

**Minutes of the Parks and Recreation Commission of the City of Overland
held on January 28, 2016.**

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

Resident Comments: None

The following commission members were in attendance:

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

Also Present: Erin Willey, Parks & Recreation Director

Absent: Jared Shadley – Appointed to City Council

Rich Palmer noted the Parks Commission Meeting Dates List provided by Erin Willey at the last meeting has the wrong November 2016 meeting date. With Rich Palmer's noted correction, Dennis Chiodini made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Steve Miller to approve the minutes of the November 19, 2015. Motion approved.

Park Report presented by Erin Willey.

Discussion took place about the playgrounds at Legion Park and Mort Jacobs Park.

Discussion took place about Nature Playgrounds in regards to real logs used versus plastic logs used.

Discussion took place about Wild Acres Park in regards to the sink hole near the spillway of the dam of the lake. The Parks Commission recommends that the city have the dam inspected for the structural integrity and safety by an expert in the field. Motion carries 7-0. It is further recommended that the City have the dam area of the lake inspected yearly if funds permit it.

Robert Schuetz requested to Erin Willey to arrange an offsite tour for the commission members only to view the newly renovated / built St Ann Community Center and the Bridgeton Community Center prior to the February 2016 meeting.

Karen Seal inquired if anything has been mentioned in the City in regards to the acceptance of Breckenridge Hills Residents to use the Community Center. Erin Willey replied that the City has not received any request lately from the City of Breckenridge Hills that she is aware of at this time.

Discussion took place about Wild Acres Park in regards to a resident complaint to Parks Commission Member, Karen Seal. Karen Seal forwarded the comments/complaint to the Parks Commission in regards to Wild Acres Park not being friendly due to no dogs being allowed in the park, the visibility of too many men versus women who utilize the park, and the lack of amenities such as portable grills and picnic tables throughout the park.

Discussion took place about Woodson Road Tennis Courts in regards to pickle ball. Pat price requested that the City look into adding this as a feature either at the Tennis Courts, indoors at the Community Center, or at both locations. The sport is starting to grow popular in the Midwest and could be interesting for community residents to par-take in if available.

Rich Palmer motioned to adjourn and was seconded by Steve Miller. All approved.

Motion to adjourn at 8:34 p.m.

ATTEST:

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Erin Willey
Parks & Recreation Director