

Minutes of the Parks and Recreation Commission of the City of Overland held on August 26, 2021

Meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m.

The following commission members were in attendance:

Robert Schuetz, Russell Ward, Amy Foulks, Karen Seal, and Parks & Recreation Director: Erin Willey

Absent: Donna Dill – Excused, Dennis Chiodini, and Council Liaison for Parks & Recreation Commission: Jamie Jones

Resident Comments: None

Amy Foulks made a motion to approve the revised minutes of the July 29, 2021 meeting. Motion was seconded by Robert Schuetz. Motion approved 4-0.

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

Discussion took place about Norman Myers Park in regards to the Lions Fair Event and the next Concert in the Park for September 15, 2021.

Discussion took place about adding two October City Special Events per the request of Donna Dill. Event information for consideration to the Parks Commission:

1. Concert in the Park – October 20, 2021 from 7-9 pm at Norman Myers Park (weather permitting). Featuring the Rick Spier Band and onsite food trucks (if available).
2. Parking Lot Bingo – October 13 from 6-7:15 pm at Wild Acres Park (weather permitting). Discussion on the request to increase expenditures on prizes for this event compared to last event, which will be decided by the Mayor and City Council.

Concerns were raised regarding the total number of events for October 2021 with current staffing issues. The Parks & Recreation Director confirmed that the department will be able to help run both of the events listed above, in addition to the two annual events of the Fall Cleanup and the Kids Halloween Event.

A motion was made by the Robert Schuetz and seconded by Amy Foulks for recommendation from the Parks Commission to the Mayor and City Council for consideration to add a Concert in the Park Event for October 20, 2021 from 7-9 pm at Norman Myers Park (weather permitting). Motion approved 4-0.

A motion was made by the Robert Schuetz and seconded by Karen Seal for recommendation from the Parks Commission to the Mayor and City Council for consideration to add a Parking Lot Bingo Event for October 13, 2021 from 6-7:15 pm at Wild Acres Park (weather permitting). Motion approved 4-0.

Discussion took place about Mort Jacobs Park in regards to the number of trees falling as a result of the recent storms. The Parks & Recreation Department has allocated monies for Spring of 2022 to plant more trees in the Parks.

Discussion took place about Mort Jacobs Park in regards to the drainage issue and working with SWT Design to put a scope of work together for contractors to bid on the project. Russell Ward presented to the Parks Commission with information regarding a Missouri State Trail Grant for cost assistance for future trail projects. The Parks & Recreation Director anticipates this work to be done in the Spring 2022, along with the renovations of the restrooms at Mort Jacobs.

Discussion took place about Wild Acres Park in regards to the current status of the fountain replacement, the current lake condition, and the compost restrooms.

Discussion took place about Brooks Park in regards to the current Grant Application. The Parks & Recreation Director stated that the Grant Application will be submitted on Friday August 27, 2021 and we should hear a response if awarded by Thanksgiving 2021.

Discussion took place about Woodson Road Park in regards to the status of the Dog Park with drainage and lighting concerns. The Parks & Recreation Director informed the Parks Commission about the recent discussion at the last City Council Meeting regarding the Proposal from the City of University City with the Army Core of Engineers and how it will effect the Dog Park this Fall/Winter.

Discussion took place about Erickson Plaza in regards to the new clock installation. The Parks & Recreation Director stated that she will reach out to see what the current status is for the project and report back once she knows more information.

Discussion took place about the current City RFP's that are out for bids: Wild Acres Garage Roof Replacement, Re-surfacing of the Woodson Road Tennis Courts, and Re-surfacing of the Gymnasium & Racquetball/Wallyball Court Floors. Bids for these projects are due back within the first two weeks of September 2021.

Discussion took place about the Community Center in regards to the Marquee Sign. Several Parks Commission Members asked for clarification if the City was going to get a new marquee sign based off of recent social media posts. The Parks & Recreation Director did confirm that the Mayor was able to secure a new sign as proposed back in the Spring 2021 with Bill Yount Signs for the replacement of a new marquee sign in front of the Community Center. It is hopeful that the sign will be installed before Winter 2021, depending on supply availability.

Discussion took place about the Community Center in regards to expanding current operational hours in the Fall/Winter 2021. The Parks & Recreation Director responded that she is hopeful that the Community Center will be able to expand its hours on Fridays into the evenings and open for member use on Saturdays as well.

Robert Schuetz motioned to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Karen Seal.
Motion approved.

Adjourned at 8:33 pm.

ATTEST:

Erin Willey

Erin Willey - Parks and Recreation Director

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