

**KIRKWOOD PARK BOARD
MONDAY, APRIL 20, 2015
KIRKWOOD COMMUNITY CENTER
111 S. GEYER ROAD, ROOM 202
MEETING MINUTES**

In attendance: Rick Bagy, Steve Coates, Scott Stream, Kirk Hutchison, Wallace Ward, Kate LeGrand and Carol Gilster (via telephone)

Excused: John Baker, Tom Riggs

Staff: Murray Pounds, Curt Carron

Park Board meeting convened at 7:05p.m., chaired by Rick Bagy.

I. CITIZEN COMMENTS

Alan Hopefl, 12 Orchard Way, Kirkwood, MO.

Alan discussed honeysuckle removal at Emmenegger Park to be held on May 2, 2015 from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm and invited everyone in attendance to attend. Alan told the Park Board members this is a very satisfying experience.

Gwyn Wahlmann, 1002 West Adams, Kirkwood, MO.

Gwyn read a statement to the Park Board regarding policy on limiting donated objects such as benches at Emmenegger Park. She has concerns about benches being placed on nature trails such as the ridge in Emmenegger Park. Gwyn would like to see future locations for donated objects require Park Board approval.

II. APPROVAL OF MARCH 16, 2015 MEETING MINUTES

Motion made by Wallace Ward to approve the March 16, 2015 Park Board Minutes, seconded by Scott Stream.

All approved unanimously.

Motion passed.

III. COMMITTEE REPORTS

a) Emmenegger Nature Park User Policy Committee

The committee met on March 19, 2015, 8:30 a.m. at the Kirkwood Community Center and the report is included in the Park Board packet.

The development of a mission statement for Emmenegger Park and development of a survey instrument to be administered to Emmenegger Park Users was discussed at the committee meeting. The committee will meet again in the near future. Murray Pounds will rework the Quarry Park mission statement to reflect the ideas discussed for the mission statement for Emmenegger Park. Murray is

going to work on revising the survey questions used in the Missouri Department of Conservation survey for Emmenegger Park Users.

b) Implementation Committee

The Implementation Committee is scheduled to meet on Thursday morning, April 23 at 8:00 a.m. for a final review of the Greentree Park Prairie/Wetlands project and look at options before putting the project out on bid.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

a) Donation of Sculpture Pieces

The two pieces of sculptures from Vianney that the Parks Department is interested in are still available. Murray Pounds is meeting with Michael Loyett, the President of Vianney High School next week on Thursday and will find out what the next step is to obtain the artwork. There may still be other pieces available.

Wallace Ward said he would like the Park Board going forward to establish policy on accepting and displaying art work in the Parks.

b) Emmenegger Park Bench Donation

Murray met with on site with members of the Powder Valley staff who helped with the selection of potential sites where the bench that is being donated could be placed in Emmenegger Park. Murray did a presentation with pictures and mapping of the two locations for Park Board members to view.

Murray wanted to know if the Park Board was comfortable with putting the donated bench in Emmenegger Park.

Carol Gilster said the bench should be unobtrusive.

Steve Coates agreed with Carol and said the bench should be as unobtrusive as possible.

A motion was made by Scott Stream to accept the recommendation from Murray Pounds regarding the type of bench to be located at Emmenegger and at either location viewed by the Park Board members. Motion was seconded by Steve Coates.

All approved unanimously.
Motion Passed.

V. NEW BUSINESS

a) America's Heartland Remembers Partnership Proposal

A proposal from America's Heartland Remembers was included in the Park Board packet. The proposal detailed a three day event to be held near the walk around Walker Lake. There would be 3'x5' American flags on 10' poles with name and information of each hero.

The event would include a ceremony honoring the first responders and all those who died on 9/11/2001, a book signing for a book called Under One Flag, and on the third day flags would be auctioned off to benefit the mission of "America's Heartland Remembers."

Motion made by Scott Stream to accept the Partnership Proposal received from America's Heartland, subject to the organization's willingness to pay appropriate fees and confirmation that funds raised are going to not for profit organizations.

Wallace Ward seconded the motion.

All approved unanimously.
Motion Passed.

b) Election of Officers

A letter was included in the Park Board packet from John Baker with his recommendation for nominations Park Board President, Vice-President and Treasurer.

John could not attend the April meeting due to travel but his letter said it has been an honor to serve the citizens of Kirkwood as Park Board President over the last year.

Motion made by Steve Coates to nominate Rick Bagy for President of the Park Board, Scott Stream for Vice-President of the Park Board and Kirk Hutchison for Treasurer of the Park Board as offered by John Baker. Kate LeGrand seconded the motion.

All approved unanimously.
Motion passed

c) Other Matters

None

VI. SUPERINTENDENT OF PARKS REPORT

The Maintenance Report for April 2015, period March 17 through April 19 is included in the Park Board packet.

Topics discussed were:

Walker Lake Phase 4 Progress. Curt went over the Walker Lake Phase 4 and reported they are ahead of schedule.

Restroom #1 is near completion. A punch-list will be scheduled during the week of April 20th

Quarry Road Issues

Annual spring ball fields opening

VII. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Murray's report included the Walker Lake update.

Murray reported he expects to get final approval from the City Council within the next couple of weeks for investigating moving the theatre to downtown Kirkwood. The community center facility, rink and aquatic center will remain at the same location.

Murray reported on significant staffing changes within the department. Katy Nieman, Recreation Supervisor has resigned her position to go to work for the City of Richmond Heights and her last day is April 24. Jason Valvero, Superintendent of Recreation has resigned and taken a new position as director for Creve Coeur and his last day is April 30th.

Murray said he hopes to have Katy's position filled within a couple of weeks and will be interviewing for Jason's position.

Murray said the dedication event to celebrate the installation of the accessible swing for Kirkwood Park went well. There was some missing hardware for the swing set and thanks to Curt Carron and Dave Richardson the swing was installed temporarily for the celebration. Following the celebration it was taken down until the missing hardware is delivered and installed.

VIII. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS AND REPORT

None

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Kirk Hutchison to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Wallace Ward.
All approved. Motion passed.

Park Board Meeting adjourned at 7:57 p.m.

The next scheduled meeting of the Kirkwood Park Board is May 18, 2015.