

**MEETING NOTES**  
**WEDNESDAY, March 9, 2016 @ 7:00PM**  
**JAMES J. EAGAN CENTER**

**Board Members Present:** Linda Rose, Walt Kaiser, Peggy Dussold, Rev. G. Robinson, Ben Eye, Monica Wideman and Tom Wolf

**Not in attendance:** Tim Gorry and Robert Shoemaker

**City Attendance:** Todd Schmidt and Beth Goldstein

**Approval of Minutes:** Walt Kaiser made a motion to approve the minutes. Seconded by Rev. G. Robinson. All in attendance approved.

**Citizen Participation:** None

**Dr. Tony Weiss, DVM, Memorial Butterfly Garden:** Linda introduced Dr. Tony Weiss; he is interested in putting in a Memorial Monarch Butterfly Habitat in Dunegant Park. There is a serious decline in the monarch butterfly population and it has been documented and widely publicized in the past year. Dr. Weiss would like the City to grant him permission to start a garden in one or more of the roughs. The grass can be suppressed with a biodegradable herbicide like glyphosate, and then monarch friendly wildflowers can be transplanted. He doesn't need supplies, machinery, funds or labor from the city. He will cover all costs. Dr. Weiss would also like to create the garden in memory of his niece Sarah Weiss, who tragically passed away in January at the age of 31. He has someone who will be able to make some type of signage. The planting would take place at the end of April. It takes a few years before we would start to see the butterflies. Dr. Weiss is just requesting if the City could mow down the grass and also deliver mulch to be put around the garden. The garden would be approximately 150' X 150'.

Walt made a suggestion to have one at Koch Park on the backside.

Linda asked about herbicides if the city would put that down. Dr. Weiss said he can also put that down.

Todd asked Dr. Weiss how many he was requesting to put in. Todd suggested just starting with one at Dunegant for now. Clarified there will be no borders just the mulch. Todd asked if he had a particular spot in mind. It doesn't have to be clarified tonight but would like an idea. They can meet at the park to pick a spot with Director and Superintendent. The Council is in favor of this, and we should be able to move forward.

Walt made a motion to go on record that the Park Board supports Dr. Weiss on his project and for the City to move forward with this project. Ben seconded. All in favor of making the recommendation in support of the Memorial Butterfly Habitat. All in attendance approved.

Linda made a motion to change the agenda and have Directors Report moved up. Seconded by Peggy.

## Report from Director

- Items on the Calendar
  1. The Ice Rink closed for the season on 3/4.
  2. The annual “Trash Bash” will be held at Sunset Park 3/19, 8:30AM-12PM.
  3. The “Snack with the Easter Bunny” and the egg hunt will be held in the Warm-Up Area of the JJE Center on 3/19, 10-11AM.
  4. The annual “Greater North County Business Showcase” will be held at the JJE Center on 3/19, 10AM-2PM. Unlike previous years, there will be no “Taste of North County” event associated with the Business Showcase.
  5. Park Maintenance is in the process of de-winterizing the park restrooms and drinking fountains. Everything is scheduled to be open by 4/1, which is the beginning of the pavilion rental season.
  6. The annual “Arbor Day Celebration” will be held on Thursday, 4/7 at 10AM in Florissant Valley Park.
  
- Update on Projects
  1. St. Ferdinand Ball Field Light Replacement - Phase 3: 98% completed. Still need to remove some in-ground concrete footings and perform site restoration.
  2. Waterfall Repair at St. Ferdinand Lake: Completed. Approximately 2 million gallons of water was pumped out to perform the repairs.
  3. Guaranteed Energy Savings Project at JJE Center: Attorneys for CTS and the City have agreed upon all contract verbiage. The Council will adopt an ordinance at next council meeting authorizing the Mayor to enter into the long-term financial agreement to fund the project.
  4. Valve replacements and water line repairs are scheduled to begin at Bangert Pool (\$6,000).
  5. Work will begin to laser-level several ball fields at Koch and St. Ferdinand Parks. Drainage systems are also being installed on two ball fields at St. Ferdinand Park and on the soccer field in Florissant Valley Park.
  
- We will soon be seeking bids/quotes for the following projects:
  1. Demolition of the slides and slide tower at the Koch Aquatic Center
  2. Construction of the Korean War Monument and Memorial at St. Ferdinand Park
  3. Demolition and replacement of St. Ferdinand #2 and Bangert #2 pavilions
  4. Installation of concrete tee pads at the Dunegant Park Disc Golf Course
  
- The staff and I met with TerraSpec to develop a master plan for Manion Park, which will include the addition of an “all-inclusive playground.” Based on preliminary estimates and costs, it appears the City may need to split the construction of the playground into 2 phases. An open public meeting to discuss this master plan is a requirement to receive funding from the Municipal Park Grant Commission. This public meeting should be added to next month’s P & R Advisory Board agenda on 4/13.
  
- The redesigned and corrected Vietnam Veterans (Chapter 794) ground marker has been installed at the memorial in Koch Park.

- No significant developments to report regarding the remediation of contaminated soil at Duchesne Park. Excavation and removal of the soil should begin within the next two weeks.

**Report from Accessible Play:** In attendance from Accessible Play was Janice Lay. She reported that the Unlimited Play contract has not been signed yet.

**Announcements:** Walt Kaiser announced they are looking to change the route for the Veterans Parade. They are considering starting at Bangert Park going north on New Florissant Road to St. Francois Street and end at the VFW Hall for the ceremony.

**Communications:** None

**Unfinished Business:**

- 2016 Tour of Parks:** Confirmed the date for Park Tour is April 30, 2016 beginning at 9:00 am.
- Bockrath Weise House, St. Ferdinand Park** Linda reported she found a lot of Grants on various websites. Todd said Phil Lum is up to date on all Historic Buildings and also aware of grants. No updates on this project.
- Duchesne Park Remediation Update** No updates at this time. The Soccer Field at the James J. Eagan Center is open for dogs until the project is completed.

**New Business:** None

**Adjournment:** Ben made a motion to adjourn at 8:00 PM and it was seconded by Peggy. All present were in favor.