

Parks and Recreation Board  
 March 24, 2022 – 4:00 p.m.  
 Parks, Recreation & Civic Facilities, 1920 Grand Avenue

	<u>Name</u>	<u>Members' Term Attendance</u> (mtgs attended-mtgs absent)	<u>End of Current Term of Office</u>
<b>MEMBERS PRESENT:</b>	Clark, Chris	(18-12)	02/11/24
	Lanham, Annette	(19-1)	02/03/25
	Luedtke, Patti	(16-1)	08/31/25
	Montegna, Eric	(7-1)	06/28/26
	Mooney, Scott	(6-2)	06/28/26
	Nelson, Pam	(27-3)	02/03/24
	Nelson, Scott	(16-2)	07/27/25
	Supple-Bish, Mary	(24-6)	02/03/24
<b>MEMBERS ABSENT :</b>	Heim, Michael	(21-9)	02/03/24
<b>STAFF PRESENT:</b>	Chuck Kempf, Director Parks, Recreation & Civic Facilities		
	Jessica Oshel, Special Events & Communication Coordinator		

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**Call to Order.**

Chairman Chris Clark called the meeting to order at 4:05pm.

**ITEM #2 - Approval of minutes**

February 2022 minutes approved with correction on page 2, under FY23 Projects – Phil Welch scoreboard should be \$65,000.

**ITEM #3 – Updates:**

a. Park Tax Funds – Council approved funds to be put into our budget. Bond funds \$6 million and have 3 years to use. For this year we have \$985,011 rolling stock and equipment and \$7,930,000 in improvements other than buildings, processing fees, and bond payback.

Projects:

- Fairview Golf Course ponds and bridges survey work is being done. Determine if it is restore/restructure at least two bridges or eliminate pond go to a stream going into a spillway.
- Ball field lighting – Schneider was given lighting assessment for South Park, Eagles, Noyes fields – Everything came in over budget and we will purchase lighting structures and then install. As well as HVAC for the Nature Center, which was significantly over.
- Missouri Theater Roof & Lighting – Roberts Roofing and our staff will work on the lighting.
- JRP 50+ Activity Center painting – out for bids
- Aquatic Park Lap Pool – out for design/build
- Krug Park delayed until new council in place so they can get up to date on the project. There are 3 projects at Krug approximately \$12 million: Amphitheater, Children’s Circus, and Castle. There will be many hands in the project especially in regard to historical preservation.
- Eastside Park – approached by a person offering land – project moved up if land goes through. Scott Nelson, did we have to push back other projects? Chuck not really.

b. Civic Arena Update – Floor completed by Hillyard. Basketball goals have been ordered. Seating has been approved by council. Schneider Electric has been assigned to floor ports, electronics, lighting,

and clocks. Everything came back overbudget and their solution was to give us back the ballfield lighting and Civic Arena scoreboard. Chuck, we feel we can get most with the budget allotted. Sidewalk and curbing project is going to council for approval, and Public Works will pitch in with the corner ramps. Request for Proposals for the outside management company is out (should be back next week,) and a committee which will include Mary Supple-Bish, Theresa Fankhauser, Bryan Carter, Natalie Redmond, and Chuck. Trying to obtain an outside Consultant to assist in discussing and reviewing the proposals. The proposals will be appraised by what funds and incentives that can work out the best. Not sure if the proposals will include Missouri Theater, they could come in with both or not. There is some reservations about a management company handling Missouri Theater.

Annette Lanham – Will the city still own?

Chuck – Yes the city will own, they will manage.

Annette Lanham – will there be city employees.

Chuck – possibly not, but we would like them to keep our Civic Arena and Missouri Theater employees.

- c. Aquatic Facility Openings & Operations – Splash Park should open around May 1, hours 10am to before dusk. Aquatic Park, June 4. We will continue with the 2 sessions again, it seemed to help eliminate most problem issues. Krug should open the following week.
- d. Noyes/Ashland Ash Tree Removal – TRIM Grant has been approved. We have \$20,000 for the Ash tree removal along Noyes/Ashland. We went out for bid to obtain a tree removal company. We have awarded the bid to Big and Small Tree Service. There are at least 40 trees that need to be removed. Bid came in under budget. We would like them to progress north on Ashland but will need to get approval from MDC beforehand. There are some concerns with traffic along Noyes.
- e. Bike/Skateboard Park – Been in contact with Judd Heald, former professional skateboarder who is now living in St. Joe. He is willing to consult on our project. Challenge will be that he is also a park builder. We have been in contact with two other park builders that specialize in bike/skateboard parks. We will need to determine location. Possible site visits for the next few meetings (2 or 3 sites per meeting.) LWCF grant would be had to get for the east side due to demographics. Could get a lot more funds with adaptive/inclusiveness another key.

Chris Clark & Scott Mooney – Judd’s specialty is wood park.

Scott Mooney: design could be based on funds and the ability to expand.

Potential Sites & Issues:

- Northeast Park – limited grant opportunities
- Bartlett Park – neighborhood complaints and maybe parking
- Maple Leaf Park – parking
- Wyeth Hill – parking
- Leonard Road Acres – access, parking, possible neighborhood complaints
- North Side Complex – probably need to eliminate an existing amenity
- Hyde Park – parking, many other activities
- Noyes Complex – floodway & flood plain issues

### **ITEM #3 – Upcoming Events**

- a. April 2 – Heritage Softball Complex - Outlaw Adventure Run – partnering with the YWCA GRIT Center. Shoe Drive for the GRIT Center, Brown’s Shoe is donating a pair of shoes to one person who donated shoes. Vendors: River Bluff Brewing, The Axe Factor, and Vogel’s food truck.

- b. Adopt a Trail/Park started back up this month.

**ITEM #4 –Open Discussion**

- a. Scott Mooney – what caused the issue with the HVAC at Remington Nature Center?  
Chuck Kempf – The original project was made to work with the existing system. Schneider found significant issues with the existing. If the outside temperature goes below 20 degrees, the inside falls below 50 degrees. Same issue with summer higher the outside temperature is the hotter it gets inside. Will normally have to close the facility when this happens.
- b. Chris Clark – proposed the park board meetings be held every other month. Charter doesn't say the meetings have to be every month. An Ad Hoc can be scheduled to change it.  
Chuck Kempf – Other city boards have changed to this format as well. It is sometimes a challenge to get a quorum for every month.  
Chris Clark – suggested off months and not possibly change until around June.  
Chuck Kempf – will look into this send an update  
Discussion will continue at another meeting.
- c. Chuck Kempf – encouraged board members to always give feedback to him at any time.
- d. Scott Nelson – How much is the Park Tax?  
Chuck Kempf – 10 years ½ cent  
Chuck Kempf – City's CIP is 5 years – we still have the opportunity to submit more projects for this as well.
- e. Chuck Kempf – applied for grand from private family trust for arts and submitted one Wyeth Tootle haven't anything yet.
- f. Scott Mooney – can a committee be put together for the bike/skateboard park?  
Chuck Kempf – we definitely can put one together.

**ITEM #5 –Public Comment**

None

**ITEM #6 - Adjourn**

A motion to adjourn meeting, seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 5:20 pm.

Next meeting is scheduled for **Thursday, April 21, 2022, 4:00pm** at Parks, Recreation & Civic Facilities office, 1920 Grand Avenue.

Minutes respectfully submitted,  
Lori Frederick, Executive Administrative Assistant