

**St. Charles County Parks and Recreation  
Advisory Board Meeting  
Youth Activity Park  
7801 Highway N  
Dardenne Prairie, MO 63368  
January 10, 2018**

Members Present: Lisa Dunham, Larry Henderson, Will Klein, Shelley Machens, Ruth Mellor, Nicole Stephenson, Robert Wohler,

Absent: Yvonne Deyo and Terry Hollander

Department Staff Present: Ryan Graham and Mary Glascock

Public Present: Shirley Pecoraro

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Ruth Mellor at 3:05 pm.

Shirley Pecoraro informed Board Members that two Park Volunteers were recently recognized on both national & regional levels for interpretive work at the Daniel Boone Home in Lindenwood Park. Barney Combs, who portrays Daniel Boone, and Robert Pecoraro, who portrays John Filson, Boone's famous publicist, have been volunteering for 30 years as historical re-enactors at the site. Both received the National Association for Interpretations 2017 Outstanding Interpretive Volunteer Award. Top interpretive volunteers from Missouri, Kansas, Arkansas, Oklahoma, Louisiana and Texas were recognized. Both men were also honored recently by Missouri Governor Eric Greitens with a special proclamation celebrating their years of volunteering.

The Spirits of the Past and the Candle Light walk at Boone both had large turnouts.

A motion was made by Bob Wohler to approve the October 11, 2017 minutes as written. Shelly Machens seconded the motion. All in favor 7-0. Minutes approved.

A motion was made by Shelly Machens to approve the July 2017 closed session minutes. A second was provided by Larry Henderson. Roll call: Lisa Dunham-yea, Larry Henderson-yea, Will Klein-yea, Shelley Machens-yea, Ruth Mellor-yea, Nicole Stephenson-yea and Robert Wohler-yea. All in favor 7/0 Minutes approved as written.

**Board Communications:**

Ryan Graham, Park Director, was introduced to the Board. Ryan has worked for the Parks Department for 10 years as the Park Historian.

Several Board members are coming up for reappointment. Please be sure to contact Vicky Hussmann if you are interested in continuing to serve. Robert Osborn has resigned his position.

**Department Report:**

Pitman/Kisker Project – the Committee has recommended naming the Park “Veterans Memorial Tribute Park.” A bill of introduction was made to the County Council with the recommendation at the January 8<sup>th</sup> Council meeting. Further discussion or the final vote could take place at the January 29, 2018 meeting.

**Park Development**

**Pitman/Kisker Park** - A new Construction Manager has been hired and is keeping things moving. The paved trails and dog park are in; the pavilion has been started and is 60-65% complete. The contractor hopes to be out by end of May. Park staff would still have some finishing touches to complete. We are looking to have a late June or early July opening.

It was also recommended that there be some type of a memorial tribute in the park

**Matson/Hays** – The interior restoration work is progressing. An HVAC system has been installed. Once the house renovations are complete displays will be constructed to exhibit the history of the house and area.

**Lindenwood Park** – the parking lot is being redone to help eliminate some of the erosion issues and provide more adequate parking. Repairs continue on several of the buildings.

**New Melle Lakes** – Staff is working on cleaning up the area, burning the prairies, creating trails and installing a disc golf course. Evaluations are being done on the existing buildings and sewage lines. A soft opening will be coming later this year allowing park patrons to use the trails, lakes and disc golf area.

**Spring Bend** – This Park still has a life estate. Staff continues to maintain the area.

**Bangert** – the park consist of 3 loop trails that staff maintains. St. Charles City now owns the property and is honoring the County’s lease agreement.

**Heritage Museum** – Work continues on the High School sporting display which will be completed by April. Over 900 visitors came to view the train display this year. The train exhibit was displayed from December to February.

**Board Member Discussion:**

Ruth recently did a video interview with Nancy for the 2018 Visitor’s Guide which will be coming out.

Larry Henderson informed board members of an upcoming Planning & Zoning meeting on January 17 at 7 pm to discuss the MU Research Park controversial land sale. Items to be discussed will include the lot sizes and the transportation issues this development will cause. It will have a large impact on the Katy Trail.

**Old Business**

**Park Foundation** – Ryan was recently contacted by Vicky Hussmann requesting recommendations for appointments. If you have any suggestions please send contact information to Ryan.

**Agenda Items for July 2018** –Contact Mary if you have anything to add to the January agenda.

A motion was made by Will Klein to adjourn meeting. A second was provided by Lisa Dunham. All in favor 7-0. Meeting adjourned at 4:03 pm.