

## **MINUTES OF THE PARK BOARD MEETING JULY 11, 2024**

**Date and time:** 7/11/2024 5:15 p.m.

**Present:** Wayne Bill, Larry Doyle Jr., Renee Graham, Jerra Hedges, Kathy Omohundro, Michael Shindler, Robert Wilson, Director of Administration Courtney Doyle, Mayor Steve Myers, Council Liaison Bob Washington, Interim Parks and Recreation Director Tara O'Shea, Chief Financial Officer Dustin Dougherty, City Clerk Kathie Ratliff and Deputy City Clerk Marissa Peneston. Also in attendance Golf Course Operations Manager Jamey Martin, Councilman Bill Hinchie, Deputy Mayor Lauren Nelson, Heather Helsel, and Monica Martin.

**Absent:** Cecil Brandt

**Location:** Legends Rec-Plex

### **DISCUSSION**

#### **1. CALL TO ORDER.**

The meeting was called to order at 5:15 p.m.

#### **2. ROLL CALL**

Roll call was noted. Seven members present, one (Brandt) absent, quorum met.

#### **3. COMMENTS FROM VISITORS**

There were no comments.

#### **4. ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

Nominations for Chairman and Vice-Chairman were received. Kathy Omohundro nominated Michael Shindler for Chairman, receiving no other nominations for Chairman, nominations were accepted for Vice-Chairman. Hearing no nominations Robert Wilson volunteered to be Vice-Chairman.

**Decision:** Motion was made by Kathy Omohundro and Seconded by Larry Doyle Jr. to elect Michael Shindler Chairperson and Robert Wilson Vice-Chairperson. All in favor, one absent (Brandt). Motion carried.

#### **5. MINUTES**

**Decision:** Motion was made by Larry Doyle Jr. and Seconded by Wayne Bill to approve the minutes from the May 2, 2024 meeting of the Park Board. All in favor, one absent (Brandt), minutes approved as presented.

#### **6. P&R BUDGET REPORT**

CFO Dougherty reviewed the June month-end budget, noting revenues were above the projected levels and that Tanglewood is bringing in a net profit.

**Decision:** Motion was made by Wayne Bill and Seconded by Jerra Hedges to approve the May budget report as presented. All in favor, one absent (Brandt).

## **7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

### Splash Pad Fence Discussion Update

The Public Safety Commission recommended not proceeding with a fence. Interim Parks and Recreation Director Tara O'Shea shared that benches have recently been installed providing seating closer to the splash pad. These benches have been very popular and O'Shea is looking into the possibility of applying for grants to get sunshades over the benches.

### Updates

a) Carver Park RFQ

One RFQ was received.

b) Pool Operations

Star Guard has been to the pool twice this summer to audit the lifeguards. The audits ensure that the staff is meeting all training requirements.

c) Tanglewood Operations

Golf Course Operations Manager Jamey Martin reported that Tanglewood is having a great year, rounds of golf are up and so are revenues. Tanglewood is having busy weekends that are being impacted by tournaments. This year they will host roughly 35 tournaments with 10 of them being on Saturdays. Saturday tournaments affect members' ability to play on the day of the tournament. Tournament prices and the discounts given for having tournaments at Tanglewood are something Martin would like to look into for next year. Martin also shared that Tanglewood will host the Missouri State High School Activities Association (MSHSAA) girls' state golf tournament in 2025.

d) Facility Operations

O'Shea shared that they are in the process of updating all of their policies and procedures and have been reaching out to other Parks and Recreation Departments to see what their policies entail. O'Shea is hopeful to have an update on the policies at the next meeting. This year the swimming pool became an Autism Friendly Business through training with the Thompson Center, O'Shea would like to see Legends Rec-Plex become an Autism Friendly Business as well.

## **8. NEW BUSINESS**

### Upcoming Recreational Programs

Interim Parks and Recreation Director Tara O'Shea provided a handout with the upcoming programs and events that the Parks and Recreation Department will be hosting for the next two months.

### Other

Pickleball courts were asked about once again and Director of Administration Courtney Doyle shared that Westminster College is updating their tennis courts and adding pickleball lines. Although it is not a city park this will provide an additional location to play pickleball for those interested.

The Parks and Recreation master plan was briefly discussed. A master plan was made in 2015 that board members are encouraged to read over and see if the vision is still the same.

Park Board meeting dates and times were discussed.

**Decision:** Motion was made by Robert Wilson and Seconded by Larry Doyle Jr. to set regularly scheduled Park Board meetings for the third Thursday of every month at 5:30. All in favor, one absent (Brandt).

#### **9. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The next Park Board meeting is scheduled for August 15, 2024, at 5:30 p.m.

#### **10. ADJOURNMENT:**

**Decision** Motion was made by Robert Wilson and Seconded by Larry Doyle Jr. to adjourn the meeting at 6:23 p.m. All in favor, one absent (Brandt).