	02/03/19
	Wilkerson, Jerry	(31-07)	06/08/20
MEMBERS ABSENT :	Berry, Wonda	(19-17)	08/31/20
	Brandt, Valerie	(15-11)	06/20/21

STAFF PRESENT: Chuck Kempf, Director Parks, Recreation & Civic Facilities
 Jeff Atkins, Assistant Director Parks, Recreation & Civic Facilities
 Julie Noel, Special Events & Communication Coordinator
 Lori Frederick, Recording Secretary

Call to Order.

Chairman Joe Houts called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

ITEM #2 - Approval of minutes

No October meeting held, therefore no minutes for approval.

ITEM #3 - Updates

- a) REC Center – We have been experiencing some difficult/challenging issues involving aggressive, verbal threatening altercations by adults towards our staff and other spectators during our Little Ballers (Kindergarten-3rd Grade ages) Youth Basketball program. We have had to physically remove a few from the facility. This has been getting progressively worse the past year. We have two off duty police officers present to assist with the issues. We felt it was best to take a break from offering the program to have time to reevaluate and assess where we go from here. We have contacted other parks department in the KC Metro area and most are experiencing the same type of issues in their programs. We will still be conducting the 4th-7th grade youth basketball league. Park Board Recommendation: Possibly announce rules of conduct prior to each game through PA system.
- b) Bartlett Park – Ribbon cutting ceremony went very well. Playground, restrooms, and seven-disc golf pads are complete. The remaining 11 pads, baskets, and signage should be completed in the spring. We have had some road blocks from neighbors in the area not wanting the disc golf to be put in near their property.
- c) Tennis Court Projects – The contractor for Hyde Park and Northside encountered some issues with weather and staffing and were not able to get the project completed. Best option

from here would be to issue a change order to change the timeframe for completion. Herzog expressed some concerns with tearing into the courts at Noyes and leaving it open for the winter. We have pushed it back until June. They should be able to complete by September. With these delays we hopefully will not interfere with high school play either spring or fall sessions.

- d) Wyeth Tootle – HVAC system is over 20 years old and needs to be upgraded. IHP contracted for the work \$396,000. KCP&L will have around \$19,000 to install a 3-phase system.
- e) Holiday Park – We have been working for about 6 weeks and will have the official lighting ceremony on Friday, November 23, 6pm (South Pole 7pm.) Photos from Patrick Evenson, Coverage Photography, were shown. He took some photos of Holiday Park that he has given us permission to use for marketing the park. We are being featured as the #2 place to visit for the holidays in the Jefferson City Magazine. The article is by Nicole Flood and titled “Winter Wonderlands.” You can view the article at <http://jeffersoncitymag.com> The optimist club will not be conducting the demographic this year. Do not have enough volunteers. May look into alternate ways for next year.

ITEM #4 – Upcoming Events

- a.) Remington Nature Center’s 10th Anniversary – Saturday, November 17, 10am-3pm.
- b.) Holiday Park Lighting Ceremony – Friday, November 23, 6:00pm
- c.) South Pole Lighting Ceremony – Friday, November 23, 7:00pm
- d.) Mayor’s Children’s Christmas Party – Saturday, December 8, 10am-noon – Bode Ice Arena

ITEM #5 – Open Discussion

- a.) Kansas City Chiefs ticket fundraiser for Friends of the Park. We have had good response to the tickets. We receive \$10 from the sale of each ticket to go to the Parks Restricted/Designated Program. We were given 3 more dates for purchasing tickets. Order online <http://www.chiefs.com/ticketfundraiser> - promo code: STJOEPARKSREC
- b.) There has been some discussion regarding installing a dog park for the southside. Proposed between Benton Drive and Mansfield Road. We have been asked to put together pricing for the park.
- c.) Snyder Electric conducted energy audits of all city facilities. They made recommendations for savings throughout the city. Some cost quite a bit and others have rebates available with no cost. We plan on going through with some of them: Bode Ice Arena, Golf, Missouri Theater, Administration Building, REC Center, Nature Center, Senior Center, Phil Welch exterior lighting. One of the largest will require going to Bode Trust to request the funding assistance, which will be the largest single request we have made.
- d.) FYI – with the passage of the minimum wage increase the city is exempt from the increase. This can cause us to be at a disadvantage with other businesses paying more than we do.

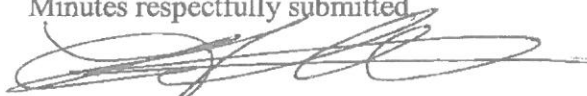
- e.) Red Carpet Movie Premiere – Christmas at the Chateau – December 21-23 at the Missouri Theater. The movie was filmed throughout St. Joseph at various sites. Purchase tickets online at <http://events.jomotickets.com/events/>

- f.) Corby Pond – Public Works will be having a meeting to discuss the storm water project in December. We had planned on adding this to the last CIP list, but Public Works said they should be able to add it to the storm water project since it is connected. Project projected in 2020. They would do a lot of work along shoreline, dredging like Krug. Our hope is that we could enter into another CAP agreement with Missouri Department of Conservation. We would request a floating fishing dock and maybe new restroom. We will be looking into grants to assist as well. We took a sample of the plants that were in part of the pond to the Conservation department to determine what it was. It was determined that it is water lettuce. It had to have been introduced into the pond by someone. They told us that it will die out over the winter. We are lucky that it was put in the pond in early fall since it is invasive and would have taken over the entire pond killing the fish.

- g.) Chuck Kempf distributed a copy of the department’s monthly report for September and October that we have been putting together. The report provides some statistical information specific to the month at each facility/program.

The meeting adjourned at 5:05 pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted,



Lori Frederick, Executive Administrative Assistant