

CLAYTON PARKS AND RECREATION COMISSION MEETING

Monday, June 10, 2019

Center of Clayton, Meeting Room C

Members Present: Ira Berkowitz, David LaGesse, Missy McCormick, Jeanne Most, Becky Patel, Eric Schneider, Stacy Siwak, Melanie Tamsky & Jason Wilson

Absent: Jim Craig & Mark Winings

Also Present: Patty DeForrest, Patrick Magee, Lori Rice, Toni Siering, Denise Ucinski, Justin Whipple & David Willey

Approval of Minutes:

Minutes from the May meeting were approved as written.

Addresses from the Audience:

There were no addresses from the audience.

Shaw Park All-Season Recreation Complex:

The Chiodini Architects contract is approved. Chidoini architects recently met with staff and will continue to meet every Thursday with staff, user groups and the city departments (IT, Public Works & Planning). Mr. Chris Chiodini stated they have looked at materials from the original plans to use as a guide. They are estimating the building cost to be six million dollars. The site utilities for the ice rink, outdoor pool and tennis center are something they are looking closely into to reduce costs from the most recent design. In addition to that, Chiodini architects are currently considering the following: leaving the building orientation the same, retaining the entry area to keep electric in place, minimal changes to the Century Garden, improve the visibility from the drop off location and potentially eliminate some open space. In the most recent design, there seems to be a lot of unnecessary square footage in the building. With their plan, the reduction in green space will be minimal, the tennis center building will remain, and tennis tournament participants will be able to use the new facility looker rooms. Furthermore, an environmental inspection has been conducted. There inspection results determined that a small amount of remediation must be done, the tiles tested negative for asbestos however, there is some asbestos in the wrap around the pipes.

Fees and Charges:

Ms. Toni Siering discussed fees and charges with the Commission. She stated that staff looks at fees and charges each year and does cost comparisons with facilities in the surrounding area that are like ours. Tennis Center rental fees have not been increased in 5 years. Staff is recommending fee increases for tennis center rentals and outdoor pool party fees. New rates will be effective October 1, 2019 if approved by the Commission and the Board of Aldermen. Center of Clayton membership fees will likely increate next year. The Commission voted in favor of the recommended fee increases. The BOA will discuss fee changes at their budget meetings, with final consideration in September.

Director's Report:

Ms. DeForrest reported that The Center of Clayton construction project will begin soon, and Subway will be close next week. Construction of Adzick Field will begin soon as well. The DeMun playground is ready to be installed and the target date for opening is June 30. Construction of the restroom at DeMun is six weeks behind, but this will not delay opening the playground. St. Louis County Library is unable to move forward with partnering on the construction of Maryland Park, due to funding constraints. Ms. DeForrest noted that the City has a grant that will help with the cost of hiring a design firm. The Oak Knoll Park roof project is going well. Picnic in the Park was awesome and the largest one yet.

Old Business / New Business:

The Commission determined they would cancel the July 8 meeting due to lack of a quorum,

Meeting Adjourned at 8:20 pm.

Respectfully Submitted By: Denise Ucinski