



**City of Clayton
Parks & Recreation Commission Meeting
Monday, June 10, 2019
7:00 PM – The Center of Clayton
Meeting Room C**

----- Agenda Topics -----

Topic		Notes
1. Approval of Minutes	Eric Schneider	
2. Addresses from the Audience	Eric Schneider	
3. Shaw Park All-Season Recreation Complex	Chris Chiodini	
4. FY 2020 Fees & Charges	Toni Siering	
5. Director's Report	Patty DeForrest	
6. Old Business/New Business	Eric Schneider	

Attachments:

- Minutes – May 6,2019
- June 2019 Event Calendar
- FY2020 P & R Fees and Charges Recommendation

Notes:

Next Meeting: Monday, July 8, 2019

CLAYTON PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING

Monday, May 6, 2019

Center of Clayton, Meeting Room C

Members Present: Ira Berkowitz, David LaGesse, Missy McCormick, Jeanne Most, Becky Patel, **Stacy Siwak**, Melanie Tamsky, & Mark Winings

Absent: Jim Craig, Eric Schneider & Jason Wilson

Also Present: Patty DeForrest, Dan Krewson, Lori Rice, Toni Siering, Denise Ucinski & Justin Whipple

Approval of Minutes:

Minutes from the April meeting were approved as written.

Addresses from the Audience:

There were no addresses from the audience.

Shaw Park All-Season Recreation Complex:

Mr. Chris Chiodini, Mr. Louis Chiodini and Mr. Steve Mueller from Chiodini Architects talked about their ideas for the Shaw Park All-Season Recreation Complex. Mr. Chris Chiodini explained the process of utilizing a Construction Manager at Risk (CMR). He noted that the CMR bids out everything and works directly with general contractors. Since the construction market is so busy, this is almost an integrated process. Mr. Louis Chiodini stated that very early on we will have schematics, know the budgets and the quality the CMR is directing the project. The process is similar to design build because it allows the flexibility to bid on things sooner. Once everyone is on board with the budget numbers, the process of building packages can begin. The estimated project cost is \$10.2 million. Mr. Louis Chiodini stated that they all know the importance of the budget. It is a benefit for the architects to get the most for that amount. Furthermore, the general contractor will negotiate with vendors for the best quality and price.

Mr. Chris Chiodini asked what is most important to the Commission regarding the overall project. Mr. Ira Berkowitz stated it is very important to make it more than just an ice rink, and to find out what are the best options for the facility's other uses. Other parts of the overall project that are important are: the drop off area being visible from the street, being able to view the ice rink when driving down Brentwood, improvement of the streetscape and adding ADA parking.

Ms. Patty DeForrest noted that the goal is to have the new complex built by the end of 2020. The Parks and Recreation Commission will be the committee working directly with the architects. Planning meetings will be held on the same dates as regularly scheduled Commission meetings.

Director's Report:

Ms DeForrest reported that there was a slow start to DeMun construction, but the playground equipment has been delivered and completion is still scheduled for the end of June. She is working to finalize the RFQ for the Parks & Recreation Master Plan and anticipates issuing it on or around June 1st. The Chapman Plaza fountain repairs are complete and worked well. The St. Louis County Library is continuing to show an interest in partnering with the City on plans for Maryland Park. The Shaw Park Aquatic Center will open Memorial Day weekend. The Tennis Center is open.

Ms. DeForrest announced that Ms. Sarah Umlauf is leaving the City of Clayton. As a result of her departure, Hanley House tours will be by appointment only. Ms. Ann Jacobs will be giving the tours. A replacement plan is being developed to fill Ms. Umlauf's position.

Old Business / New Business:

There was no old or new business reported.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:32 pm.

Respectfully Submitted By: Denise Ucinski



Recreation & Event Calendar

June 2019

Picnic in the Park

Sunday, June 2, 4:00 pm – 8:00 pm

This community building event will have activities for all ages including live music by Jake's Leg, inflatables, crafts, the Bubble Bus, lawn games and food trucks! The event is sponsored in part by the Clayton Century Foundation.

Clayton Music & Wine Festival

Saturday, June 8, 5:00 pm – 10:00 pm

Taste wines from around the world while enjoying great musical performances. Event held at Carondelet Plaza. Admission is free.

Kids Day at SPAC

Sunday, June 9, 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm

Free admission is offered all day for resident children, ages 12 and younger. Games and activities will be held throughout the afternoon.

Parties in the Park

Wednesday, June 12, 5:00 pm – 8:30 pm

Stop by Central Avenue for great music and cocktails every second Wednesday this summer. In June, music will be provided by Midnight Piano Band.

