



Parks & Rec Committee Meeting Minutes 6/8/13 – 8:30am

Minutes taken by Kimberly Cameron

Attendees: Tom McCarthy Gary Stein Kimberly Cameron Cindy Lau Darcy Capstick
Tricia Whelan Mike Whelan Michael Keesal Don Collins Bill Dowdy

New member - Allan Pollite (he was not in attendance)

Approval of minutes from April Meeting

TDP Recap - review attendance & photos

White Board Ideas

A tally was taken for each bullet point on the listing.

Top Ideas were determined (5 categories chosen)

White Board Categories will be reviewed at July meeting for input to determine the top 5 ideas and move forward

Category 1

- Park Advisory Planning
- Recommend Land Acquisition/review available land
- Develop existing parcels
- Survey Community Desires
- Assist with evaluation of CAPRA
- Evaluated & prioritize committee programs

Category 2

- Explore Water Recreation (Fishing/Canoeing/Kayaking)

Category 3

- Develop/implement Ambassador Program
- Expand "Friends of Parks" Program
- Evaluate Committee Size, Structure and attendance requirements

Category 4

- Evaluate new ideas for Park Department
- Evaluate community farm/Agr. MO Spot Market

Category 5

- Support special programs/projects by the Parks Department

City Fest Review

- looked at photos along with pics of improvements at the ball fields

Other updates from Tom

- Tom would like to discuss park review in July (park review/patrol program).
- Tom discussed improvements being evaluated/planned at parks

Eberwein - drainage issue at path, adding larger rock, most likely need to pave. Also, looking at native prairie along with dredging the pond

Bike trails –

- the stage of the Monarch Levee trail has to wait for the pump station to be completed and some additional easements acquired between Hardees Ice Complex and the under pass at HWY 64
- Signs are in place (Bill's report)
- Wellness committee at St Luke's (8/18/13), need volunteers

Edison Trail Parking lot -In progress we are looking at trying to put in at additional trail head at or near the comfort Inn. Tom met with GRG this past week to see if they had any interest in assisting.

Corks & Forks - planning is now in full swing (8/31/13)

Additional Business to share by Darcy

- **Earth Day Summary** (article in Suburban Journal)
- Successful event even with rain, all of the native trees & shrubs were given away
- Hot topic was "how to compost" in my back yard

Community Stewardship (MDOC Grant)

- MO Dept of Conservation Community Stewardship Grant (meeting on March 13th)
- Grant could be raised from \$10K to \$15K
- Discussed forest relief as part of the grant
- Tom presented a PowerPoint about our parks
- Various city grant partners brain stormed
- Next meeting is 6/24 at 1pm
- Grant is to be submitted by September, will find out in November

National Pollinators Week (June) - Chesterfield is setting up all month

- setting up 6/10, taken down 6/27 (in city hall foyer)
- challenging community to develop their own pollinating garden

Recycling Day (location/coordination is in progress) November 9th

- Darcy will need volunteers at this event

Update on 25th Anniversary Paver Stones

- Install is in progress (will be installed near flag at Amphitheater)

Meeting Adjourned at 9:41am

Next Meeting July 13th – 8:30am