

**Minutes of the Parks and Recreation Commission of the City of Overland  
held on May 26, 2016**

Meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m.

No Resident Comments.

The following commission members were in attendance:

Robert Schuetz	Kent Funkhouser
Pat Price	Dennis Chiodini
Rich Palmer	Karen Seal

Parks & Recreation Director: Erin Willey

Absent: None

Dennis Chiodini made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 28, 2016 meeting. Motion was seconded by Pat Price. Motion approved 6 -0.

Park Report presented by Erin Willey.

Discussion took place about Mort Jacobs Park in regards to the turtle statue being damaged around the neck area.

Discussion took place about a skate park in regards to location ideas. Karen Seal suggested the property behind the old Medical Building that is covered in grass. The property owner was unknown at the time, but would be looked up.

Discussion took place about the park guard position in regards to the increase or decrease of vandalism in the Parks. Erin Willey stated that the Park Guard's schedule varies each month and that the guard's presence has helped the department in many different ways. Robert Schuetz requested that the Park Guard's schedule not be revealed and/or discussed.

Discussion took place about the fallen tree in Wild Acres Park in regards to the fate of the tree being cut up by City staff or to be left for the wildlife. The Parks Commission recommended removing the root ball of the tree and to leave it for the animals. Erin Willey stated that she will take the Parks Commission's recommendation into consideration with City staff members, but will ultimately let the City staff make the final decision.

Discussion took place about the stage in regards to not using it for the Kids Fishing Derby this year.

Discussion took place about the Overland/OBA Block Party in regards to temporary speed limit signs near detour areas. Dennis Chiodini recommended that the City consider putting up additional temporary speed limit signs along the traffic detour path during the Block Party due to excessive speeders. Erin Willey stated that she will send the concern for consideration to the Street Dept. and the Police Dept.

A recommendation was made to change the American Flag in front of the Community Center due to its tethered ends. Erin Willey stated that she will address that and get it replaced when possible.

Discussion took place about a skate park field trip proposition for the parks commission.

Discussion took place about social media in regards to the negative rant about the Council's decision to put the Parks Sales Tax on the November 2016 Ballot. It was recommended that the City get in front of this negativity and educate the residents about what a Park Sales Tax is and what it can benefit if approved. Erin Willey reminded the Parks Commission that it is the City's position to educate the public only, and not to try and sway the personal decisions of residents.

Discussion took place about the 2016 Municipal Park Grant in regards to Overland Park Playground replacements. Erin Willey stated that she is waiting for budget discussions to end before addressing this topic with the Mayor and City Council.

Motion to adjourn. All approved. 6-0.

Adjourned at 7:53 p.m.

ATTEST:

*Erin Willey*

Erin Willey  
Parks and Recreation Director