

CLAYTON PARKS AND RECREATION COMISSION MEETING

Monday, April 1, 2019

Center of Clayton, Meeting Room C

Members Present: Ira Berkowitz, Brad Bernstein, Jim Craig, David LaGesse, Jeanne Most, Eric Schneider, Melanie Tamsky, Jason Wilson & Mark Winings

Absent: Missy McCormick & Becky Patel

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

Approval of Minutes:

Minutes from the March meeting were approved as written.

Addresses from the Audience:

There were no addresses from the audience.

Playground Options for South Shaw Park

Ms. Patty DeForrest reviewed various playground options for the south end of Shaw Park with the Commission. She shared a few playground renderings designed by ABcreative to provide a better understanding of the possible choices for each area of the park. In the Parks and Recreation Master plan having a teen center type playground for children ages 11-15 is recommended. After much discussion about the south playground ideas, the Commission suggested the play area be geared for children 8-10. The ballfield playground area gets heavily used during youth sports and by the Family Center. There will be discussions with the Clayton Parks and Recreation Department and the Clayton School District about the playground on school district property.

Director's Report:

Ms DeForrest reported that the Board of Alderman (BOA) and Parks and Recreation Staff have recommended moving forward with a Parks Master Plan. The roof is being replaced at #2 Oak Knoll. Further, all parks were prepped for the season and opened on April 1. Parks and Recreation staff are also working on budget, summer camps, adult leagues and the pool opening.

Ms. DeForrest stated she was contacted by the Public Art Advisory Committee. They notified her that the St. Louis Art Museum selected a piece to loan the city for placement at Oak Knoll Park. It was narrowed down to Young Siegfried and they requested the piece be installed near the main entrance to the park. After discussing the art piece plans for Oak Knoll Park, the Commission said they wanted to do some research and had serious concerns about its location, prior to making a recommendation to the BOA.

The Center of Clayton renovations went out to bid. Construction will begin later this year.

Ms. DeForrest has a meeting with St. Louis County Library on April 19 to talk about a possible partnership with them for Maryland Park.

The RFQ for the Shaw Park All-Season Recreation Complex closes on April 2. DeMun playground is torn out and they are trying to get the work started. The anticipated opening time is June. The dog park in Brentwood will be open soon and membership sales are going very well.

Ms. DeForrest informed the Commission that when the indoor pool closes there will be lap lanes for the master's and regular swimmers. Secondly, there will be limited outdoor activities to accommodate lap swimming. Ms. DeForrest is more concerned about the indoor swimmers because the options for them are very limited. Members will be allowed to put a hold on their membership during renovations.

Old Business / New Business:

There was no old or new business reported.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:20 pm

Respectfully Submitted By: Denise Ucinski