**Park Board**

**Meeting Minutes**

**Monday, February 26, 2024 7:00 p.m.**

**Kirkwood Community Center Room 202**

**IN ATTENDANCE:** The meeting was called order at 7:02 p.m. with President Ellen Edman, Steve Ostrowski, Nate Wurtz, Jordan Wienke, Kathy Paulsen, Christopher Molitor, Kevin Miller, Lauren Nieman (absent), Becky Jones (absent) and Staff Liaison Kyle Henke and Pete Laufersweiler in attendance.

1. **PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR 2024-25 PARK FUND BUDGET**

Recessed to public hearing regarding Park Fund Budget

No comments

1. **CITIZEN COMMENTS**

Cecil Jones, 330 Alsobrook, asked the park board about amending the name of Meacham Park Memorial Park and would like to know the process for changing a park name.

Rich Thoma, 320 Frieda Ave., a member of the Webster Groves Nature Study Society and will answer any questions during the meeting. He also stated that he would like the condition of Sugar Creek in Kirkwood Park to be addressed in the upcoming master plan.

1. **APPROVAL OF JANUARY 29, 2024 MEETING MINUTES**

A motion made by Kevin Miller to approve the January 29, 2023 meeting minutes, seconded by Jordan Wienke. Motion approved unanimously.

1. **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

None

1. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**
   1. Strategic Goals Update – None
   2. WGNSS – James Earl Comfort Sign Board

Pete discussed pricing proposals he received for the sign.

A motion by Jordan Wienke to approve the installation of the sign w/the approval of the partnership committee on wording, to be paid for by the Webster Groves Nature Study Society. Seconded by Nate Wurtz. Motion approved unanimously.

1. **NEW BUSINESS**
   1. Purchase Delay of One Ton Dump Truck –

A motion by Kathy Paulsen to re-appropriate previously approved capital funds from FY23-24 for the purchase of a One Ton Dump Truck in the amount of $90,150 in account 201-09-100-101-000-620090, PF2402 to the same account in the FY24-25 budget. Seconded by Jordan Wienke. Motion approved unanimously.

* 1. Master Plan –

A motion by Steve Ostrowski to re- appropriate previously approved capital fund from FY23-24 in the amount of $124,600 from account 201-09-100-101-000-620090, Engineering Fees into the same account in the FY24-25 budget. Seconded by Christopher Molitor. Motion approved unanimously.

* 1. Officer Nominations – Kathy Paulsen volunteered to gather the slate of candidates for the next meeting.
  2. Other Matters –

The Board discussed the citizen comment by Cecil Jones and the Partnership Committee will meet to discuss it further.

1. **SUPERINTENDENT OF PARKS REPORT**
   1. Pete Laufersweiler discussed the Superintendent of Parks report
2. **DIRECTORS REPORT**
   1. Park Legacy Donations – Kyle discussed the new process for making donations for Trees, Bricks and other items.
   2. Community Center Renovation – Kyle gave an update on the renovation project.
   3. Aquatic Center – Kyle discussed the progress towards opening this summer.
3. **BOARD COMMENTS**

Kathy Paulsen discussed a recent pamphlet from the historical society about Alphonse Smith.

1. **ADJOURNMENT** – The meeting was adjourned at 7:48 p.m.