

**KIRKWOOD PARK BOARD
MONDAY, MAY 18, 2015
KIRKWOOD COMMUNITY CENTER
111 S. GEYER ROAD, ROOM 202
MEETING MINUTES**

In attendance: John Baker, Tom Riggs, Steve Coates, Kate LeGrand, Scott Stream, Wallace Ward, and Carol Gilster (via telephone)

Excused: Rick Bagy, Kirk Hutchison

Staff: Murray Pounds, Curt Carron

Park Board meeting convened at 7:07p.m., chaired by John Baker

I. CITIZEN COMMENTS

John Moriarity, 641 W. Adams. Mr. Moriarity told the Park Board the lake looks spectacular. Kirkwood did a tremendous job. Mr. Moriarity said he has been to many park board meetings to see if Kirkwood could get more walking trails in Kirkwood Park. He would like to see a committee formed that would look into more trails and suggested the back of the park, along Rifle Range and Diamond 6.

Gwyn Wahlmann, 1002 W. Adams

Ms. Wahlmann said the Kirkwood Park is beautiful and the lake is exquisite. Gwyn said when the Park did a plant inventory it was decided to not develop anything in the area by the creek.

II. APPROVAL OF APRIL 20, 2015 MEETING MINUTES

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

All approved. Motion passed.

John Baker abstained.

III. COMMITTEE REPORTS

a) Emmenegger Nature Park User Policy Committee

The committee met on May 11, 8:30 a.m. at the Kirkwood Community Center. The report is included in the Park Board packet.

Wallace Ward reported on the meeting. Three possible mission statements were reviewed.

Wallace read the mission statement that was approved by acclamation:

“The mission of Emmenegger Nature Park is to provide a place where visitors, using the park’s trail system may respectfully study, observe and learn about birds, wildlife, and native species, through the preservation and restoration of the park’s natural habitats.”

Wallace also reported the survey document was discussed at the meeting and it was decided to continue the survey effort. Tami Yegge, Powder Valley Nature Center Manager offered to have the survey specialist from the DOC visit with the group to look at how the survey could be most effectively administered and the information utilized. Approval of the mission statement is included as an action item later in the agenda.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

a) America's Heartland Remembers

The Board gave preliminary approval to this request. This will be a three day event. The organizations that will benefit from the fund raising effort are "The Lifesaving Foundation" with the mission of providing Fire Departments in the area with equipment that help saves the lives of both the Fireman and the fire victims and "America's Heartland Remembers" which has the Mission of making sure those who have given their lives in service to our country are never forgotten. Both organizations are 5013C entities and can be found online.

V. NEW BUSINESS

a) Consideration of Emmenegger Nature Park Mission Statement

Motion was made by Carol Gilster to approve the Mission Statement for Emmenegger Park. Motion was seconded by Scott Stream.

All approved unanimously.

b) Other Matters

None

VI. SUPERINTENDENT OF PARKS REPORT

The Maintenance Report for May 2015, period April 21 through May 17 is included in the Park Board packet.

Curt went over the report.

The Park Board members agreed Walker Lake looks great.

VII. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- Walker Lake is completed.
- The community center feasibility focus is on the theater being built in the Kirkwood downtown location.
- Murray went over the staffing issues.
Laura Thal has been hired as our new Recreation Supervisor starting today, May 18th.
- Murray is conducting 2nd interviews for the Superintendent of Recreation position and should have a decision by the end of the week.

- The pedestrian/biking master plan is complete. This can be viewed by going to Trailnet's website.
- The Greentree Park Prairie/Wetlands plans will be going out for bid in a week or so.

VIII. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS AND REPORT

This is the last meeting for John Baker, President of the Park Board and for Carol Gilster, Park Board member.

Murray presented John Baker with a plaque in recognition of his six years on the Park board and went over some of the projects that have been completed during his time on the board.

Murray then recognized Carol Gilster for her service as a member of the Park Board.

They both received certificates from Mayor Art McDonnell.

John Baker told the board it has been an honor to be on the Park Board as member and President. The Parks Department is very professional and he feels like Kirkwood is in good hands.

Carol Gilster told the board it has been a privilege to be on the Park Board and she appreciated the opportunity to learn about the parks and how she appreciates the Parks Department staff.

Wallace Ward said the Park Board is very unique. Wallace said he would like to see a committee formed that would review policies on a regular basis.

Murray handed out the The City of Kirkwood Landmarks Commission and Architectural Review Board Construction and Landscape of Merit Certificate which recognizes Kirkwood Park Improvements. The certificate reads "Superior construction of park amenities culminates a 10-year process of rebuilding and enhancement, including pavilions, shelters, restrooms and recreational facilities as well as landscape features. The Parks Department, Park Board, Planning Design Studio and Ottolino Winters Huebner have upheld the highest design standards and commitment to excellence."

Steve Coates told the Park Board the City Comprehensive Master Planning Workshop for residents will be held May 19, 2015 at Nipher Middle School from 5:00-8:00 pm. Steve is also on the committee.

Carol Gilster reminded everyone of the Kirkwood Historical Society Fundraiser being held on May 30 at the Kirkwood Community Center. There will be five appraisers from 10am-3 pm. Each person attending can bring in two items for 15.00 each for appraisal.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Steve Coates to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 p.m. and seconded by Scott Stream.

All approved unanimously.

The next scheduled meeting of the Kirkwood Park Board is June 15, 2015.