

LAKE SAINT LOUIS
PARK BOARD MINUTES
March 15, 2022

The City of Lake Saint Louis Park Board was called to order at 7:05 pm.

Members Present: Anne Hansen, Donald Holt, Wendy Kimmel, and Marsha Sverdrup, & Scott Swindler

Members Absent: Shane Hegarty & Dr. Alicia Long

Also Present: Darren Noelken, Director of Parks & Recreation
Mandy Prather, Recreation Assistant

Minutes: Minutes of the meeting held on November 16, 2021, were approved as submitted with a motion by Anne Hansen, second by Donald Holt, and a vote of All Ayes.

Agenda:

1. Parks and Program Report

Projects/updates

- Darren will be recommending organizational restructure during the budget process. If approved, the administrative assistant would become a part time position. A full time maintenance position and an additional part time maintenance position would be added. Seasonal maintenance employee positions would be eliminated.
- At Founders Park new directional signage has been installed, new sheds purchased and installed, and staff is preparing for the upcoming baseball season. Mid River Asphalt was awarded the contract for the parking lot extension project and work will begin as soon as it's known when materials will arrive. Lulus shaved Ice will be operating the concession stand this year.
- At Boulevard Park dead trees were removed from the woodline, with replanting planned for this spring. The new fountain was delivered and will be installed in the small pond. The ceiling of the amphitheater and pavilion will be repainted the week of March 28th (weather dependent.)
- At Deer Ridge Park mulch was added to the entire trail throughout the glade area. We will be installing signage along the trail entrance to try and help the adjacent homeowner with issues they're having with people walking dogs.
- At Hawk Ridge all lighting has been converted to LED, mulch is being added throughout and restrooms have been painted. Unlimited Play will be hosting the 5K run again this year on June 4th.

Programming/updates

- The Father/Daughter Dance was a success at Quail Ridge Park. Plan to host there next year again.
- Easter Egg Hunt planned for 4/9, with help from the LSL Mothers Club.

- Baseball Registration – Games start April 11th. Most teams out of all New Horizon Originations.
- Summer Camp – searching for counselors still. Reached out to numerous places with no luck so far. Will make a decision in April with a backup plan of trying summer sports camps.
- Triathlon – Scheduled for 8/20. Will be offering sprint course only again this year, with new bike and run course. The new bike course was created based on request from LSL PD to help alleviate officers needed for the course.
- 6 concerts have been booked for the summer, with 4 at windjammer and 2 at Boulevard Park.
- 3 outdoor movies have been scheduled at Boulevard Park.
- Founders Park is hosting Soccer Shots, a youth developmental soccer program.

2. Trail Project

- Two new developments proposed east of Lake Saint Louis Boulevard and south of Hawk Ridge Trail. One has been approved, the second will be presenting to P&Z soon. If both developments occur, we will be able to create a 10' wide, multi-use, concrete trail that would connect Hawk Ridge Park to Lake Saint Louis Boulevard. This would be one phase of the larger trail plan, as outlined in the comprehensive plan, that would eventually connect to Deer Ridge Park and then to Quail Ridge Park.

3. Meadows Park

- The updated concept plan was shared showing pickleball courts, sand volleyball courts, restroom facility, and playground. This is part of an overall concept design for the project. At this point, negotiations are still on-going, and timeframe is unknown.

4. Projects 2023 and future/Prop P

Capital projects targeted for next fiscal year

- Design work for potential improvements to Founders Park. This includes concrete work, dugouts, backstops, warning tracks, bleachers and shade structures. Also potential improvements to the baseball fields at Boulevard Park.
- Trail design work as discussed in agenda item 2.
- Boulevard Park asphalt trail overlay project, with extension from back parking lot to Green Tree.
- Restroom and Concession stand improvements (design work being done now.)
- Splash pad upgrades to Hawk Ridge Park.
- Possible Meadows Park.

Discussion was also held about the potential for a community garden. Darren reported a family met with him and presented the benefits of a community garden. Park Board held discussions about whether any next steps should be taken, and unanimously decided that at this point in time it's not something they would support for the park system.

Proposition P is on the ballot for April 5th. This would be a continuation of the ½ cent sales tax which funds park capital projects.

5. Budget FY22/23

- Budget planning is currently underway. Will see an increase in some accounts, particularly commodities/materials. Will also be requesting staff changes as outlined in the directors report. The Parks Budget would be available for review at the next meeting if board would like to see overview or specific accounts.

6. Meeting Days/Times and Quorum

- Discussion was had regarding instances were meetings have been canceled due to lack of quorum. All agreed the current meeting date/time was fine, but recommendation was made to add two alternate members to the board creating 7 regular members and 2 alternate members.

Adjournment: There being no further business to come before the board, Wendy Kimmel made a motion to adjourn, second was provided by Donald Holt, and with a vote of All Ayes, the meeting was adjourned at 8:22 PM.

Submitted by:

Mandy K Prather
Recording Secretary