

**MEETING NOTES**  
**WEDNESDAY, November 8, 2017 @ 7:00PM**  
**JAMES J. EAGAN CENTER**

**Board Members Present:** Linda Rose, Walt Kaiser, Peggy Dussold, Rev. Robinson, Ben Eye, and Carole Webb

**Not in attendance:** Robert Shoemaker, Tim Gorry, Monica Wideman excused

**City Attendance:** Cheryl Thompson and Beth Goldstein

**Approval of Minutes:** Meeting began at 7:02 p.m. All in attendance approved minutes as written.

**Report from Accessible Play:** Chris Kenyon reported they have restructured their website. They will keep updating when additional fundraising begins.

**Citizen Participation:** No citizens in attendance

**Report from Superintendent:**

- Last weekend we hosted a very large hockey tournament for the Big Bear League. Games started Friday night and went through early afternoon on Sunday. But because of the weather getting so warm the last game on Sunday had to be canceled. Many teams were from out of town.
- The Halloween Dance was held Oct. 20<sup>th</sup> with over 200 kids in attendance.
- The Halloween Party was held on Oct. 31<sup>st</sup> and we had close to 250 in attendance.
- Work at Manion Park has begun. The park is officially closed for everyone and will most likely stay that way at least through 2019 spring or later if we get the funds to finalize the project for phase 3.
- Park Maintenance is very busy preparing for Veterans Day, the Downtown St. Louis Parade and the Ferguson City Celebration.
- Staff has begun preparing for Project Lift Off on December 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- Todd has submitted our budget but as you know the budget study sessions have not been completed. It is anticipated that the budget will be passed on Nov.27<sup>th</sup>.
- Cart lease has come back in and will hopefully be awarded by the end of week.
- Park Maintenance Foreman is out on workman's comp with torn rotator cuff and bicep.

Ben heard that the city assigned a sub-committee to discuss the pools. Cheryl said yes they did and the members are Tim Jones, Joe Eagan and Jeff Caputa. Council wants staff to come up with a list of ideas to discuss and present to the committee.

Linda asked about the clock and score board being broken at the ice-rink. Cheryl stated it was the inside scoreboard. The battery had to be re-built and then put into it. It still was not working so Todd got the old one working so it could be used for the rest of the tournament.

**Announcements:** Walt announced Veterans Day Parade is November 12, 2017 it begins at Bangert Park at 1:00 pm and will end at VFW on St. Francois. A total of 55 units will be participating in the parade. There will be a stage and awards in the parking lot of the VFW. Lunch will be served inside after the awards.

VFW will be selling poppies on November 11, 2017.

Boy Scouts will be putting bags out on doors November 11, 2017 for food drive and will be picking up on November 18, 2017.

**Communications:** None

**New Business:** Linda presented a letter (attached) to the board that she is sending to the City Council in reference to the closing of Koch Aquatic Park.

Ben asked if they are doing anything with the trail by Ruiz? Cheryl said the Department of Natural Resources is working on this and the city is waiting to hear back from them on what can be done to correct the problem.

Peggy asked when the Park Improvement fund was initiated. Cheryl will have to check on this because it was before she started working for the city.

**Unfinished Business:** None

**Adjournment:** Peggy made a motion to adjourn at 7:31 p.m. and was seconded by Walt.