

**SAINT CHARLES PARK & RECREATION BOARD MINUTES
WORK SESSION MEETING HELD
JANUARY 07, 2009**

The meeting was Called to Order by President Porterfield at 6:00 pm in the Memorial Hall - American Legion Room. Roll Call noted the following present for the meeting:

Park Board - Porterfield, Walendy, Myers, Borgmeyer, Mudrovic and Lanning present for Roll Call; with Seeds, Morgan, Smith, and Council Liaison Feldman absent.

Others - Director Parks and Recreation, Asst. Director Parks & Recreation, and the Aquatic Coordinator.

Discussion of 2008 Aquatics Report:

Staff reported that every year Staff puts together an annual Aquatic Report (**attached**). It was noted that this information was provided as informational for Park Board and provides information about what had transpired during the previous pool season as compared to the previous two years. Staff reported that it is also a planning tool that is used to provide improvements for the upcoming season. With that noted Staff walked the Board through some of the details of the report. It was noted that the attendance increased by 8,577 guests during the 2008 season, even though the facilities were open 2 days less than in 2007. Staff indicated that this was a result of cooler weather this year. Staff continued the review of the statistics in report then addressed various questions about the facility operations. With the various questions and comments being discussed, Board Member Comments indicated their appreciation for the report.

Discussion of Virginia Graeme-Baker Pool and Spa Safety Act:

Staff reviewed the information that was provided in the Board Packet (**attached**) concerning this new law. Staff indicated that this item was informational at this time and was being introduced so the Board would know what was being done to address the requirements of this new federal law. It was noted that Staff had hired an aquatic engineer to evaluate the

facility drains as required by the new law. Staff indicated that this safety evaluation was to look at the drains as they currently exist and to evaluate what changes will be needed for them to become compliant. Staff then reported that currently there are not any manufacturing firms that have developed and tested a new grate system as a replacement for our existing grates. Staff indicated that a report will be brought back to the Board, at a televised meeting, so everyone will know what is being done/needed for us to be compliance with the requirements of this new law.

Discussion of Family Support Services Request concerning use of Memorial Hall:

A Staff memo dated December 31, 2008 (**attached**) regarding the request for a reduced rate at the Memorial Hall - Lower Level. Staff reported that the Family Support Services Group provides a summer camp program for children with disabilities which have been done in the Hall Basement for many years. Because of the economy they can not afford the current rental rate and have requested a discount. Staff reported that subsequent to reviewing their request they fit into the existing multiple use discount therefore no action will be needed on this agenda item.

Discussion of Missouri Parks & Recreation Association (MPRA) Legislative Action Day, January 21, 2009:

Staff reported that a copy of the MPRA Legislative Platform was included in the Park Board Packet of information (**attached**). It was also reported that in the past Board and Staff Members have tried to attend this organized visit to the legislature. However this year it falls on the third Wednesday which is the same day as the Regular Park Board Meeting. Subsequent to discussion a consensus seemed to indicate that Saint Charles would not attend this year's activity in Jefferson City.

Discussion of Missouri Parks & Recreation Association Annual Conference and 50th Anniversary, March 10 - 13 in Kansas City:

Next, Staff reported that this year will mark the 50th Anniversary of the Missouri Parks and Recreation Association's Founding in 1959. This milestone is being recognized at the annual conference which will be held in Kansas City on March 10-

13, 2009. In addition it is planned that a new precognition program is being introduced called the MPRA Hall of Fame. This program will recognize individual's who have greatly contributed to the Parks and Recreation Field. Staff reported that Norb Wapelhorst was submitted as a possible candidate for this recognition. It was noted that Mr. Wapelhorst was accepted as an inductee and will be recognized at the conference. Staff asked if anyone would like to attend even if it is just at the awards ceremony which will be on Thursday March 12, 2009.

Report of Damage to the Boschert Greenway:

A Staff memo dated December 30, 2008 (**attached**) was reviewed which provided a report on a significant amount of damage that was done to trees and signs as a result of someone shooting a shot-gun at these resources. Various questions and comments were addressed concerning this act of vandalism. When completed the agenda advanced.

Discussion of 2009 Compensation:

A Staff memo dated December 30, 2008 (**attached**) was reviewed which was concerning a 2.5% compensation increase for 2009 which was considered by the City Council for the un-represented City Employees. Staff indicated that this increase plan was approved by the Council and was being brought to the Park Board as informational at this time. It was suggested that this item be considered at the next regular Park Board Meeting. Subsequent to discussion and various questions being addressed the consensus of the Board indicated that such would be a topic at the January Regular Park Board Meeting.

As there was not any other business to discuss Borgmeyer moved for **Adjournment** at 7:15 pm. Motion seconded by Myers. Passed unanimously.

Park Board Work Session Meeting: January 07, 2009

Respectfully Submitted,

Lyn Porterfield - President

Matthew Seeds - Secretary