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Parks and Recreation Board
 July 16, 2020 – 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:	Berry, Wonda (via Zoom)	(24-26)	08/31/20
	Clark, Chris (via Zoom)	(6-6)	
	Lanham, Annette	(2-0)	02/03/24
	Nelson, Pam (via Zoom)	(11-1)	02/03/24
	Supple-Bish, Mary	(10-2)	02/03/24
MEMBERS ABSENT :	Brandt, Valerie	(20-20)	06/20/21
	Grace, Darrell	(21-6)	06/20/21
	Heim, Michael	(8-4)	02/03/24

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

New Chairperson

Pam Nelson nominated Chris Clark, Annette Lanham seconded, all approved Chris Clark be appointed Chairman

Call to Order.

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

ITEM #2 - Approval of minutes

One clarification regarding Riverbluff Trail Project, the council has approved the use of Tourism Funds for the project. A motion to approve the minutes including clarification on the June 18, 2020 minutes. Approved

ITEM #3 – Updates:

- a) Hyde Park Splash Park Construction – Lawhon Construction has begun the project by fencing off the area. West side drive to be used to access the ballfield complex and going out through the one-way section. Signage has been put out on East Hyde Park. It makes it easier if everyone uses the west drive in and go out the east side. Project should be completed early Spring 2021. Council will be giving official name, but the suggestion is Liberty Oak Splash Park at Hyde Park. The color scheme is red, white, and blue.
 Chris Clark asked what the square footage of the park – 1,426 Square Feet

b) COVID-19 Update

1. Operational & safety challenges (current & future) – all our areas are still operating on modified conditions; the golf course is the closest to normal. Ice Arena is getting ready to open. Hockey activities are still a big question with them being a contact sport. We have been keeping watching updates with Hockey and Figure Skating Associations to see what they are recommending as well as what other ice arenas are doing. No true public sessions, maybe going with advance sales. Use of mask in common areas, but not on ice. JRP 50+ Activity Center has had a few issues with the restrictions. Around 25% of senior centers

- have not reopened. Need to keep reminding everyone that the masks are for the safety of patrons, volunteers, and staff.
2. Revenue loss – All funds have been hit hard. Look into filing an application with the County for the CARE act to help with the cost of supplies and employee paid sick time.
- c. Missouri Bicentennial – MPRA Show Me Your Roots Event Series next year. They would like to see 200 trees throughout Missouri planted. Come up with an event in the month of April. Suggestions: Mary Supple-Bish – could it be in conjunction with the opening of the Hyde Park splash park? Chris Clark – could the tree planted be an Oak tree
May be able to purchase the variety of Oak trees which are called Liberty trees.
 - d. Increasing Maintenance Concerns
 1. Aging equipment – since funds are tight, we did not receive any capital funds this year to replace any of our equipment. Maybe work on some way to get all departments working on a way to help keep equipment updated instead of hitting our budgets so hard.
 2. Additional trail sections and other property acquisitions have given us more areas to stretch for our personnel and equipment.

ITEM #3 – Upcoming Events

Jessica Oshel – there are not any major events upcoming but have been working on keeping interest in parks through social media. We are looking at maybe putting out some at home tutorials.

ITEM #4 –Open Discussion

- a. Jerry Wilkerson’s term expired in June and Wonda Berry’s term will expire in August. Names have been submitted to the Council for possible replacement
- b. Chuck stated that he had been approached by some people who would be interested in working on a campaign to benefit parks specifically capital items. Like the Sales Tax CIP we currently have but for parks only. An example is Overland Park, KS has a \$35 million Parks CIP. With the current Sales Tax CIP, we general get approximately \$7 million for the 5 years. Currently we have over 150 projects for upwards of \$110 million. We would have to narrow down to around \$50 or \$60 million. Identify which facilities to leave out or not as much needs, i.e. Nature Center, Golf, JRP 50+, Heritage. One possible combine REC Center & JRP 50+ at some point by adding onto the REC Center building but keeping JRP 50+ functioning separately. Distinguish between what are needs and wants. We would like to get the Board’s input on the projects and Chuck will put together a paired down listing for the next meeting.
- c. Suggestion that maybe for the September meeting we take a tour of the construction at Hyde Park.
- d. Chris Clark stated that our staff has done a good job clearing the storm debris. Every day you can see how much progress they have make. Chuck Kempf stated that it has been hard without having the inmates this year to get through everything.
- e. Darrell Grace has not been attending due to being in the more at-risk category for contracting COVID. We would like to see if we can get him to join by phone for the next meeting since he does not have the technology to join via Zoom.

ITEM #5 - Adjourn

A motion to adjourn meeting, seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 4:50 pm.

Next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, August 20, 2020, 4pm at Parks, Recreation & Civic Facilities office, 1920 Grand Avenue.

Minutes respectfully submitted,
Lori Frederick, Executive Administrative Assistant