

City of Olivette Parks & Recreation Commission

MINUTES | APRIL 21, 2021

MEETING HELD VIA ZOOM

1. Roll Call

Quorum established via Zoom meeting at 7:12 pm

Commissioners Present: Heuermann Kastner, Lee, Patterson, Person: and Sandhu

Commissioner Absent: Rich

Also Present: City Councilmember Waldman; and Parks & Recreation Director Tucker Knight; and Assistant Parks & Recreation Director, Don LaChance;

2. Hearing from Citizens – Stephanie Todd spoke asking Commission to look into the annual mosquito fogging program, it's impacts on parks and wildlife, and potential alternatives.

3. Communications– None

4. Minutes

On a MOTION by HEUERMANN SECOND by PATTERSON, Minutes of March 27, 2021, regular meeting and minutes of the April 1, 2021, special meeting APPROVED (6-0)

5. Parks & Recreation Director Report

Director Tucker Knight reported on:

- a. Summer Camp Currently, 212 campers are registered across the eight Camp O sessions. The first week is 83% filled with the following weeks averaging 55% enrollment. Mad Science Camps have 14 enrolled across four sessions. Six contract sports camps will be offered in June and July at Stacy and Warson Parks: Challenger Soccer, Sporting STL Soccer, and Balls & Strikes.
- b. Baseball Program 2021 The City has contracted with 314 Training Academy for this year's youth baseball program. The Academy will conduct baseball skills clinics for 3-14 year olds June 7 through July 14. Thirty-one players are registered as of March 17.
- c. Classes Charlie Harre's Senior Exercise Class & Sharon Skirvan's Strength, Tone & Fitness classes are still on Zoom. Both classes are preparing a combination offering: smaller in person groups in conjunction with a Zoom option. Space is limited in the room will be limited to four people plus the instructor. Missouri River Cloggers dance class started last week the combination option of small group in the room and others on Zoom. Zig Zag square dance class will return in May teaching in person in the gym to allow more spacing of participants.
- d. Building Rental Operations: the first indoor building rental was booked!
- e. Playground Operations The Department of Public Health no longer requires playground sanitizing. The City will powerwash all play equipment monthly, beginning in May
- f. Salvatore Bufalino completed installation of 38 bird houses throughout the City's parks. He worked closely with Park staff to select appropriate trees in each park. He built and installed all the boxes except for the larger owl and flicker boxes. He will continue to care for the boxes annually over the next three years.
- g. Weed Warriors: Final work day of the regular season was held on April 17. Staff and the PARC volunteer working group are exploring options to extend year-round. A special group from MICDS will work in Stacy Park on May 1, with a back-up day of May 7.

6. City Council Report

- a. Filling in for City Council representative Weil, Councilmember Waldman announced the new Mayor is Sydney Clark and new Mayor Pro Tem is Maxine Wiel.
- b. The City Council is working on their annual goals and heading into budget season.
- c. Updates to the Comprehensive Plan and land use plans are in consideration.

7. Park Master Plan Implementation

- a. Park Plans continue in the schematic design phase, developing detailed site plans, utilities, landscaping plans, grading and locating specific amenities.

- b. Playground RFP Process: after further analysis by the design team, it was determined that an RFQ was a better vehicle for selecting the playground designer(s)
- c. Timeline Update: timeline remains unchanged for GRG Greenway, parks and community center.
- d. Budget Update: the parks being in schematic design phase is helping refine specific costs for each park projects. numbers. Community Center remains on budget.
- e. Current work focus is park plans schematic design phase; the Community Center interior finishes; HVAC System refinements; lighting, electrical and low voltage power locations; preparing the Fitness Center Equipment RFQ; GRG Centennial Greenway has reached 100% design.

8. PARC Annual Work Plan

Volunteer working group reported on new captain role for volunteer park work days.

9. Future Agenda Items

- Annual Work Plan
- Volunteer Program
- Mosquito Vector Control
- Memorial Policy
- Park Master Plan Implementation - ongoing

c. Upcoming Dates of Importance

April 10	Olivette in Bloom Ask a Master Gardener
May 1	Stacy Park
April 24	MICDS Volunteer Project at Stacy Park
May 19	Parks & Recreation Commission

- d. **Adjournment** – On a MOTION by HEUERMANN, SECOND by KASTNER meeting was ADJOURNED (6-0) at 9:17 pm