

**PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD
MINUTES
WEDNESDAY January 8, 2025 @ 7:00PM
JFK COMMUNITY CENTER**

Board Members Present: Tom Friedhoff, Mike O’Connell, Pauline Schwartz, Danielle Berliner and Joy Jablonski

Not in attendance: Kristina Curnutt, Jennifer Osbourne-Fite and Stacie Rupp

City Staff Attendance: Jimmy Kirincich and Beth Goldstein

Meeting was called to order at: 7:00 PM

Approval of Minutes: November 13, 2024

Citizens Participation: None

Elections of Officers: Mike made a motion to reappoint Tom Freidhoff as Chair, it was seconded by Pauline. Tom made a motion to reappoint Mike O’Connell as Vice Chair and it was seconded by Danielle.

Great River Greenway Trail Sunset Park: is looking to do an expansion of Sunset Trail which would connect Sunset Park through the new acquired land and run through Bluff Drive and down Charbonnier and tie into Koch Park where the new subdivision is. The trail will be 10 feet wide. From the new subdivision you will be able to get to Mullanphy Park. From Sunset Park you can get to St. Ferdinand Park. We are waiting to hear back from GRG with a cost.

Public Hearing open at 7:09 PM

This is a public hearing for Parks Comprehensive Master Plan. We will go through each park so anyone having any suggestions please raise your hand and we will keep a list of all suggestions.

Sunset Park/Bluff Trail Park

- New trail from Sunset Park to Koch Park, 10’ Wide Paved
- New parking lot/Trailhead
- New restroom, drinking fountain at Trailhead

Duchesne Park

- Expand dog park
- New restroom
- Improve parking layout
- Water feature

Little Woods Park

- Bigger playground (Unique Style)
- New Pavilion/Gazebo
- Explore possible parking alternative
- Sculpture
- Restroom

Florissant Valley Park

- New playground, like Koch or a Natural Playground, possible location behind Rose Garden
- More benches
- Trail around park
- Move track further away from Soccer Field
- New restroom near Soccer Field
- New and reconfigure parking
- Locate handicap parking closer to building entrance
- Possible Natural area south of Soccer field
- Possible Pump Track
- New Civic Center
- Zen Garden
- Possible skate park (Skateboards)
- Water Park
- Bleachers
- Turf Soccer Field

Dunegant Park

- Only tennis no Pickleball
- Football fields in lieu of baseball (Leave 1 baseball field)
- Moore parking
- Concession building and/or location for food trucks
- Paint murals on concrete wall of handball court
- Basketball Hoops
- Lights for Football fields

Tower Courts

- Only tennis courts
- Railing around restroom building at steep drop off
- More benches
- Possible additional Gazebo

Blanches Spring Park

- More pavilions of similar design as existing
- More chess boards
- Zen Garden

Bangert Park

- Redo sand volleyball court
- Redo Pickleball Courts
- Reconfigure parking lot (Two-way system)
- Concrete corn hole
- Additional Pavilion
- Skate Park

Manion Park

- Update basketball court
- Connect to Dueschene
- Another shelter

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:12 pm 1st Mike 2nd Paula

