

Parks and Recreation Board
 February 24, 2022 – 4:00 p.m.
 Parks, Recreation & Civic Facilities, 1920 Grand Avenue

	<u>Name</u>	<u>Members' Term Attendance</u> (mtgs attended-mtgs absent)	<u>End of Current Term of Office</u>
MEMBERS PRESENT:	Clark, Chris	(17-12)	02/11/24
	Heim, Michael	(21-8)	02/03/24
	Lanham, Annette	(18-1)	02/03/25
	Luedtke, Patti	(15-1)	08/31/25
	Montegna, Eric	(6-1)	06/28/26
	Mooney, Scott	(5-2)	06/28/26
	Nelson, Pam	(26-3)	02/03/24
	Nelson, Scott	(15-2)	07/27/25
	Supple-Bish, Mary	(23-6)	02/03/24

MEMBERS ABSENT :

STAFF PRESENT: Chuck Kempf, Director Parks, Recreation & Civic Facilities
 Jeff Atkins, Assistant Director Parks, Recreation & Civic Facilities
 Jessica Oshel, Special Events & Communication Coordinator

Call to Order.

Chairman Chris Clark called the meeting to order at 4:05pm.

ITEM #2 - Approval of minutes

January 2022 minutes approved

ITEM #3 – Updates:

- a. River Bluffs Trail Update – There is significant progress being made. Land acquisition for 2 parcels is on the council agenda for March 7. Missouri American Water Co. \$60,000 for approximately 50 acres, and Savannah Investments \$36,480 for around 14 acres. Construction is continuing and work on an adaptive trail (not ADA compliant,) but wider to enable adaptive equipment usage. Concerns by the Riffle & Pistol Club about the trails being so close to their property. Working on signage and barriers to help alert people that they are near private property. Highland Avenue pedestrian bridge is being constructed. Highland Avenue will be closed beginning February 28 for approximately three weeks. The plans are to open for the weekends. Staff have been working developing a Special Use Application and Agreement for events. We are already receiving a lot of requests. We will be presenting our proposed application/agreement to the City Manager and Risk Management first.
- b. Corby Pond Update – The pond and wall construction is complete they are just waiting for natural fill moisture. Additional work that needs to be done is the sidewalks, access, tree planning, and miscellaneous items. We are working to put together a schedule for reinstalling benches and other amenities that had to be removed, as well as dock, fountain purchases. Working with Missouri Department of Conservation on the CAP agreement. Chuck would like the board to review and discuss the CAP agreement next month. Will also include recommendations from MDC.
- c. Native Planting Projects – Preparations for seeding and planting on three locations around the Nature Center, one on the west and two on the east. Work should be completed by Spring.

- d. Civic Facilities Outside Management – The council requested us to move forward with civic facilities management from an outside company. We have put together and advertised the request for proposals. Looking at consultation for analyzing the RFP's. We will be creating a proposal review team as well, would like to include some board members. Review committee right now is made up of Teresa Fankhauser, Mary Supple, Bryan Carter, Jeff Atkins, and Chuck Kempf. This has caused long time (20+ years) employees to seek alternate employment. This is putting a bind on preparations for the next large event, Circus. Employees have agreed to work part time through the circus. We are not opposing, but dislike losing long term employees.
- e. Park Tax Project Schedule & Update – Bond in the amount of \$6.5 million was approved Monday by council. Originally, we were only going to be able to bond for \$4 million and Public Works would utilize \$6 million. Public Works gave us \$2.5 million additional, so we have had to modify the project schedule slightly. Preliminary project planning and engineering is underway (project research, RFQ's, determine appropriate bid process and timing for each project.
- Rolling Stock – FY22 \$1 million – FY23 \$500,000 – we have begun ordering, so far for 12 pieces of equipment the cost is \$357,000 (8 mowers, 2 utility carts, 1 roller, 1 trash truck)
 - Fairview Ponds - \$250,000 Park Tax, \$1 million bonded – early stages of engineering – dredge, stream, sides, bridges
 - JRP 50+ Activity Center – \$25,000 Painting – staff has begun writing bid specs
 - Sidewalks - \$200,000 – Civic Arena walks are first priority; engineering have been assigned to the project. Other sidewalks if funds are available.
 - Lighting – Missouri Theater cove lighting (not assigned or started), ballfields at South Park, Eagles, Noyes - \$855,000 – Schneider Electric assigned for evaluation
 - Corby Pond Docks - \$100,000 – staff are writing bid specs
 - Missouri Theater Roof - \$550,000 – Bonded – Contract resolution is going to Council – Roberts Roofing – this is the high roof
 - Aquatic Park Lap Pool - \$7.7 million – advertised for bids – this will be a design/build project
 - Krug Park – Amphitheater, ADA solutions & Children's Circus area - \$8.2 million combined tax and bonds
 - Civic Arena – scoreboard, lighting, control panel, floor ports - \$2,725,000 – scoreboard options Daktronics & Nevco – projects are in various stages
 - Remington Nature Center – bond project - HVAC – assigned to Schneider Electric
 - Park Maintenance buildings - \$295,000 bonded

