



## **PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMISSION**

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**Maryland Heights Community Center, 2300 McKelvey Rd.**  
**Wednesday, April 21, 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, April 21, 2021 by Zoom and at the Maryland Heights Community Center, 2300 McKelvey Road. Chair Lori Brinkman presided and called the meeting to order at 6:32 pm.

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

Present:           Chair: Lori Brinkman  
                          Vice Chair: Jennie Shane

Absent:            Stacy Pfeiffer, Liz Renaud

Members:        Ray Knoche, Steve Sims, Lori Sommer, Becky Wells, Cathy Dirck, Mickey McAllister

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

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

**(D) APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Motion was made by Shane, seconded by Wells, to accept the minutes from March 17, 2021 with no updates. Motion passed.

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

**Volunteer of the Year Award Recipient** – The volunteer of the year award was handed out at the council meeting on April 15. They were very thankful.

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

**Arbor Day/Bicentennial Presentation – Show Me Your Roots – Parkwood Park** – This event will be held on April 22 at 11am. It will be streamed via Facebook Live. The Mayor will read a proclamation and over 100 kids from Holy Spirit will attend the event. Great Rivers Green Way will also present and plant two trees.

**Aquaport Grand Re-Opening** – This event is for residents and season pass holders. Please reserve your spot on Eventbrite for the ribbon cutting. There is water in the pools and we are commissioning the pools. The week leading up we will have a media day and soft opening.



**Volunteer Service Day** – We have selected about 16 houses for volunteer service day with some houses on stand by. Staff and volunteers will rake leaves and clean up yards for seniors in Maryland Heights. We are hoping the weather holds out.

**Recreation Programming Report** - Are senior attendance and one way trips for vango are up in numbers.

**Community Center Membership Report**- Numbers are up in the one month category.

**Director's Report**- We will open the senior lounge by reservation only beginning on May 1. Swim lessons will begin back up in April. Starting slow with a max of 25 kids. We will be hosting a Zumba party on April 30 at the Centene Community Ice Center. The bike rodeo took place on April 17 and was a success. We were unable to complete the irrigation project for this season at Aquaport. Our crew will be watering the sod. AmeriCorps is working on Honeysuckle removal.

**(G) PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None

**(H) COMMISSION COMMENTS:**

Brinkman: Mentioned that the City Council Meeting only streamed the agenda and couldn't see what was happening. Adam Peper will inquire about this.

**(I) STAFF UPDATES:**

A recreation updated was given by Van Dyke. Our first summer concert is on Friday, May 7 featuring the AquaHolics. Our first movie will be on the berm at the Community Center on May 21. We will be showing Doolittle. We are looking for volunteers for WorldFest, which will take place on Sunday, June 6 at Centene. We have our second concert on June 4. Other updates included that the splash pads would be opening this year and the city is hiring for many part-time jobs.

**(J) ADJOURNMENT:** Motion was made by Shane, seconded by Dirck, to adjourn. Motion passed.  
Adjourned at 7:00 pm.

Our next meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 19, 2021.