

**PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD
MINUTES
WEDNESDAY August 12, 2025 @ 7:00PM
Clover Room
James J Eagan Center**

Board Members Present: Tom Friedhoff, Mike O’Connell, Pauline Schwartz, Kristina Curnutt, Joy Jablonski

Not in attendance: Kim Burns, Jennifer Osbourne-Fite, Stacie Rupp, Daniells Berliner

City Staff Attendance: Jimmy Kirincich and Beth Goldstein

Meeting was called to order at: 7:15 PM

Approve of Minutes: July 9, 2025

Citizens Participation: Citizens present for pump track discussion directed to wait for public hearing portion.

Public Hearing for St. Louis Municipal Park Grant – Public input session

Proposed soccer field renovation at Koch Park with \$575,000 grant aims to serve 500 kids, addressing current poor field conditions and lighting.

Project planning began November 2022 to serve 500 kids in Empower North County

Current fields are converted baseball diamonds with poor quality surfaces and outdated lighting.

LED light installation completed as Phase 1; soccer fields would be Phase 2.

Report from the Director

2026 budget draft due August 20, 2025, will include significant capital additions items like HVAC replacement and soccer renovations at Koch Park.

St. Ferdinand maintenance shed and amphitheater nearing completion by mid-September 2025.

Koch Park LED lights delivery August 17 with 3-week installation timeline.

Summer camp success - 5 of 8 weeks at 150-camper capacity, first time since pre-COVID.

Indoor pool facility shutdown post-Labor Day for painting and maintenance

Koch Park Pool experienced 4 different leaks requiring underground concrete work, all warranty repairs.

3,000 attendances decreased at Koch Park due to 9 full rain closures and 4 partial closures.

Golf course fairways 10, 11, and 2 undergoing erosion repair and re-sodding.

\$100K HVAC replacement needed at Eagan Center.

New metal picnic tables replacing wood ones to eliminate annual painting - test table at Veatch Pavilion.

Free mulch sites are established at Dunegant Park, Koch Park, Sunset. There will be signage.

Announcements - None

Communications – Paula would like the registration online to be updated for easier registration.

New communication strategies include expansion of Team Sideline and dedicated athletics email for improved registration and emergency contacts.

New athletics email (athletics@florissantmo.com) for better emergency communication.

Unfinished Business – Park Foundation brainstorming - A 501(c)(3) park foundation is proposed to enhance funding opportunities for large projects like the \$800K pump track, overcoming current donation limitations.

New Business - None

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:10pm