

Minutes of the Parks and Recreation Commission of the City of Overland held on June 28, 2018

Meeting was called to order at 7:08 p.m.

Resident Comments: Jennifer Henderson, a community resident, to discuss the subject of excessive geese poop on the walking path at Wild Acres Park. The population number of geese at Wild Acres Park has grown rapidly since the shutdown of the lake at Tiemeyer Park in St Ann that City staff cannot keep up with keeping a clean pathway for residents to utilize without the potential of injuring themselves. Since geese are federally protected animals, City staff cannot remove them from the premise. Parks staff will reach out to the MO Dept. of Conservation for a solution to move forward to, but in the meantime Park Staff will try to address the cleanliness of the paths more as time permits with short staff.

The following commission members were in attendance:

Robert Schuetz	Tim Jones
Karen Seal	Kent Funkhouser
Micah Richardson	Dennis Chiodini
Donna Dill	

Parks & Recreation Director: Erin Willey

Absent: Donna Lewis

Micah Richardson made a motion to correct/amend the May 31, 2018 Parks minutes to reflect that the discussion regarding the \$800,000 surplus was not in the Park Fund but in the General Fund of the Budget. This motion was seconded by Tim Jones.

Micah Richardson requested that the questions he sent via email be included in the May 31, 2018 minutes as well. Donna Dill stated that the email with questions could not be added since it was not publicly presented to the Commission for public record.

Motion to approve the revised version of the minutes to reflect the change from Park Fund to General Fund Budget per the discussion of the \$800,000 surplus for the May 31, 2018 meeting. Motion approved 7 -0.

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

Discussion took place about Legion Park in regards to request to add fencing along the street drive of the field to prevent balls running down the hill. In addition, additional signage would be requested as well.

Discussion took place about Legion Park in regards to the Containment Area Design. There were concerns regarding the potential danger for children that will be traveling to and from the park at the same time of large City vehicles driving on the street.

Discussion took place about Wild Acres Park in regards to the lake and treatment.

Discussion took place about Round 19 Municipal Park Grant Application in regards to the decision to recommending the City apply for one and what item to apply for park improvements. Ideas mentioned were restrooms for Legion Park and Canterway Park, Wild Acres Lake Renovation, and Replacement of the playground at Woodson Park or Myers Park. The Parks Director advised the Commission that the number of points going into Round 19 would only be 3 or 4 due to receiving grants back to back in recent years. The US Census will recalculate again in 2020. If the population size reduces to fewer than 16,000 people for Overland, the max grant amount will reduce from \$475,000 to \$420,000. Therefore, taking one year off to regain more points, will allow the City to apply for a more advantageous park improvement like Wild Acres Lake in 2020.

A motion was made for the recommendation to the City Council to apply for the St Louis County Municipal Park Grant Round 19 for the park improvements of adding facility restrooms to Legion Park and Canterway Park; in addition, a recommendation was made for the City Council to apply for a St Louis Municipal Park Grant Round 20 and a National Parks Grant in 2020 for the purposes of renovating and improving Wild Acres Lake. Motion approved 7-0.

Discussion took place about Brooks Park in regards to security cameras and the bridge replacement. Parks Director stated that she is waiting on cost numbers for the security cameras idea in the park. Parks Commission requested that the cost of a bridge replacement be withdrawn from the Capital Improvement Fund.

Discussion took place about reimbursement to Park Fund from General for items and services done for the City by the Parks Staff; such as abatements. Micah Richardson requested proof of accounting controls that shows payment for work out of the right City departments. A question was asked if there is billing for abatements from the City's General Fund to the Parks Fund when parks equipment and gas are used. The Parks Director responded no, there are no invoices generated internally. Another question was asked in regards to how the City disseminates employee time with proper billing to each department? It was suggested that the City adopt Accounting Policies to ensure controls are followed with auditor awareness for monitoring. The Parks Director mentioned to the Parks Commission that her worry is that by doing internal invoicing that the Park Fund would take a larger negative hit financially than projected. It was agreed upon to look into accounting policies for management of each department.

Robert Schuetz motioned to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Donna Dill. Motion approved.

Adjourned at 8:56 p.m.

ATTEST:

Erin Willey

Erin Willey, Parks and Recreation Director