

**Minutes of a Regular Parks & Recreation Commission Meeting  
June 6, 2023**

A regular meeting of the Blue Springs Parks Commission was held on Tuesday, June 6, 2023, at the Fieldhouse. The Chairman called the meeting to order.

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| Jon Burke – Absent        | Parks Dept. Staff:    | Dennis Dovel        |
| Keith Hannaman – Present  | Parks Dept. Staff:    | Justin Stuart       |
| Gabriel Mejia – Present   | Parks Dept. Staff:    | Derek Mayden        |
| Ken Horrell – Absent      | Parks Dept. Staff:    | Mary Herrington     |
| Nick Brummel – Present    | Parks Dept. Staff:    | Matt Asikainen      |
| Tony Lopez – Present      | Parks Dept. Staff:    | Jayla Coleman       |
| Almitra Buzan – Present   | City Council Liaison: | Ron Fowler –Present |
| Debbie Canfield – Present |                       |                     |
| Tara Johnson – Present    |                       |                     |

A motion was made by Nick Brummel and seconded by Debbie Canfield to accept the Consent Agenda. It passed unanimously.

**Visitors/Correspondence:** None

**Program/Activity Spotlight:** Brian Spano presented on Department Marketing and the Gold Medal Award submission. He reviewed the Quarterly Marketing Report. This report shows different parts of the parks and recreation website updates from January-March of this year. Social media plays a big role in helping to promote events and activities. Facebook and Twitter get great interactions from the public. Brian then presented on the questions that Park Commission requested to see that were submitted for the Gold Medal Award.

**Finances:** Dennis presented on financials.

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

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

**City Council Liaison Report:** Ron Fowler presented on topics from the city council meeting that was recently held. He explained that Dennis was presented 10-year Service Award. Capital Improvements Program (C.I.P.) was approved. There are four projects part of the C.I.P. that are planned. Including improvements on Wyatt Rd. The CDBG is a Federal Grant that the city gets funded for. \$400,000 will go towards improving restroom at Rotary Park.

**Old Business:** Dennis presented an update on the Aquatic Center. The lobby, locker rooms, and other rooms have all steel structure set with roof decking beginning. For the outdoor aquatics the floors on all the outdoor pools connected with the lazy river are complete. The parking lots curbs have been installed and finish grading and base rock is being installed. The work on Fieldhouse recladding continues with metal panes being installed on the north wall.

Dennis then explained that prior to the July Park Commission meeting on July 11, the Park Commission will have the opportunity to walk the job site to see the progress. This will occur at 5:30pm. Commissioners will need to have closed toe shoes and will be required to wear a vest and hard hat while touring the site. Everyone will meet in the Conference Room and then head out on sight at 5:30pm and then return to hold the Park Commission meeting.

**New Business:** None

**Miscellaneous:** Park commissioners presented park visit reports. Debbie Canfield went to the Blue Springs Dog Park. The patrons that were there had concerns about the water fountain needing fixed, needing clear signage of what the policies are in the park, the pond needs improvement, and there is not enough mulch. Patrons would like more volunteer date opportunities to help mulch and more seating. Some positive feedback is that the dog park is big

and spacious, traveling patrons stop by frequently, and it is a friendly place to socialize. There were no volunteers to report for July.

As there was no further business, a motion for adjournment was made by Nick Brummel and seconded by Tony Lopez.