

**ELLISVILLE PARKS & RECREATION  
PARK BOARD MEETING  
Monday, July 22, 2019**

Chairperson Sackett called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

**Park Board Members Present:** Chairperson Sackett, PBM Cahill, PBM Merkle, PBM Ellerbe, PBM Slota, PBM Zuzack, Parks and Recreation Director Blumer, and Recreation Assistant Mollet.

**City Residents Present:** Council Member Duffy, Mick Cahill

**Park Board Members Absent:** PBM Compton

**CHANGES TO AGENDA:** None

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Chairperson Sackett asked for a vote to approve the agenda. PBM Zuzack 1<sup>st</sup> – PBM Slota 2<sup>nd</sup> – All “AYE” by voice.

**CHANGES TO MINUTES:** None

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Chairperson Sackett stated that there were no official minutes to approve due to lack of quorum at the April 22, 2019 meeting.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** Mick Cahill stated that he really appreciates the effort that everyone puts into the park, and loves to see the park full of people in the evenings. He also stated he is looking forward to the renovation of the amphitheater and thinks it will be a great addition to the community. Council Member Duffy expressed his concern about mosquito spraying because it is harmful to bees, plants, and flowers.

**DIRECTOR’S REPORT:**

**A. Behind the Lens- Photography Contest and Exhibit (Ellisville Arts and History Council)**

Park Director Blumer talked about the first annual Behind the Lens- Photography Contest and Exhibit held at the Parks Administration Building. Blumer stated that the contest was a great success and that there were over 150 submissions. Blumer thanked Linda Reel for her hard work on the project and Jane Merkle for watching the display during the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Celebration. Timing of the contest needs to be reevaluated for next year, and most likely held in the fall or winter when there are less events and programs in progress.

**B. 2019 Summer Concert Series and More than a Market, Market**

Park Director Blumer informed the board that the 2019 Summer Concert Series, and More than a Market, Market is in full swing and going well. Blumer asked PBM Cahill for an update on how the markets are going. PBM Cahill stated the markets have all been successful this year, and all except for 1 has had a full 18 vendor turnout.

**C. 2020 Capital Budget Items**

Park Director Blumer discussed what the 2020 Capital Budget requests will include. The items included renovations to Hummingbird trail, renovations to the parking areas by the Dog Park, replacement of the pool furniture, replacement of the splash pad surfacing, and also the amphitheater which will be discussed in more detail later in the agenda.

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

### **A. Meadowlark Park Renovation**

Park Director Blumer stated that the renovations to Meadowlark Park will begin at the end of this week or beginning of next week. The start of the renovation to Meadowlark Park was pushed to later in the summer due to weather concerns. The plan is to remove the existing playground and reinstall it at Mockingbird Park, dependent upon if the removal process goes well. Park Director Blumer stated that the playground being removed at Meadowlark Park will be a good fit at Mockingbird Park because the design and colors of the equipment matches well.

### **B. Bluebird Park Amphitheater Plan – St. Louis Council Municipal Grant**

Park Director Blumer turned the attention of the meeting over to the printout of the Amphitheater Master Plan. Blumer went over the packet and discussed the master plan process and what has all been done thus far. Blumer went over the benefits of the two stages of renovations. The first stage will be the roof over the stage which will provide shade and protection against weather, and save performances from being cancelled. The second stage is the improvements to the landscaping which will provide more seating, and also make it accessible and ADA compliant. Blumer stated that the renovations to the amphitheater stage has recently been approved, and is currently in the process of applying for a grant for the roof.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

### **A. Fall Bulb Planting**

The board discussed the success of last year's bulb planting and stated the interest of doing this event again this fall. The type of bulbs to be planted was also discussed, with a possibility of planting alliums this year. The best planting time for bulbs is in November. Chairperson Sackett proposed for the Park Board to plan a bulb planting date at the October meeting.

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

The renaming of the Bluebird Park to Blues Bird Park was discussed. The question was asked how long the name will stay; Council Member Duffy explained that the name will remain for as long as the Blues retain the Stanley Cup.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Chairperson Sackett asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. PBM Slota moved to adjourn and the motion was seconded by PBM Merkle. All "AYE" by voice. The meeting was adjourned at 7:59 p.m.

## **NEXT MEETING:**

Next meeting will be Monday, October 28, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Meghan Mollet, Recreation Assistant  
Date: July 22, 2019