FY23 Projects

- Phil Welch Stadium roof & press box - \$750,000 – early engineering – looking at ways to get the press box its own roof to help prevent as much water damage.
- Shelters - \$80,000 – determining locations – possible old Bartlett, 3 at Krug, and Patee
- Bartlett ball field hillside - \$200,000 – engineering assigned – need to shore up hill to stabilize
- Disc Golf Course - \$27,500 – new course, planning stages- \$100,000 from Schmidt Foundation
- Native Plantings - \$10,000 – planning stage
- Phil Welch scoreboard - \$65,00 – planning stage – working with St. Joe Mustangs for matching or contributing funds

- f. Bike Park Project (Location) – begin looking at potential sites for the new skateboard/bike park. Will be putting together a committee to work on this. Looking the committee set up of staff, board members, local bike group, and skateboard group. We would start with site visits and environmental process. Public Works will also be working with us on this.

Scott Nelson – Are we limited to city own property?

Chuck Kempf – No, but we are limited budget wise. Grants are a possibility to raise additional funds but are limited to demographics (underserved areas.) The grants would enhance the project but are not necessary.

Scott Mooney – Aitchison has recently installed a new one.

Suggested sites reviewed on map:

- Northeast Park – limited grant opportunities in the area
- Bartlett Park – neighborhood complaints as well as parking may be issue
- Maple Leaf Park – parking would be the issue in this area
- Wyeth Hill – parking would be an issue in this area as well
- Leonard Road Acres – access, parking, and possible neighborhood complaints
- Hyde Park – parking and already a lot of other activities
- Northside Complex – would probably require eliminating an existing amenity
- Noyes Complex flood way and flood plain issues

ITEM #3 – Upcoming Events

- a. April 2 – Outlaw Adventure Run – partnering with the YWCA GRIT Center. The venue has changed to Heritage Park. We will have some vendors set up: River Bluff Brewing, The Axe Factor, and Brown Shoe.
- b. Corby the Leprechaun scavenger hunt will be back.

ITEM #4 –Open Discussion

- a. Put further discussion of the Bike/Skateboard Park on the agenda for next month.

ITEM #5 –Public Comment

Kenny Reeder – School District is adding a Junior High School football league. Do we still have a use agreement with Bantam Football?

Chuck Kempf – nothing now, they pay a rental fee for use.

Kenny Reeder – where in the Park Tax is the Eastside Park?

Chuck Kempf – it is part of the last bond FY27, part of the budget is in current bond to buy land. Potentially 30 to 40 acres for land acquisitions.

Kenny Reeder – new park – MWSU area cooperative should revival Krug or Hyde, so we need more like 100 acres.

Chuck Kempf – We are having conversations with the new people at MWSU.

ITEM #6 - Adjourn

A motion to adjourn meeting, seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 5:15 pm.

Next meeting is scheduled for **Thursday, March 17, 2022, 4:00pm** at Parks, Recreation & Civic Facilities office, 1920 Grand Avenue.

Minutes respectfully submitted,

Lori Frederick, Executive Administrative Assistant