



## MINUTES

### PARKS & TRAILS COMMISSION

Monday August 17, 2020 at 6:30 PM

NEW LOCATION! Longview Farm Park Pavilion

Call to Order Aldermanic Chair:  Fritz Wiesehan

Ward 1

Ward II

Ward III

Ward IV

Jack Dunning

Adam Baer

Stephanie Petersen

Meg Johnson

Vacant

Beth Nelson

Vacant

Steve Korbecki

At Large

Alyson Barclay, Ward 1

Jeff Steinhubl

**Approval of Minutes: 5/18/20, 6/22/20** Motion to approve by Stephanie Petersen, second by Adam Baer, unanimously approved.

**Commission Member Reports: Longview, Drace, Preservation, Town Square**

Steve Korbecki reported honeysuckle needs to be trimmed back at Preservation as soon as time and budget allows. Stephanie Petersen reported stormwater control needed under all benches as recent storm washed out mulch.

### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. St. Louis County Action Plan-Projected Completion Date: September 2020. [Link to the plan](#). Web address: <https://stlcoactionplan.altaplanning.cloud/#/view/f/1003> Commission members were reminded to visit website.
2. Park Openings Update-As of 6/15/2020: park restrooms are open, tennis courts are open, trails are 2-way, playgrounds are closed. Pavilion rentals are available and Longview Farm House rentals at 25% capacity. Motion to apply to St. Louis County to open at least Longview playground by Steve Korbecki, second by Stephanie Petersen.
3. Commissioner Homework Reports-Visit one municipality's website to view Parks and Recreation information. Bring one or two findings/recommendations back to the commission. Stephanie Petersen reviewed Ballwin and recommends using REGISTER HERE to make registration very consistent and clear. Also, include all participants to receive newsletters. Adam Baer reviewed Powder Valley and Kirkwood. He noted Kirkwood asks to donate a bench or tree on every page. Also recommended to put a link on every park page to events and include park hours (sunrise to sunset) on every page. Steve Korbecki reviewed Manchester. He liked activities grouped by age and the offerings for birthday parties. Alyson Barclay reviewed Ladue and had no recommendations for improvements based on Ladue.

### NEW BUSINESS

1. New Parks & Recreation On-line Calendar

2. Project Unplugged-Online Fall Resources
3. New Self-Guided Park Activities-Commission members liked these activities.
4. Recreation Programs-yoga, woga, tennis, art parties, on-line cake decorating, on-line concerts, horse learning, on-line Fall Festival. Commission members liked the idea of selling previous year T-shirts for Turkey Trot and having the course posted on-line. Start and Finish banners will be hung at Longview so residents can still enjoy the run. Commission members liked having some form of Santa event. Possibly letters to santa.
5. Budget FY 2021

**OTHER** Alderman Wiesehan brought up the idea to look into a vending machine at Town Square. Commission members liked the idea of looking into that possibility.

**NEXT MEETING**-September 21 at 6:30 PM

**ADJOURN** 7:45 PM