

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
OF THE CITY OF SUNSET HILLS, MISSOURI
HELD ON WEDNESDAY, JULY 23, 2008

BE IT REMEMBERED that the Parks and Recreation Commission of the City of Sunset Hills, Missouri met in regular session at the Activity Center, 12450 W. Watson Road, in said City on Wednesday, July 23, 2008. The meeting began at 7:04 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present:	Georgia Dowling	-Member
	Pat Fribis	-Member
	Blake Harris	-Member
	Jan Hoffmann	-Member
	Doug McGuire	-Member
	Mike McGilligan	-Member
	Bruce Vawter	-Member
	Gerald Brown	-Director of Parks and Recreation
Absent:	Barb Scott	-Chairman
	John Tipton	-Member

It should be noted that Mayor Svoboda was also in attendance.

It should also be noted that member, Alderman Hoffmann served as chairman of the meeting in the absence of Mrs. Barb Scott, chairman.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Copies of the Minutes of the Parks and Recreation Commission of the June 25, 2008 meeting were distributed to the members for their review. Mrs. Dowling made a motion to accept the Minutes as submitted. Alderman Fribis seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

OLD BUSINESS

There was not any old business to report.

REPORTS

- A. BOARD OF ALDERMEN – Alderman Hoffmann had nothing to report.
- B. POOL ADVISORY – Alderman Hoffmann reported a meeting was held Monday and the members reviewed lifeguard evaluations and also discussed suggestions made by the pool managers. The members also had a preliminary discussion concerning the budget.
- C. GEMPP COMMITTEE – Alderman Hoffmann reported a meeting has not been held.
- D. MASTER PLAN STEERING COMMITTEE UPDATE – Alderman Hoffmann reported a meeting has not been held.

E. PARKS AND RECREATION DIRECTOR'S UPDATE

1. Update on meetings with Hastings & Chivetta

Mr. Brown reported that the Special Projects Committee has agreed to recommend the location of the community center to be the land adjacent to City Hall. The Committee will meet next week to discuss programming for the outdoor pool; taking into consideration the top five things desired by the residents responding to the survey. The site location for the new pool will be the location as the existing pool.

Mr. Brown stated the ADA playground has been installed; there was a versa lock wall installed due to the grade differential. The asphalt pathway to the playground will soon be installed. There was a metal slide installed for the children with Cochlear implants, by request.

Mr. Brown stated that Minnie Ha Ha Park is scheduled to open Friday or Saturday this week.

Mr. Brown stated the motor broke on the super sprayer at the pool two days ago. Potential repairs are being looked at for the sprayer to get through the year. The electric went out at the pool concession stand Monday night due to storms and the ice cream in the freezer had to be replaced.

Mr. Brown stated that an individual, Mr. Steve Wasser, has approached the Park Department regarding holding a seminar "Keep our Children Safe from Internet Predators." The seminar would be approximately 45 minutes to one hour and would be held at City Hall for a maximum of 75 to 80 people, free of charge. The seminar would be advertised in the City's newsletter. Mr. Wasser has held the seminar for around three months at Meramec College and is attempting to branch out to different locations.

The members were agreeable to the seminar.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Draft Budget Review

Mr. Brown stated the budget included in the members' packets is in a very rough draft form. He then advised that the Finance Committee will be reviewing the proposed budgets in September. Proposition P funding is not included in the budget. He explained there is an increase in park salaries in the General Fund this year because some funding in 2008 for employee salaries was placed in the Proposition P fund. In addition, the City is considering a small merit raise. Part-time salaries have also increased.

Mr. Brown stated that the budget has been prepared a little differently this year as this format is the preferred format of the Finance Committee.

There will be an increase in gas and oil next year. Mr. Brown commented that he will be breaking down the costs included in the budget for general maintenance of Minnie Ha Ha.

There was discussion concerning the park property formerly owned by the water company and the desire to have the property in usable condition in 2009.

There are funds included in the budget for the purchase of a mule as well as various other pieces of equipment.

Mr. Brown stated that it is desired to improve the lighting on the parking lot due to security reasons, reseal and re-asphalt some of the trails at Watson Trail Park as well as other miscellaneous maintenance improvement projects.

Mr. Brown requested the members review the draft budget in further detail and contact him with any additions, changes, deletions, etc.

NEXT MEETING DATE

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 27, 2008 at 7:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Alderman Fribis made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 p.m. Mrs. Dowling seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

Recording Secretary,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Laurie Govreau".

Laurie Govreau