Historic St. Louis Presents: Painting a Summertime Past

Saturday, June 15, 10:00 am – 4:00 pm

Twenty-six historic houses, museums, and privately-owned homes, including the Hanley House, are joining together to present a summertime tour. For this one-day event, each venue will be providing tours of their unique landscapes. Visit www.historicsaintlouis.org for locations and details.

CSP Summer Invitational Swim Meet

Friday, June 21 – Sunday, June 23

Clayton Shaw Park Swim Team will be hosting their annual meet where nearly 700 participants from across the region compete. During the meet, the pool is closed to the public. Arrangements have been made for pass holders to swim for free at Maplewood Pool and The Center of Clayton throughout the weekend.

Musical Nights at Oak Knoll Park

Sunday, June 23, 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm

Sponsored by the Clayton Century Foundation, this event is held monthly by the pond at Oak Knoll. This month's music will be provided by Pennsylvania Slim.



To: Parks & Recreation Commission

From: Patty DeForrest, Director of Parks & Recreation
Toni Siering, Assistant Director of Parks & Recreation

Date: June 10, 2019

RE: FY 2020 Fee Recommendations for the Parks & Recreation Department

Staff has completed its annual review of all fees currently being charged by the City of Clayton Parks & Recreation Department. While pricing recommendations are based upon the philosophy that fees should be in line with the cost of services, we also keep in mind that we operate municipal facilities. As such, it is our mission “to improve the quality of life for our citizens through the provision of comprehensive leisure services and recreational opportunities to individuals of all ages, abilities, and interests in a safe, healthy, and pleasant environment.” Based on these principles, we believe fees should be set to offer an affordable option for all members of our community to ensure that they have facilities and programs that enhance their quality of life; while, at the same time, ensuring that direct costs of operating a facility are at a minimum covered by those fees. This document outlines those changes that are being proposed for the FY20 budget.

Shaw Park Tennis Center Court Rental Fees:

Staff is recommending an increase in the court rental rates at Shaw Park Tennis Center based on comparative rental rates in the St. Louis area. The rental rates have not increased at the Tennis Center in over 5 years despite several improvements to the quality of playing surfaces and overall facility. While we understand the increase seems significant, the proposed fees would still be less than several other local tennis facilities (University City: \$25, Vetta Sports: \$35, and Dwight Davis: \$25) in the area.

Current rentals are predominantly local schools and universities as well as USTA matches. Given Shaw Park Tennis Center’s ability to accommodate multiple courts and the quality of the facility, we do not foresee a fee increase as a deterrent to future bookings. Raising the rental rates will assist in generating additional revenue to help maintain the playing surfaces and equipment at Shaw Park Tennis Center. The suggested increases are outlined below:

Facility	Rental Type	Current Fee	Proposed Fee
Court Rental	Resident	\$10.00	\$15.00
	Corporate	\$12.50	\$20.00
	Non-Resident	\$20.00	\$25.00
	Tournament	\$20.00	\$25.00

Shaw Park Aquatic Center Birthday Party Fees:

Staff is recommending an increase in the Birthday Party rates at Shaw Park Aquatic Center based on comparative rates in the St. Louis area and to ensure the party rates cover the cost of admission. The rental rates were last increased in FY17 to align with the rates for the ice rink rentals; however, the rate set at that time did not equate to the group admission for the number of people now included in the rental (which changed from 20 to 30 participants). The proposed increase would still be less than the resident rate at several other facilities in the St. Louis area with a similar number of party goers (Ballwin: \$280.00, Crestwood: \$180.00, and Maplewood: \$165.00).

Staff does not foresee this increase as a hinderance to patrons booking parties at Shaw Park Aquatic Center in the future. Finally, raising the rental rates will assist in generating additional revenue to help offset increasing staff costs. The suggested increases are outlined below:

Facility	Rental Type	Current Fee	Proposed Fee
Birthday Party Package During Open Hours 30 people & room	Resident	\$120.00	\$150.00
	Corporate	\$140.00	\$175.00
	Non-Resident	\$160.00	\$200.00

Program Fees:

As a final note, we wanted to remind you of our pricing policy for programming within the department. Staff reviews all program costs and sets fees during the development of each brochure based on the guidelines below:

- Recreational program fees are expected to, at a minimum; recover all direct costs associated with the program along with a 25% administrative fee to cover brochure, administration, and utilities.
- Resident rates are to be set at a rate below non-resident rates.

Due to the extensive number of programs offered within the department, changes in fees are not brought forward individually, but are approved departmentally and contained within the budget.

Recommendation:

To approve all fees effective October 1, 2019.