

Parks & Rec Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
7/13/2013 8:30 a.m.

Minutes taken by Tricia Whelan

Attendees: Mike Casey, Council Liaison    John Gruender    Mike Whelan    Tricia Whelan  
Michelle Keesal                                  Darcy Capstick    Alan Politte    Gary Stein  
Cindy Lau    Bridget Nations    Laura Schellenberg

Kari Johnson also attended the meeting as Tom McCarthy was unable to attend.

New Member, Alan Politte, introduced himself to the committee and provided background information.

Approval of June Minutes

Approval of Minutes from the June Meeting with correction of date of Corks and Forks being August 31, 2013 and correction of date of Community Stewardship being June 24, 2013.

Park Patrol Program

Kari Johnson discussed the goals of the Park Patrol Program. Each member would be assigned a park and visit the park periodically and provide a status report. She will come up with a list of parks to be reviewed and forward it to Tom McCarthy.

Forks and Corks

Kari Johnson reported on the upcoming Forks and Corks event. It will be held on August 31, 2013 from 3:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. There will be lots of fine restaurants and live music all day long. Volunteers are needed. Kari will email the sign-up sheet.

Backstoppalooza

Kari Johnson reported on the first annual Backstoppalooza. It will be held on August 10, 2013. It is a multi band concert held at the Amphitheater to raise money for Backstoppers. There will be lots of food and music and a small ceremony to recognize our fallen officers.

May Monthly Report

Kari Johnson distributed the May monthly newsletter from Parks and Recreation. There has been an increase in facility rentals, Lacrosse is huge, soccer is doing well. The concessions are growing as well. The Amphitheatre has also seen an increase in rentals from seven last year to ten this year.

## Staff Reports

Kari Johnson reported on the Park Enhancement updates. They are presently finishing the plaza and putting in permanent pavers. The F Quad bleachers now have solar panels. The solar panels will generate electricity and generate credits for utility savings.

## Program Facilities Update

Kari Johnson reported on the baseball tournament, the softball tournament, the 5K sponsored by Fleet Feet, and the swimming pool time changes due to the kids going back to school. She discussed a Halloween event similar to Yappy Hour where the dogs dress up. This would be held on October 18<sup>th</sup>, 2013. Kari Johnson reported that The Pageant was also planning on renting out the amphitheater which speaks well of the venue. Breakdance St. Louis has also rented the Amphitheater on September 14<sup>th</sup> 2013.

## Additional Business

Kari Johnson was asked to provide a brief summary, including expenditures of the Dog Park. She stated that Tom McCarthy would have that information. The new Park, Rivers Edge was discussed. There will be a fishing derby there in the future. They are still working on the trails. Darcy Capstick reported to the committee on the Team Stewardship which was held on June 24, 2013. Darcy Capstick reported to the committee on E-cycling Saturdays. She discussed having more signage to promote it. Cindy Lau discussed having a status report on The Tour De Parks. She asked that it be put on the Agenda for the next meeting.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:30 a.m.