

ST. CHARLES PARK & RECREATION BOARD MINUTES
WORK SESSION MEETING HELD

October 5th, 2022

The meeting was **Called to Order** by President Ryan at 6:00 pm in the American Legion Room at Memorial Hall in Blanchette Park. **Roll Call** noted the following present for the meeting:

Park Board - Denise Childress, Mike Hannegan, Brad Harmon, Kathy Mudrovic, Mike Ryan, Tom Smith and Council Liaison Denise Mitchell were present. Patrick Caskey, Tuss Peluchette and Merle Schneider were absent.

Others - Maralee Britton – Director, Chris Atkinson – Assistant Director, Don Borgmeyer – Enterprise Superintendent, Mike Wilkins, Chief Ranger, Adi Naumann – Recreation Coordinator, Oscar Rojas – Recreation Supervisor, Missy Hollander – Aquatics Coordinator, Chan Smoot – Concessions Coordinator.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

4. Review of Day Camp Parent/Guardian Surveys

Borgmeyer and Naumann presented the survey results. Survey provided feedback on customer satisfaction with the staff, program, fields trips etc.

5. Review of Enterprise Division Seasonal Employee

Naumann, Smoot, Hollander and Rojas provided the results of their employee end of season surveys. As expected, pay rate was the most common theme across the board given the current job market and other employment opportunities available.

Staff have already proposed increased pay rates and other incentives for the 2023 budget year.

6. Verbal Update of Flood/FEMA Projects

Atkinson updated the Board on the multiple projects that impact the Parks & Recreation Department. Both the pedestrian bridge and the sink hole in Frontier Park are being led by the City's Engineering Department. The Kiwanis Park ball field issues, McNair fence and Fountain Lakes low water crossing are being led by the Parks and Recreation Department staff. The trail damage to the section between Boschertown Road and New Town Blvd is being led by Modot since the trail seats on an easement on their property.

Parks have provided special event dates for 2023 for the 2 Frontier Park projects so hopefully the work can be completed before then

7. **Adopt a Park (Board Member observations pertinent to facilities, programs and services within the System)**

Harmon – Asked about the drainage issue in Vogt Brother Park. It is on staff winter project schedule.

Mudrovic –Good

Smith – Mentioned a broken bench in Frontier Park.

Ryan – Said he had talked to members of the FOLH Committee and they said the Park Rangers did a great job during their event.

Childress: Asked about public Wi-Fi in Frontier Park during the large special events. She had heard some complaints from vendors of the event. Staff said that Parks have free Wi-Fi in and around the KATY Depot year round but it is minimal. Event organizers are typically responsible for temporary upgrades to the Wi-Fi during their events.

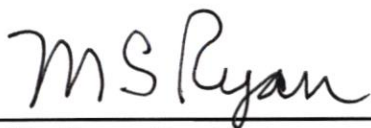
Council Member Mitchell – Asked about when music/noise from within parks is allowed. Had concerns about loud music coming from renters late at night at the Gould Building into the surrounding neighborhoods.

Also asked about 2 dead trees in Wapelhorst Park along Hackmann Road in the Beaver Creek/Lost Meadow area.

As there was no further business to discuss Smith moved for **Adjournment** at 7:12pm; Seconded by Mudrovic.

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Respectfully Submitted,

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Mike Ryan - President

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Denise Childress - Secretary