

**Bridgeton Parks & Recreation Board**  
**March 15, 2022**  
**Attendance**

**Present**

Nancy Haug – Chair  
Luke Bland  
Joni Norris- Ex Officio  
Kathy Schlag  
Brad Eader  
Conner Matusek  
Brendan Kane – Director  
Tera Baker-Secretary

**Absent**

Maribeth Esteeep

Meeting was called to order at 5:57 p.m.

**Public Portion:**

None

Motion to approve the agenda made by Luke Bland, seconded by Brad Eader, motion passed. Motion to approve meeting minutes from February 15, 2022, made by Conner Matusek, seconded by Kathy Schlag, motion passed.

**Old Business:**

**Aging Ahead:** Brendan Kane announced that Aging Ahead will be vacating the Bridgeton Recreation Center due to not being able to come to an agreement on the new contract. They will be moving their services to the City of Ferguson. Brendan Kane stated that all Aging Ahead employees will be able to continue their employment in their new location. Nancy Haug mentioned that the City of Bridgeton is still able to conduct “Meals on Wheels” and the only service we will lose is the dining service. The Aging Ahead void will be filled by adding new activities and fitness classes run by Recreation Center staff.

**Personnel:** Our Fitness Supervisor position has been filled by Johnny Vitatoe. We welcomed Johnny to the Bridgeton Parks and Recreation Department on Monday, March 14.

Michelle Bell, our Aquatics Supervisor's last day will be on Friday, March 25, but she will remain on staff as a part-time employee. The Aquatic Supervisor position has been filled. We will welcome Carolyn Fuchs on Monday, March 28<sup>th</sup>.

Angela Wright has announced her retirement from her Administrative Aid position. Her last day will be July 4, 2022. Brendan Kane announced that her job description is in the process of getting updated and will hopefully be posted in the next couple weeks. Brendan Kane mentioned that he is hoping to have the job filled by mid-June.

Nancy Haug asked how BMAC staffing was going along with the rest of the part-time hiring. Brendan Kane stated that we are still accepting applications and going through the hiring process. It is a concern that BMAC may still be a little understaffed at the start of the season but will continue the hiring process as the season begins. Tera Baker stated that Day Camp staff hiring is going well and that she should be fully staffed by the end of April.

**Riverwoods Bridge:** Budrovich Crane Rental is the company that will be taking on the Riverwoods Bridge removal project. The project is scheduled to start on April 11. The cost of the project is \$18,000, which includes taking out the concrete and removing the bridge. The Parks Department has received a cost share agreement from Great Rivers Greenway to split the cost to remove the bridge. Great Rivers Greenway will pay \$9,000 and the City of Bridgeton will pay \$9,000. The bridge is getting removed to its deteriorating and unsafe conditions. After the bridge removal is complete a cul-de-sac will be built to provide access to the river.

**Matthews Park:** The culvert has been installed at the parking lot entry a couple of weeks ago. The concrete pour for the two shelters is scheduled for this week and the shelters should hopefully be installed next week weather permitting.

**BMAC:** BMAC outfield fence bid was approved. The City saved approximately \$27k. We budgeted \$117k, bid is \$90k. On March 14<sup>th</sup>, Park employees started to do the work on the "warning track" and we are hoping the project will be complete by Friday, March 18<sup>th</sup>. After the "warning track" is complete Kirkwood Fencing will start to put up the fencing which will take a couple weeks. First tournaments will start in early April.

**Miscellaneous:** Nancy Haug asked about the Senior Van sponsorship. Brendan Kane said that we haven't heard anything back yet. Luke Bland suggested looking into Spirit Church or another business to that nature because they may be interested

in learning about the sponsorship opportunity. Brendan stated that we are working on finishing sponsorship packet updates to secure sponsorships for the Fourth of July and the Summer Concert Series.

**New Business:**

**Berry Hill:** They had their opening day a couple weeks and have been in full swing ever since. Berry Hill's irrigation is the next grant Brendan Kane is going to work on. The irrigation and pipes are in bad shape; they are disintegrating and needs to be repaired as soon as possible. Brendan pushed for ARPA funds to go towards this project, but it was denied, so therefore the Matthew Park project is on hold for now.

**Ex-Officio's Report:** Joni Norris provided attending members with up-to-date City changes and updates. She addressed questions and/or concerns from attending members. Additional information is available via the Bridgeton Banner Newsletter and the city's website located at [www.bridgetonmo.com](http://www.bridgetonmo.com)

**Staff Report:** Brendan Kane thanked Wallace Foster for his time serving as the Park Board Secretary and welcomed Tera Baker to the commission as the new Park Board Secretary.

**Chair Report:** Nancy Haug announced she has nothing to report.

**Motion:** Chairman Nancy Haug called for a motion to adjourn....  
Motion to adjourn by Luke Bland, seconded by Conner Matusek, meeting adjourned at 6:30pm.