

**MEETING NOTES**  
**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2015 @ 7:00PM**  
**JAMES J. EAGAN CENTER**

**Board Members Present:** Linda Rose, Walter Kaiser, Peggy Dussold, Rev. Edward Robinson, Monica Wideman and Tom Wolf

**Not in attendance:** Ben Eye, Robert Shoemaker and Tim Gorry

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

**Approval of Minutes:** Meeting began at 7:00 p.m. Walt made a motion to approve the minutes and it was seconded by Monica. All in attendance approved.

**Citizen Participation:** No one in attendance

**Report from Accessible Play:** In attendance was Karen Behlmann. She stated they were ordering the new drum sticks for the equipment that had been vandalized. Cost is over \$400.00

**Report from Director**

- Items on the Calendar
  1. The “Sharing & Caring Food Drive” begins Friday, 11/27. Barrels will be located at the JJE and JFK Centers to collect donations of non-perishable and canned food items that will be distributed to local food pantries.
  2. Applications are currently available for both the “House Decorating Contest” (through 12/14) and the “Snowman Building Contest” (through 2/14).
  3. The JFK staff is currently accepting requests through the holidays for “Letters From Santa.”
  4. The annual “KSHE-95 Winter Blood Drive” will be held at the JJE Center on Friday, 12/4 (10AM-7PM) and Saturday, 12/5 (9AM-5PM).
  5. The City’s “Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony” will be held at City Hall on Saturday, 12/5 at 6PM.
  6. The annual “Project Lift-Off” D.A.R.E. event for 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> graders will be held on Saturday, 12/5, 6:30-9:30PM at the JJE Center. Tickets are required for admission: \$6 in advance and \$8 the day of event.
- Update on Projects
  1. St. Ferdinand Ball Field Light Replacement - Phase 3: All Purpose Erectors (the contractor) should be completing the project, which is replacing light fixtures and poles on Fields 3 and 7, within the next few weeks.
- The P & R staff conducted a very comprehensive survey of various admission, membership and program fees that other municipal P & R Departments are charging their customers. Consequently, we have made a recommendation to the City Council to

amend some of our current fees that are listed in Section 245.180 "Fees For Use" in the City's Code Book. A final reading of the proposed bill will be at the next Council Meeting (11/23).

- The City Council is scheduled to adopt the 2016 budget at the next Council Meeting (11/23). The P & R Department submitted a late request to add \$20,000 to the Park Improvement Fund to have the slide tower and two flumes at the Koch Aquatic Center demolished and removed. The condition of the slides and tower pose a serious safety concern and is too costly (\$215,000 +) to repair and/or replace at the 20 year old facility.
- The P & R Department submitted an application to the St. Louis County Municipal Park Grant Commission requesting funds for a Planning and Design Grant for an Inclusive Playground at Manion Park. The cost of the design work is \$8,000 of which the Commission will reimburse the City 80% (\$6,400) if approved.
- The City has eliminated three of the six full-time positions at the Florissant Golf Club, and has assigned the overall supervision and management of the course to the Director of Parks and Recreation effective December 1<sup>st</sup>.

Board members made suggestions for Golf Course: Needs to be promoted more, driving range, mini-golf and programs for younger children. Walt questioned how it would affect Todd's Park Budget.

**New Business:** Linda introduced new member Tom Wolf.

Linda asked how much longer to pay off bonds on Civic Center? Todd reported till 2022.

Linda did research on ice rinks and was asking if the Ice Rink was still making money and the overall condition of the rink. Linda suggested it be enclosed to make it available to more teams. Linda asked about having enough surveillance cameras at all the facilities. Todd explained how many cameras at each location.

Monica and Peggy suggested the Play Time@The Lodge be given a set day of each month. Ex: 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of the month. Todd said he would pass on to the staff.

Linda made a request to have our website updated with current information on Park Board.

**Announcements:** Walt asked if anyone had any comments on the Veterans Parade. People commented it was very nice. Also, they are still looking for suggestions on shortening the parade route next year.

**Communications:** None

**Unfinished Business:** None

**Adjournment:** Walt made a motion to adjourn at 7:50 p.m. and it was seconded by Peggy. All present were in favor.