

Minutes of the Parks and Recreation Commission of the City of Overland held on June 24, 2021

Meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m.

The following commission members were in attendance:

Robert Schuetz	Dennis Chiodini
Karen Seal	Donna Dill
Amy Foulks	Russell Ward

Parks & Recreation Director: Erin Willey

Absent: Raymond Kennedy- Excused & Council Liaison for Parks & Recreation Commission:
Jamie Jones - Excused

Resident Comments: None

Donna Dill requested a correction in the May 27, 2021 minutes to reflect under Old Business a change in verbiage from “Car Boat Bingo” to “Car Bingo”. Motion was made by Donna Dill to approve to revise the minutes of the May 27, 2021 meeting. Motion was seconded by Dennis Chiodini. Motion approved 6-0.

Park Report presented by Parks & Recreation Director, Erin Willey.

Discussion took place about Wild Acres Park in regards to the lake and the underground spring status. Councilman Bennett was in attendance at the meeting and mentioned that the Army Core of Engineers did a brief assessment of the lake recently and found that the underground spring beneath the lake is drying up. Please note that a detailed report of the Lake’s Assessment from the Army Core of Engineers has not been received yet by the City’s Parks Department.

Discussion took place about Mort Jacobs Park in regards to the drainage design submitted to the City from SWT Design. Commission members discussed if signage near the affected areas of the trail would be appropriate for safety reasons in lieu of orange cones.

Discussion took place about Woodson Road Park in regards to the Tennis Court Resurface Project. Commission Members discussed the idea of including at least 1 court have pickle ball lines included to allow for outdoor pickle ball play, provided it does not interfere with Ritenour using the Courts for Home Matches. A pulled response from Commission Members reflecting how many courts should be considered for pickle ball lines was as follows: Russel Ward – 1 Court, Amy Foulks – 1 Court, Donna Dill – 1 Court, Robert Schuetz – 1 Court, Karen Seal – 0 Courts, and Dennis Chiodini – 2 Courts. With the available responses, a majority of the Parks Commission Members recommend for consideration at least 1 court include pickle ball lines and tennis court lines when resurfacing the Tennis Courts.

Discussion took place about Wild Acres Park in regards to the Compost Restroom Solar Panels not generating enough electric to pump the water in the restrooms. Hand Sanitizer units have been put in the restrooms for use until this issue can be resolved.

Discussion took place about applying for an upcoming Round 22 St Louis County Municipal Park Grant in August 2021. The Parks Director asked for reconfirmation that the Parks Commission still wanted to recommend that the next grant be applied towards Robert Brooks Park. Karen Seal and Donna Dill asked if the grant could be applied towards Mort Jacobs Park and the Dog Park Drainage instead of Robert Brooks Park. Russell Ward, Amy Foulks, Dennis Chiodini, and Robert Schuetz requested to keep the grant recommendation towards Robert Brooks Park. Therefore Robert Schuetz motioned to recommend for consideration to the City Council to apply the Round 22 St Louis Municipal Park Grant to Robert Brooks Park with Security Camera's installation and address the drainage issue at Mort Jacobs Park via the Parks Capital Improvement Project by adding or substituting this project in lieu renovating the Mort Jacob Park Restrooms. Pulled Vote: Russell Ward – Yes, Amy Foulks – Yes, Robert Schuetz – Yes, Donna Dill – Yes, Karen Seal-Yes, Dennis Chiodini- Yes. Motion Approved.

Old Business

Discussion took place about the Concert in the Park Event in regards to details about the event for consideration for approval by the City Council. Details are as follows:

- July 28, 2021 at Norman Myers Park from 7-9 pm
- Open to the Public
- Live Band Performance for \$225 for two hours.
- Concession stand offering hot dogs, soda, and chips on site to be ran by volunteers.
- Advertising via yard signs around the City. Cost estimate \$210 for 25 signs, double sided, single color. Intent to be re-used for future Concert in the Park Events by change of date only.
- Would like to recommend for consideration of approval to Council and City Administrator at the next Council meeting on June 28, 2021.
- If this event goes well, the Parks Commission would like to plan for another Concert in the Park with Food Trucks in attendance in September 2021, pending City Council approval.

Discussion took place about the Parking Lot Bingo Event in regards to details about the event for consideration for approval by the City Council. Details are as follows:

- August 11 from 6 – 7:15 pm at Wild Acres Gym Parking Lot with the lot opening at 5:15 pm for pre-registered participants.
- 8 games of family fun bingo outdoors with a break time in between.
- All prizes from Five Below or Dollar Store, with the last game prize being a Gift Certificate. Estimated total cost \$135.
- Requires 3 City Staff / Volunteers to run the event at a minimum.
- Event will be open to the first 30 pre-registered cars.
- Restrooms use inside Wild Acres Gym.
- Participants will be allowed to bring their own food and beverages, but not alcohol.

- City will supply bingo papers and sound equipment.
- Advertising via yard signs around the City. Cost estimate \$210 for 25 signs, double sided, single color. Intent to be re-used for future Concert in the Park Events by change of date only.
- Would like to recommend for consideration of approval to Council and City Administrator at the next Council meeting on June 28, 2021.
- If this event goes well, the Parks Commission would like to plan for another Family Bingo Event in October 2021, pending City Council approval.

Robert Schuetz motioned to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Amy Foulks. Motion approved.

Adjourned at 8:53 pm.

ATTEST:

Erin Willey

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Parks and Recreation Director