

Bridgeton Parks & Recreation Board
February 15, 2022
Attendance

Present

Nancy Haug – Chair
Luke Bland
Maribeth Esteep
Kathy Schlag
Brad Eader
Brendan Kane - Director

Absent

Conner Matusek
Joni Norris – Ex Officio

Meeting was called to order at 6:32 p.m.

Public Portion:

None

Motion to approve the agenda made by Maribeth Esteep, seconded by Luke Bland, motion passed. Motion to approve meeting minutes from January 18, 2022 made by Brad Eader with correction noted by Luke Bland, seconded by Kathy Schlag, motion passed.

Old Business:

Fee Increase Proposal: Brendan Kane stated that the fee increase proposal was approved at the last City Council meeting including the Senior Transportation Membership. City Council did ask if there was a plan for people to ride the bus that may not be regular riders; this will be offered. Brendan Kane is working with the Senior Division to work out details. Membership goes into effect March 1, 2022. Approximately 150-175 people ride the senior bus per year. Van sponsorship will be reviewed by Brendan Kane.

Salary Increase Proposal: Increase proposal is up for approval February 16, 2022. Missouri minimum wage is \$11.15 this year and \$12.00 in 2023. City of Bridgeton wages will start at \$10.70 per hour in 2022. If the City met minimum wage starting salaries, it would cost \$97k and \$67k by starting at \$10.70 per hour. The City will save \$20k by eliminating current part-time overtime pay practices.

Riverwoods Bridge: The Parks Department is waiting on a cost share agreement from Great Rivers Greenway on splitting the cost to remove the bridge. Mayor Briggs has contacted the Corp of Engineers to get their opinion on the condition of the bridge and if it could be salvaged.

Matthews Park: The culvert replacement is scheduled for the week of February 21st-25th. We did not have the funds in the grant project to repair properly, so we will replace with a new concrete culvert.

Two mini shelters should be installed as soon as the grounds dry out.

New Business:

BMAC: BMAC outfield fence bid was approved. The City saved approximately \$20k. We budgeted \$115k, bid is \$95k. Park employees will do the work on the “warning track” allowing for 10’ clearance. Kirkwood Fencing received the bid; they will start working in early to mid-March. Project should take approximately two weeks. First tournaments will start in early April.

Fire Works: Our contract expired with Gateway Pyrotechnic whom we’ve worked with for the last three years. They were the only company that gave us a bid, so they were awarded the new three year contract. Year one cost is \$34k (same as last year), year two \$34.5k and year three 37k.

Personnel: Kirstie Chase, our Fitness Supervisor took a position with the City of Florissant. Candidates are being interviewed to fill this position.

Michelle Bell, our Aquatics Supervisor has resigned. She will remain in this position for approximately six weeks. Michelle will remain as a part-time employee.

Aging Ahead: Aging Ahead has been paying \$500 per month for years. The City proposed an increase to \$1000 per month; they have agreed. The City of Bridgeton attorney looked over the lease and made changes to bring it up to a standard. There is a possibility they may not come back if an agreement is not reached.

Bio-Life: Bio-Life is going to sponsor our summer concerts. They are doing the Gold Sponsorship.

Ex-Officio’s Report: Joni Norris is at the Missouri Legislative Conference, please see attached report from her.

Staff Report: The Parks Employees worked diligently with the Streets Department helping to clear snow from the streets of Bridgeton, our sidewalks and parking lots at the City's facilities.

New Overtime Agreement: Employees who work over eight hours in a day will no longer receive overtime pay rates. Employees, who work over forty hours in a week, will receive overtime pay rates.

Chair Report:

Motion: Chairman Nancy Haug called for a motion to adjourn....

Motion to adjourn by Luke Bland, seconded by Maribeth Esteep, meeting adjourned at 7:27pm.