

**Minutes of a Regular Parks & Recreation Commission Meeting  
February 1, 2022**

A regular meeting of the Blue Springs Parks Commission was held on Tuesday, February 1, 2022 at the Fieldhouse. The Chairman called the meeting to order.

Jon Burke – Present	Parks Dept. Staff:	Dennis Dovel
Kathy Richardson – Absent	Parks Dept. Staff:	Justin Stuart
Keith Hannaman – Absent	Parks Dept. Staff:	Derek Mayden
Maureen Johnson – Absent	Parks Dept. Staff:	Mary Herrington
Megan Johnson – Present	Parks Dept. Staff:	Matt Asikainen
Gabriel Mejia – Present	Parks Dept. Staff:	Jayla Coleman
Ken Horrell – Present	City Council Liaison:	Susan Culpepper –Present
Nick Brummel – Present		
Tony Lopez – Present		

A motion was made by Ken Horrell and seconded by Jon Burke to accept the Consent Agenda. It passed unanimously.

**Visitors/Correspondence:** None

**Program/Activity Spotlight:** Mary Herrington presented on Vesper Hall Improvements. She explained that Vesper Hall has had many updates including interior painting, new floors, and program updates. Staff is working hard to re-brand Vesper Hall to attract more patrons. There have been staff changes and repurposing of rooms in different ways. New programs are being added for evening time for patrons interested in more after-hours activities. Mary explained that the Active Older Adult program that is at Fieldhouse is a great group that Vesper Hall is looking to attract.

**Finances:** None.

**Staff Reports:** Staff reviewed their reports.

**Parks and Recreation Commission Chairman’s Report:** None

**City Council Liaison Report:** None

**Old Business:** Dennis presented an update on the Blue Springs Aquatic Center. The Aquatic Center continues to make progress on the design. The Schematic Design has finished up and was discussed with City Council and the Mayor in small group meetings to get feedback. For the most part the design and layout were met with very positive responses. The architects have completed this phase of the project and turned the design over to McCown Gordon Construction for initial pricing of the facility. This pricing phase is not what sets the Guaranteed Maximum Price but assist the design team with budget confirmation so decisions can be made prior to actual bidding the job.

Dennis then discussed the project for security camera system for park locations. The IT Department and Parks staff have been working with a vendor to install a security camera system into park locations. While the long-term plan is to deploy security cameras in all park locations, we will be looking to begin with Rotary Park, Wilbur Young Park, Burrus Old Mill Park, and Woods Chapel Park. Deployment in park locations is dependent on the fiber line installation except for Woods Chapel Park, as this location will be a cellular solution.

**New Business:** None

**Miscellaneous:** Megan Johnson announced that February parks commission meeting would be her last meeting as she will be moving out of Blue Springs.

Dennis explained that the next parks commission meeting will need to be moved to the second Tuesday of the month, March 8<sup>th</sup>.

As there was no further business, a motion for adjournment was made by Jon Burke and seconded by Ken Horrell.