In attendance: Alan Hopefl (chair), Matt Cook, Matt Helbig, Alvin Reid,

Park Staff: Curt Carron, Kyle Henke, Peter Laufersweiler

Meeting call to order at 8:03 AM

**I. CITIZEN COMMENTS**

None

**II. APPROVAL OF DECEMBER 29, 2021 MINUTES**

Approved unanimously

**III . UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None

**IV. NEW BUSINESS**

1. Trial Repair/Maintenance in Southwest Kirkwood Park Trail System

The main discussion involved the forested area between Rifle Range Drive and Adams Road.

Carron: Current users pick their trails by where they want to go and have their own favorite trails. There is plenty of access in this area now via 4 or 5 vertical trails. Most of the trails are in good condition with the exception of the trail from the Scout Shelter to Rifle Range Drive. There should be no new trails needed.

There was discussion on rehabilitating trials which would include new plantings and discouraging the public from using these trails. Suggestions include signage informing the public that rehabilitation is underway and why it is being done. It is also possible to inhibit use by strategically placing tree fall across trails. Currently cyclists, runners, hikers, dog walkers, etc. follow what is available and don’t complain. Most of the established trails are stabilized by use and some maintenance. Future signage might be considered giving the length of the trails and possibly a trail map.

There was a discussion of placing game cameras in the area to sample who is using which trails. There was agreement that this would be very helpful. From this usage data we can get an estimate of trail usage and seek outside help.

In Summery: 1) we should use game camera to establish use

2) select which trails to improve or close

3) seek outside expertise regarding maintenance and erosion control via a Request for Information. The RFI could go to: Ozark Trail Association, Sierra Club, Trail Net, Missouri Department of Conservation, St Louis County Parks, Gateway Off-Road Cyclists, Great Rivers Greenway, others.

b. Alternate Bike Trail Considerations

East and West sides of Greentree Park and strip of land along the Meramec River could be considered for off-road cycling. It was suggested that the Bike Park in Eureka be looked at. These might be considerations to be included in a new parks master plan.

c. Other Matters

none

**V. ADJOURNED at 9:00 AM**