

## **Minutes of the Parks and Recreation Commission of the City of Overland held on September 30, 2021**

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

The following commission members were in attendance:

Robert Schuetz, Russell Ward, Amy Foulks, Donna Dill, and Parks & Recreation Director: Erin Willey

Absent: Karen Seal - Excused and Council Liaison for Parks & Recreation Commission: Jamie Jones

Resident Comments: None

Dennis Chiodini made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 26, 2021 meeting. Motion was seconded by Amy Foulks. Motion approved 4-0.

Introduction to Council Liaison for Parks & Recreation Commission: Larry Bennett

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

Discussion took place about Norman Myers Park in regard to the playground having some structures starting to show rust on them. Donna Dill requested that the Parks Dept. address it.

Discussion took place about Wild Acres Park Compost Restroom and its current status with the solar panels. The Parks & Recreation Director advised the Commission that she is still waiting to hear back from an electrical contractor regarding a cost estimate to run electric to the unit itself. Upon troubleshooting the issue at hand, it was advised from St Charles County Parks, who currently have over 30 of these units installed in their parks, to run electric (if applicable) to the unit for a future cost savings.

Discussion took place about Wild Acres Park in regard to Parking Lot Bingo. Donna Dill gave a report on the event details with the following items noted:

- Food will be available for purchase onsite
- A few more volunteers needed to help with various tasks at the event
- Vehicles with engines running during the event will be placed in the back row for safety concerns.
- Main stage area will shift down 20 ft. to allow vehicles to spread out more in the parking lot.
- Scheduled volunteers asked to arrive by 5 – 5:15 pm.

Discussion took place about Norman Myers Park in regard to Concert in the Park. Donna Dill gave a report on the event details with the following items noted:

- Food will be available for purchase on site.
- Last Concert for this year.

- Russell Ward suggested reaching out to local restaurants to see if they would be willing to showcase their foods at a future concert in the park.

Discussion took place about special events (Concert in the Park and Parking Lot Bingo) next year. Donna Dill mentioned at the last City Council meeting that the Council approved her request to have the events next year, provided they approve the budget she submits for the events. Therefore, Donna Dill requested a recommendation from the Parks Commission to hold these two events (Parking Lot Bingo and Concert in the Park) for 6 months in 2022 with event modifications to be approved by the City Staff and a pending budget approval by the City Council. Motion approved 4-0. Some modifications noted to the Concert in the Park are to increase the time frame to help attract more people to come and eat dinner in the park while listening to music. Some modifications noted for the Parking Lot Bingo is that during the hot months of the summer, relocate the event to Norman Myers Park and play bingo inside the park on the grass, which will allow the event to increase capacity.

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

Adjourned at 7:44 pm.

ATTEST:

*Erin Willey*

Erin Willey - Parks and Recreation Director