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Parks and Recreation Board
November 12, 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:	Grace, Darrell	(23-8)	06/20/21
	Heim, Michael	(10-6)	02/03/24
	Lanham, Annette	(6-0)	02/03/24
	Luedtke, Patti	(3-0)	08/31/25
	Nelson, Pam (via Zoom)	(15-1)	02/03/24
	Nelson, Scott (via Zoom)	(4-0)	07/27/25
	Supple-Bish, Mary	(13-3)	02/03/24
MEMBERS ABSENT :	Brandt, Valerie	(20-24)	06/20/21
	Clark, Chris	(9-7)	02/11/24
STAFF PRESENT:	Chuck Kempf, Director Parks, Recreation & Civic Facilities Jessica Oshel, Special Events & Communications Coordinator		

Call to Order.

Chairman Chris Clark unable to attend. Mike Heim made a motion to call the meeting to order at 4:08pm, seconded, motion passed. Annette Lanham made a motion that Mike Heim chair the meeting, seconded, motion passed.

ITEM #2 - Approval of minutes

Approved

ITEM #3 – Updates:

- a. Corby Pond Project (CAP Agreement with MDC) – Project has been started. The action steps taken: Parks has cleared two of the paths that excavation equipment needs to get to the pond. One from the southwest and the other was the fencing of the tennis courts. There has also been a path cut on the east side which we had to cut down a couple trees. We do not need to do anything from NW side. Public Works is draining it now. We are working on aeration fountains which will be donated by a private individual. We are also working with MDC with community assistance agreement. It will be different than what is currently at Krug Lagoon; it will be catch and take limit. Deciding the right conditions for that. There will not be hour restrictions; it will be a higher level of fishing service. They are marking the sewer line.
- b. Holiday Park & South Pole - Everything is going as expected. Optimists will not be handing out candy and will not be taking donations. Santa's building is up there, and he will be socially distanced from the kids. There will be the concessions of funnel cakes and hot chocolates. If there are carolers who want to volunteer, we will let them. We just will not be recruiting them. SSJPA is not doing their normal pre-lighting activities. We will have light ceremony at Hyde, but it will be the same thing we do at Krug which is cookies, pre-packaged hot chocolate, and the mayor flipping the switch.
- c. Hyde Park Splash Pad Update – A little behind schedule because of the ground water. Council has approved the change order. They are back working above ground again. They were working

on the plumbing today. Next, they will be working on putting up the walls. Footings have already been poured. It will still be opened next spring. We do not know how COVID will affect it when it is open. It will be filtered, but it will depend on how COVID progresses.

- d. Aquatic Park CIP Project Update – There is a work session on Monday. \$450,000 to repair things at the aquatic park. The process we go through to get funding is difficult because you make decisions several years in advance, and things has happened in that time. These CIP were planned in 2017, and the project estimate covered the problems that were reality in 2017. They estimated 450,000 to solve aquatic park problems. Now in 2020, things have progressed in a serious way. The price is now 1.2 million to fix the aquatic park problems. This would only last about 8 to 10 years before it needed to be fixed again. There are walls collapsing which is dangerous. The lap pool filter room is underground, and the wall between the filter and the pool is the actual pool. It is a free-standing wall. If that wall collapses with someone else in there, it could be a life hazard, and it could pull people into the deep end of the pool. There is not a less expensive fix for that pool to be opened. Building a brand-new park would cost \$5-6 million., but that needs to be a larger discussion about what the future looks like.
- e. River Bluff Trail Project – We have signed the agreement with local company Ideker and they have subcontract with Nomad who build mountain bike trails/primitive trails. Ideker will build a vein trial over the top of the bluffs. They will put up traffic control to keep out motorized vehicles. Then, Nomad will build offshoot mountain bike trails. This is a big opportunity for St. Joseph to build up tourism and economy. The mountain bike community is great about taking care about the facilities they are using. We are in contact with a large number of people to help organize this project. Chuck and Jessica are in contact with a professional out of Arkansas to help with marketing and promotions.
 1. Mary asked if we had an official name. We are thinking about River Bluff Trail System. This is an easy name that people identify with. However, City Council to decide and approve the name.
 2. Annette asked if they would maintain themselves. No. We will be looking at seeking more help for this. We will be requesting two new employees for trial maintenance which will be for these plus the trails around town. They will also help against renegades making new trails.
 3. Mary asked if MDC would help. No, this is not their project.
 4. Annette – will any of these biking groups volunteer? They will but we will lead the effort.

ITEM #3 – Upcoming Events

- a. Turkey Hunt – Now until November 23rd
- b. Holiday Light Ceremonies – November 27th
- c. Mayor’s Children’s Christmas Party – December 12th

ITEM #4 –Open Discussion

- a. Annette – there is a needs assessment for the Civic Arena. Missouri Western has been driving force of hosting NCAA Division II Women’s basketball tournament in ’23 and ’24. They last about a week. People stay in town, and it brings in a large economic tourism revenue. The hotel across the road has been purchased. NCAA will have demands for the championships and high expectations. They will come in to do an inspection of Civic Arena. We have significant issues that might cause problems with them. Chuck has met with the Mayor about addressing a list of things that need to be fixed. Upgrades will benefit the community. It is a versatile building that brings in a lot of great things to St. Joseph.

- b. Chuck Kempf will be getting things out to the board about the CAP agreement and Civic Arena.
- c. Chuck Kempf – we are working with a group of community organizations and leaders to create an alliance for high school youth to create a quality and positive experience for the kids. Less high schoolers are participating in sports and we wonder if it is due to negative experiences as a youth. It is preliminary at this time. Main thing is to figure out how to approach this and to strategize how to reach the target people. Scott Nelson – many of the sports around town have decreased in participants. There are so many positives that could come from sports. Chuck Kempf - it is driven to try to get the adults who are involved to be better suited to get the kids to participate without pushing them too far.
- d. Next meeting is December 17th. We will try to have a small holiday thing for the board

ITEM #5 - Adjourn

A motion to adjourn meeting, seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 5:06 pm.

Next meeting is scheduled for **Thursday, December 17, 2020, 4pm** at Parks, Recreation & Civic Facilities office, 1920 Grand Avenue.

Minutes respectfully submitted,
Jessica Oshel, Special Events & Communications Coordinator