

MINUTES: PARK BOARD MEETING 1/16/2025

Date and time: 1/16/2025 5:30 p.m.
Present: Wayne Bill, Renee Graham, Jerra Hedges, Kathy Omohundro, Cecil Brandt, Larry Doyle Jr., Lindsey Pace-Snook, Council Liaison Bob Washington, Mayor Steve Myers, Parks and Recreation Superintendent Sharlene McArtor, Assistant Director of Administration Sam Shults, and Deputy City Clerk Marissa Peneston.
Absent: Michael Shindler, Robert Wilson, Director of Administration Courtney Doyle, Chief Financial Officer Dustin Dougherty, City Clerk Kathie Ratliff
Location: Legends Rec-Plex

DISCUSSION

1. CALL TO ORDER.

In the absence of the Chairman and Vice-Chairman, Lindsey Pace-Snook called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Roll call was noted. Six members present, three (Shindler, Wilson, and Omohundro) absent, quorum met.

3. COMMENTS FROM VISITORS

There were no comments.

Kathy Omohundro entered at 5:33 p.m.

4. MINUTES

Decision: Motion was made by Graham and Seconded by Doyle to approve the minutes from the July 11, 2024 meeting of the Park Board. All in favor, two absent (Shindler and Wilson), minutes approved as presented.

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Carver Park Update

A community meeting was held on December 3rd to gain insight into what the community values as the highest priority. The general consensus was new basketball courts are the top priority. In the future, the community would also like to see enhancements to the bathrooms, playground equipment, and walking trails.

6. NEW BUSINESS

Upcoming Recreational Programs

Parks and Recreation Superintendent McArtor, shared a flyer of the events coming up for January and February. Highlighting events for younger kids including Tiny Tot Play Time, Father-Daughter Dance, and Little Legends Night. It was noted that an activities guide is normally published with events from March to August. A suggestion was made by Omohundro

to host a program for children who have aged out of Y-Camp much discussion followed. The Parks and Recreation Department will put out a survey to gauge what level of community interest there would be for this type of program.

Partnership Opportunities

McArtor presented a list of sponsorship opportunities remarking that the opportunities are endless. Companies could advertise their business throughout Legends Rec Plex, on trail signs, or they could sponsor a youth sports team. There are several levels of sponsorships available. Doyle suggested offering a certain number of free Legends memberships with sponsorship packages, noting that might be more enticing to some business owners. Advertising sponsorship opportunities through the Chamber of Commerce was suggested.

Rate Fee Revision for Pool Parties

With the Missouri minimum wage increasing the Parks Department is trying to find creative ways to increase revenue. Offering pool parties during regular business hours will help cut down on the additional lifeguards that are needed after hours and offer a more affordable rate for the party host. Pool parties will be offered in two-hour blocks for both during business hours and after business hours.

Decision: Hedges motioned and Brandt seconded to send these rate changes to the City Council for approval.

Non-profit Facility Rates

In the past facility rental rates for non-profits have been waived at the Superintendent or City Council's discretion. Having a universal plan in place would cut down on the administrative headache of handling rentals on a case-by-case basis and would also ensure everyone is treated fairly. McArtor provided information on lost revenue from 2024 due to fees being waived.

Decision: After significant deliberation Omohundro motioned and Doyle seconded to recommend to The City Council that no facility rentals or other fees be waived. Six in favor, one opposed (Pace-Snook), and two absent (Shindler and Wilson) motion passed.

Information Updates

- Maintenance Supervisor Position Open
This position has been open for several months. The board members were encouraged to spread the word about this opening. Anyone interested in this position can apply online through the City's website.
- Sensory Playground Ribbon Cutting at Memorial Park
The ribbon cutting is tomorrow January 17th at 11:00 a.m. members were invited to attend if available.
- Wall of Legends
McArtor shared her vision to feature local "legends" on a wall in Legends Rec-Plex. More details about this will be available at upcoming meetings including the nomination process.

Other

There was no other business to be discussed.

7. ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next Park Board meeting is scheduled for February 20, 2025, at 5:30 p.m.

8. ADJOURNMENT:

Decision Motion was made by Omohundro and Seconded by Doyle to adjourn the meeting at 6:44 p.m. All in favor, two absent (Shindler and Wilson).

Respectfully submitted,
Marissa Peneston
Deputy Clerk