

**MEETING NOTES**  
**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2016 @ 7:00PM**  
**JAMES J. EAGAN CENTER**

**Board Members Present:** Linda Rose, Walter Kaiser, Rev. Edward Robinson, Ben Eye, Tim Gorry, Monica Wideman, and Carole Webb

**Not in attendance:** Robert Shoemaker and Peggy Dussold

**City Attendance:** Cheryl Thompson and Beth Goldstein

**Approval of Minutes:** Meeting began at 7:02 p.m. Tim Gorry made a motion to approve the minutes as amended by Walt Kaiser and it was seconded by Ben Eye. All in attendance approved.

**Citizen Participation:** Jennifer Ilardi from St. Louis County Library introduced a program that she has started called Simple Positive Play. The program is held in Ferguson at January Wabash Park. She started this program 8 years ago and is now introducing it in the North County area. This program is to facilitate more open play time for children. Monica contacted Jennifer wanting to work with her on expanding this program throughout the North County Area. They contacted the Florissant Parks and Recreation Department to start the program at the Nature Lodge. They provided some open play time for the children and now the city has it once a month in a room at the James J. Eagan Center. The Ferguson Parks and Recreation Department allowed Jennifer to use a room that previously was their office. A grant was obtained to replace carpeting, add more toys, and add more play times. Jennifer is a librarian who earned her master's degree in Librarian and Information Science. The program in Ferguson is held on Sundays from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. They average about 12 children a week. The program is for newborn children through third grade. The space is divided into different play areas. They have a "books and cuddles" area, an arts & crafts area, and an "IPad" area. When the library is renovated there will be an activity room that she will supervise. Activities will focus on motor skills, and "STEM Play", which is Science, Technology, Engineering and Math. This will give Jennifer access to more STEM based resources like mac books, ipads and materials that are available at their headquarters.

**Report from Accessible Play:** Karen Behlmann stated that Accessible Play is just waiting and hoping for the approval of the City of Florissant's grant application for the renovation of Manion Park, and the future construction of an All-Inclusive Playground.

**Report from Superintendent**

1. Senior Town Hall Meeting is Thursday, September 15, 2016 at 9:00 am at the James J. Eagan Center.
2. Horseshoe Tournament is this weekend at Bangert Park on Sunday, September 18, 2016 at 1:00 pm
3. 5K Run and Softball Tournament for The Suicide Prevention Awareness Fundraiser Event is Saturday, September 24, 2016 at St. Ferdinand Park. Race starts at 8:00 am
4. Showmobile is going to Ferguson on September 23, 2016 for their "Streetfest".

5. Showmobile will be at Hendel's on September 28, 2016 for "Wednesday Night Out" event.
6. Florissant Fall Festival will be Sunday, October 9, 2016
7. The construction grant application for Manion Park has been submitted. We hope to hear by November if it is approved. The grant request is Phase I, which includes a new parking lot, and the installation of new BBQ grills, walkways, horseshoe pits and smaller picnic areas.
8. Korean War Veterans Memorial: All the fixtures and equipment are in. We are just waiting for Ameren to connect the electric.
9. Budget has been submitted. Per the board's request, additional spectator seating for the ice rink has been included.
10. We are planting flowers around the entrance to Dunegant Park using funds from this year's budget.
11. The installation of a Reading Garden at Bangert has been put on hold until we meet with the library about their renovations and we see what they will end up doing. Hope to meet with them in 1 to 2 months.
12. Due to the board's recommendation, there are 4 fitness stations in storage that will be installed at St. Ferdinand Park. We are going to look at placing them in close proximity to the playgrounds.

**New Business:** None

**Announcements:** Walt announced the Vietnam Veterans are having a ceremony for National POW-MIA Day at Koch Park on September 16, 2016 at 7:00 PM

**Communications:** None

**Unfinished Business:** None

**Adjournment:** Tim Gorry made a motion to adjourn at 7:33 p.m. and it was seconded by Walt Kaiser. All present were in favor.