

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
OF THE CITY OF SUNSET HILLS, MISSOURI
HELD ON WEDNESDAY, JUNE 23, 2021

BE IT REMEMBERED that the Parks and Recreation Commission of the City of Sunset Hills, Missouri met at Sunset Hills Community Center, 3915 S. Lindbergh. The meeting convened at 6:31pm.

Park Board

Present:	Doug McGuire	-Park Board Chairman
	Casey Wong	-Member
	Kelly Finney	-Member
	Shelia Sanders	-Member
	Jill Yarasheski	-Member
	Pam Livingston	-Member
	Greg Columbo	-Member
	Esther Gier	-Member
	Gerald Brown	-Director of Parks and Recreation
Absent:	Blake Harris	- Member
	Claudia Svoboda	-Member
	Erin Kelly	-Member

Guest:

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Copies of the Minutes of the May, 2021 Parks & Recreation Commission meeting were emailed to the members for their review. Ms. Yarasheski made a motion to accept the minutes as submitted. Ms. Sanders seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

Old Business

Reports

- A. Board of Alderman – Alderman Wong reported that there was discussion on pool and gave a brief update on the Watson Road engineering approved by board.
- B. Pool Advisory, Update on Pool Opening
Mr. Brown reported that Aquatic Facility is operating well, we currently have sold 387 memberships compared to 453 in 2019. As our lifeguards gain confidence; we have made the following changes:

Daily entrance (residents only)

- Weekends only
- Starting July 10th
- Residents will be allowed to bring (2) guest per ID card at Daily Rate as well.

Evening Riverwalk

- Starting June 28th
- 7:15pm – 8:15pm
- Monday/Wednesday

Day Camp

- Add Tuesday & Thursday (12 -2:30)
- Starting June 21st
- 1/2 the camp at a time (12 -1:15, 1:15 – 2:30)

Lap Swimming

- Mon/Wed – 7:15 – 8:15pm
- Saturdays 10:30 -11:30am
- (2) lanes will also be reserved every day for lap swimming only.

Lifeguard incentive

Due to only having 58 lifeguards compared to the 80 -85 we typically hire; we are offering the following incentive:

- If you work at least 250 total hours (in any position at the pool) by the end of the season (September 6), you will earn an additional \$175. Just to give you an idea, this would be an average of about 21 hours per week for 12 weeks
- If you work at least 300 total hours (in any position at the pool) by the end of the season, you will earn an additional \$300. Just to give you an idea, this would be an average of about 25 hours per week for 12 weeks
- If you work at least 350 total hours (in any position at the pool) by the end of the season, you will earn an additional \$500. Just to give you an idea, this would be an average of about 30 hours per week for 12 weeks

C. Mr. Brown stated that they met earlier this week; discussed possible change with Daily entrance.

D. Gempp Commission – Next meeting - August

E. Swim & Dive Committee – Season kicked off, we won first meet

F. Fitness Committee – nothing to report

G. Art Committee – nothing to report

H. Director's Report – Mr. Brown reported on the following:

Projects:

-Watson Trail Playground is just about completed, Hope to have ribbon cutting late July/early August

-Driving range is doing terrific.

-Stieren Property – Mr. Stieren donated \$300,000 on June 22, 2021 for the property.

Projects under way at the area (drinking fountain, shelter and amenities)

-Swim & Dive team – we won our first meet against City of Shrewsbury.

-DayCamp is going well, we have 70 kids every week.

Events:

- Farmers Market – we have 15 booths/vendors for July 10th event
- SunCrest Fest – We have raised \$8,300 so far, still need about \$3,000 more.

New Business

A. Eagle Scout Project

-Eagle's Nest – Mr. Brown reported that they have started the project, hope to have installed by end of July.

-Kiosk/Covered picnic tables – Mr. Brown reported that we have several Eagle Scouts constructing covered picnic tables and one Kiosk for the disc golf course. Kiosk for Bander is completed.

B. Urban Forestry Discussion

C. Walk through of Watson Trail Park

Mr. Brown led a walk through from community center through Watson Trail Park, avoiding the pool because of swim meet. Mr. Brown provided an update on playground construction, waterfall update, and discussed misc. items as members walked through the park.

Other items deemed necessary

Ms. Gier requested that some of the plant material in front of the community center being removed and planted somewhere else in the park before it takes over everything.

Ms. Finney asked about the sand volleyball pit, possibility of leaving a rake there to use for the surface after patrons utilize.

Ms. Yarasheski asked about the newsletter, Alderman Wong let the members know that it is currently being discussed. Mr. Brown also reported that starting next month, residents can be added to a mailing list.

Mr. Columbo identified a few weeds out in front of the community center to be removed.

NEXT MEETING DATE

- August 25, 2021 @ City Hall at 6:30

ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Livingston made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 pm. Ms. Yarasheski seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

As submitted by,

Gerald Brown, Director of Parks & Recreation