



## **PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMISSION**

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**Maryland Heights Community Center, 2300 McKelvey Rd.**  
**Wednesday, June 16, 2021 – 6:30 p.m.**

### **(A) CALL TO ORDER:**

A meeting of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission (PARAC) of the City of Maryland Heights was held on Wednesday, June 16, 2021 by Zoom and at the Maryland Heights Community Center, 2300 McKelvey Road. Chair Lori Brinkman presided and called the meeting to order at 6:30pm.

### **(B) ROLL CALL:**

Present: Chair: Lori Brinkman  
Vice Chair: Jennie Shane  
Secretary: Stacy Pfeiffer

Absent: Becky Wells, Steve Sims, Cathy Dirck

Members: Laura Horton, Ray Knoche, Lori Sommer, Mickey McAllister

City Staff Present: Adam Peper – Interim Director of Parks and Recreation  
Jennifer Van Dyke – Recreation Manager

Guest: Susan Taylor – Councilwomen  
Jamie Gilley  
Ken Clark

**(C) APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Motion was made by Shane, seconded by Pfeiffer, to accept the agenda. Motion passed.

**(D) APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Motion was made by Shane, seconded by Sommer, to accept the minutes from May 19, 2021 with no updates. Motion passed.

### **(E) OLD BUSINESS:**

**WorldFest Review** – Overall a great time. It was a very hot day and we talked about a few changes.

### **(F) NEW BUSINESS:**

**New Commission Member** – Laura Horton was introduced as the newest member of the commission. She grew up in the area, went to Mizzou and has been working with Kirkwood Parks and Recreation for about six years.

**July Elections** – Nominations and elections will take place at the July meeting.



**Jingle Jangle in July at Centene** – We will turn St. Louis Music Park into a Winter Wonderland with vendors and a children’s area. This will take place on Saturday, July 24.

**Recreation Programming Report** – Swim lessons are back, summer camps are on a role, and special event numbers are increasing.

**Community Center Membership Report-** Numbers have been consistent, rentals are picking up.

**Director’s Report-** Masks are still being required in the facility. We are slowly moving the fitness equipment back to the fitness floor. We had almost 500 people at our last concert. We had about 150 fishers at the fishing derby, the walking club is new and is meeting up to walk once a month, signs ups for hot diggity dog are on Eventbrite. The Aquaport soft opening was well attended about 230 people and good feedback was received. Unfortunately, the regrand opening was very cold and rainy. We had about 150 in attendance. Lines were long over the weekend at Aquaport and police was called for some violence. Changes will be occurring tomorrow on how to allow non-residents into the facility. Future meeting will still over a zoom as well as in person.

**(G) PUBLIC COMMENTS:** No Comments

**(H) COMMISSION COMMENTS:**

Brinkman asked about utilizing volunteers for our staffing needs.

Horton asked about the play center reopening. Staffing is the reason it is still closed.

**(I) STAFF UPDATES:**

We are hiring people and looking for applicants.

**(J) ADJOURNMENT:** Motion was made by Pfeiffer, seconded by Shane, to adjourn. Motion passed. Adjourned at 7:05pm.