**Park Board**

**Meeting Minutes**

**Monday, May 20, 2024 7:00 p.m.**

**Kirkwood Community Center Room 202**

**IN ATTENDANCE:** The meeting was called order at 7:03 p.m. with President Ellen Edman, Steve Ostrowski, Nate Wurtz, Jordan Wienke (absent), Kathy Paulsen, Christopher Molitor, Kevin Miller (absent), Lauren Nieman, Becky Jones and Staff Liaison Kyle Henke and Pete Laufersweiler in attendance.

1. **CITIZEN COMMENTS**

Dave Klaus, 409 Peeke, spoke about his desire for a dog park in Kirkwood. Dave gave the Park Board a packet with information about local dog parks and his thoughts on possible locations in Kirkwood Park.

1. **APPROVAL OF APRIL 15, 2024 MEETING MINUTES**

A motion made by Becky Jones to approve the April 15, 2024 meeting minutes, seconded by Nate Wurtz. Motion approved unanimously.

1. **COMMITTEE REPORTS**
   1. None
2. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**
   1. Strategic Plan – The master plan steering committee has met.
3. **NEW BUSINESS**
   1. McEntee Park

Kyle discussed a replacement plan for recently broken equipment. The Board discussed options available for recreation in Downtown Kirkwood.

* 1. Other Matters –

The Board discussed past dog park efforts in Kirkwood and dog parks located near Kirkwood that have opened since the last time the Board discussed a dog park. Kyle discussed the Park Boards previous research and decisions in 2007, when a dog park was previously considered.

Former Kirkwood Athletic Association Fields – Pete gave an update on the status of the property.

1. **SUPERINTENDENT OF PARKS REPORT**
   1. Pete Laufersweiler discussed the Superintendent of Parks report
2. **DIRECTORS REPORT**
   1. Master Plan – Survey is getting close to going out.
   2. Community Center Renovations – Renovations are in progress.
   3. Aquatic Center – Opens on Saturday.
3. **BOARD COMMENTS**

Kathy Paulsen discussed a recent clean up at Quinette Cemetery.

1. **ADJOURNMENT** – The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.