

# Park Board Meeting Minutes

June 1, 2020  
Via Zoom  
6:30 P.M.

1. **Call to Order:** 6:34 p.m.
2. **Roll Call:** Heather Filley, Ryan Schaecher, Brian Steel, Joe Gildehaus, Craig Moore, Brian Kent, City Administrator Steve Roth, and Alderman Andy Nemeth. Excused Mike Vernaci, Brett Rossomanno, Tim Husereau, Jake O'Neal
3. **Approval of Minutes:**
  - o Regular Park Board Meeting May 4, 2020 – Motion to approve by Brian, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Craig. Motion Carried
  - o Special Park Board Meeting May 18, 2020 re: Municipal Pool – Motion to approve by Craig, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Brian. Motion Carried.
4. **Old Business:**
  - Municipal Pool – The Mayor plans to open a discussion at the June 2 Board of Alderman meeting about potentially opening the season. The Park Board motion and additional information was discussed between several parties and the Mayor has agreed bring up the pool under his report. Proposed limitations will include new signage, limiting access to residents in the MVR-3 school district and imposing a maximum occupancy of 45-50 patrons. Midwest Pool has been invited to present to the Board of Alderman much of the same information, with updates as Franklin County and the Governor of Missouri have provided. Midwest Pool will provide any additional cost estimates to what the pool operations may incur for sanitation, cleaning, supervision, etc. to the city. A decision is expected on June 2 for opening in the next couple of weeks, with a potential season to include weekends only, weather dependent, after Labor Day thru September and possibly October. The Board of Alderman will reconsider pool operations throughout the summer as the situation surrounding COVID 19 continues to evolve. The Park Board is appreciative that the discussion will occur. Members of the Park Board noted that the vote was disappointing. The Mayor has asked if anyone from the Park Board would be available to discuss during the Board of Alderman meeting on June 2. Both Heather and Ryan indicated they can be available until around 730pm.
  - Cameras at Jensen's Point – Heather asked if any further action, discussion or updates on cameras had occurred. Administrator Roth said the status is ongoing and the project is being led by the Mayor. Electricity isn't fully established just yet but is expected soon. Flagpole placement and camera placement discussions are being finalized.
  - Placement of donated benches – 3 donated benches available for placement in park(s). Options discussed included on the track at Liberty Field, at the top/overlook at Jensen's Point, in ADAMs Garden, and on the bluff in Blackburn Park. Discussion about current benches at Liberty were had, but no consensus on where any (if any) benches are currently located.

- i. Motion by Ryan to place a bench at the top of Jensen's Point Overlook, a second bench at Blackburn Park and the third bench in the back area of Liberty Field along the walk. 2<sup>nd</sup> Craig, motion carries. Administrator Roth will work with city maintenance to get the benches placed. He will contact Heather Filley with any conflicts or concerns.

**5. New Business:**

- Officer Nominations for 2021 Park Board Year:
  - i. President (Currently Heather Filley) – Nomination made for Heather to continue in the position made by Ryan. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Joe. Accepted by Heather – No other nominations made and were closed.
  - ii. Vice President (Currently Ryan Schaecher) – Nomination made for Ryan to continue in the position made by Joe, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Brian. Accepted by Ryan – No other nominations made and were closed.
  - iii. Secretary (Currently Brett Rossomanno) – Nomination made for Brett to continue in the position made by Brian, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Craig. Heather accepts on Brett's behalf and with Brett's approval. – No other nominations made and were closed.
  - iv. Craig motions to approve the nomination of the officers for the 2021 Park Board Year, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Joe. Motion carries.

**6. Park Liaison Report:**

- Andy commented about City Park and what it would cost to drag or till the infield. There is a lot of grass on the infield. It was noted that there were a lot of people in the park, which is great to see people getting out of the house. Andy appreciates the patience of everyone about the pool and the voice of the Park Board isn't being ignored and the Board of Aldermen give a good deal of consideration to the Park Board recommendations. The goal is to keep everyone as safe as possible.
  - i. Everyone agreed that the fields can be improved with a little work. Administrator Roth is going to talk with maintenance and operations about some options. The report and recommendations made by the local Lego Robotics team will be revisited.

**7. Miscellaneous:**

- Administrator Steve Roth – in regards to the Park Master Plan. The project hasn't died, but the responses to the 2<sup>nd</sup> round of questioning hasn't been as beneficial as the first round. Targeting to give the preliminary report at the July 6<sup>th</sup> Park Board meeting from the consultants (Planning Design Studio - PDS). The COVID situation has pushed things back from the original plan. Aiming for September the September Board of Alderman meeting to give the final presentation. Ryan commented on the survey and the information available. The video was good, but the survey is bland, complicated and time-consuming. Not surprised at the lack of response. Can we get the survey back out to the public again? Mr. Roth would like to have the 2<sup>nd</sup> forum to the public now that some things are starting to clear up. General agreement on having a 2<sup>nd</sup> forum, even if it meant pushing the report back a month. Mr. Roth to talk to PDS about scheduling a 2<sup>nd</sup> forum for the last Tuesday in June.

**Adjournment:** Motion to adjourn at 7:04 by Craig, motion seconded by Joe, all approved.

Respectfully submitted by: Ryan Schaecher.