

City of Olivette
MEETING MINUTES
PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION
February 15, 2023 | 7:00 PM

1. **Call To Order** at 7:03 PM; Quorum established.
Present: HANSEN, RICH, PERSON, HEUERMANN, NEEL
Absent: LEE, BUDKE
Also in attendance, but not counted towards a quorum, were:
Council Liaison, Maxine Weil
Parks & Recreation Director, Beverly Tucker Knight.
Parks & Recreation Assistant Director, Don LaChance
2. **Hearing From Citizens** – None
3. **Written Communications** – None
4. **On a MOTION by: HEUERMANN SECOND by NEEL the regular meeting minutes of JANUARY 18, 2023 were APPROVED (5-0).**
5. **Director's Report**
 - a. Stacy Park Mosaic – Reminder for the Commission and Council time slot for Sat Feb 18th to paint tiles at the City Center.
 - b. Youth Baseball – Registration is open until March 6th with practices beginning end of March and games beginning in April.
 - c. Recreation Programs – Gave a brief update of Spring break camp, Puzzle Palooza, Summer camp, and Holi Festival.
 - d. New Park Memorial Program – Announce that the program will go live on the website in April.
 - e. Park Division Activities – Crew moved in the new Parks Operation Center on Thursday, February 16th. Update given on the Feb Weed Warrior event at Stacy. Commission was made aware of vandalism the Parks Crew repaired in January.
 - f. Personnel Update –Recreation Coordinator Cory Shovick and Guest Engagement Supervisor Melinda Stitzel are leaving for promotions at other agencies. The Recreation Coordinator position is recruiting now and the Guest Engagement Supervisor recruitment will begin later in spring.
6. **City Council Report**

Update from City Council Liaison, Mayor Maxine Weil

 - a. Council has hired Stone Consulting to start the search for a new City Manager.
 - b. Coffee with the Mayor was February 8th. Guest speakers were the City's Senior Planner Dawn Doty and Beth Quindry from Shockey Consulting. They presented information in from the 2020 Census and how that information ties into the Comprehensive Plan project currently underway. The next Coffee with the Mayor is March 8th featuring guest speaker, City Manager Barb Sondag.
 - c. Council will host the Municipal League of Metro St. Louis on February 23rd. Mayor Weil explained that this is a group of area council members from around St. Louis.
7. **Parks & Recreation Commission Annual Work Plan**
 - a. Reviewed draft 2023 Work Plan
 - b. Commission volunteered for individual park celebrations.
 - i. Indian Meadows Park - PERSON
 - ii. Irv Zeid Park – HANSEN
 - iii. Stacy Park – NEEL
 - iv. Villa Park – HANSEN, PERSON

- v. Warson Park – HEUERMANN
- vi. Commissioners will work in tandem with City Staff for planning and implementing the park celebrations.

c. Volunteering at Holi Festival info booth was encouraged.

8. Park Master Plan Implementation

- a. Five Oaks and Warson Park
 - i. Project Dashboard and construction photos were shown.
 - ii. PARC Commissioners will tour the construction site visit at Five Oaks on Warson to be Sat Feb 18.
- b. Indian Meadows, Irv Zeid, Stacy, and Villa Parks
 - i. Punchlist Items for each park was briefly discussed: minor items are in progress with the splash pad valves and water services the largest items remaining.
 - ii. The final Stacy Park Mosaic Project tile painting for Council, Commissioners and the design team is Sat Feb 18 at 11:00 am. The mosaic will be installed in April with the official dedication at Party in the Park in May.

9. Future Agenda Items

- a. Annual Work Plan Commissioner Reports-ongoing
- b. Park Master Plan Implementation- ongoing
- c. ACA Cricket Pitch Donation
- d. Park Dedications & Celebrations
- e. Time Capsule

10. Upcoming Dates of Importance

March 4	Holi Festival at Stacy Park (Mar 11 weather back-up day)
March 6	Youth Baseball Registration closes
March 11	Weed Warriors at Warson Park
M-F Mar 20-24	Mad Science Spring Break Camp @ City Center
March 20-24	Spring Break Camp with Mad Science
March 31	Puzzle Palooza
April 9	Olivette in Bloom Kick-Off Breakfast
Sat Apr 29	Starry Night @ Stacy Park with STL Astronomical Society
April 30	Native Plant Sale, Olivette in Bloom

On a MOTION by HANSEN, SECOND by RICH the meeting adjourned at 8:12 pm (5-0)

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