

Bridgeton Parks & Recreation Board
April 19, 2022
Attendance

Present

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

Absent

Brad Eader
Maribeth Esteeep

Nancy called the meeting to order at 5:57 p.m.

Public Portion:

None

Approval of the Agenda: Motion to approve the agenda made by Kathy Schlag, seconded by Conner Matusek, motion passed.

Nancy Haug made a motion to move up remarks from Mayor Briggs regarding the Senior Van Membership before the passing of the March's minutes. Motion seconded by Kathy Schlag, motion passed.

Senior Van Membership: Remarks from Mayor Briggs: Mayor Briggs announced that he has received complaints from Bridgeton senior citizens regarding some of the new changes that has occurred in senior services in the City of Bridgeton. Mayor Briggs stated that the senior residents of Bridgeton are unhappy due to the new cost to utilize the senior van service and now Aging Ahead has decided to leave the City of Bridgeton and relocate to the City of Ferguson. By the Aging Ahead service leaving that then eliminates some of the programs that were provided to the senior citizens of Bridgeton. Mayor Briggs proposed that the new Senior Van service fee is to be put on hold until January 2023. The previously proposed (and approved) van fee was only \$30/year. Brendan that the new fee was implemented to help cut back in the budget and to cut down on usage. Brendan Kane mentioned that the Senior Services division will provide programs that will

help replace some of the loss of services that Aging Ahead offered. Some programs include, but are not limited to Lunch and Bingo, senior social hours and senior exercise classes. These classes and programs will be offered to Bridgeton Residents free of charge. Mayor Briggs announced that the City of Bridgeton received another COVID relief check for \$11,200. Those additional funds will go towards covering the expenses for these new services and programs.

Approval of the Minutes: Nancy Haug noticed a mistake in wording under new business. The word “Arbor” should be changed to the acronym ARPA. Kathy Schlag stated a phrase under old business in the Riverwoods Bridge section should be reworded. The minutes now stand corrected and a motion to approve meeting minutes from March 15, 2022, made by Nancy Haug, approved by Luke Bland and seconded by Conner Matusek, motion passed.

Old Business:

Aging Ahead(Senior Program Update): Details and information are provided under the “Remarks from Mayor Briggs” section of the minutes. In addition to what was stated by Mayor Briggs and Brendan Kane, Luke Bland mentioned that we should continue to look for a Van Service Sponsor to help with some of the van expenses. Luke Bland suggested reaching out to Light House Baptist Church because they offer a good community outreach program. Brendan Kane stated that next time he meets with our sponsors that he will include information regarding the Senior Van Service. Brendan Kane said that the expense for the year to provide these new senior programs will be around \$8,000. Once the new programs are officially established Denise Niederschulte will starting marketing through the Seniority Newsletter.

Personnel: Brendan Kane announced that the new Fitness Supervisor, Johnny Vitaoe started in early March and the new Aquatic Supervisor, Carolyn Fuchs started on March 28th. Brendan Kane stated that Angela Wright’s Administrative Assistant position has been posted on Indeed, the City of Bridgeton Website and the MPRA website. So far there has been about 7 applicants received. The job posting closes on April 29 and hopefully have someone hired in June.

Riverwoods Bridge: The concrete around the bridge has been removed, but the bridge can’t be removed at the time due to inclement weather. Seven days of dry weather is needed to remove the bridge.

Matthews Park: Brendan Kane announced that the project is 100% complete and is now working on the reimbursement paperwork.

BMAC: Brendan Kane stated that the outfield fencing project was completed on April 19, 2022. By adding fencing to the fields BMAC should receive more youth tournaments. After the discussion on the outdoor fencing project, Kathy Schlag informed Brendan Kane that there is old lighting that has been laying by the soccer fields for years now and asked if/when it could be removed. Brendan Kane said that he was not aware of the lighting and that he will look into the situation.

New Business:

Municipal Park Grant - Berry Hill Irrigation: Brendan Kane requested that the Park Board makes a motion that the Parks and Recreation Department applies for the Municipal Park Grant to receive funds to go towards the Berry Hill irrigation project. Kathy Schlag moves that the Park Board recommends that Park staff applies for the 2022 Municipal Park Grant to go towards improving the irrigation at Berry Hill Golf Course. Conner Matusek seconded the motion, the motion was approved.

Activity Guide Timeline: Brendan Kane stated that the Summer Activity Guide is slightly behind schedule, but it is completed and posted on the City of Bridgeton website. The activity guide has been submitted to the printing company and should be in hands in about 2 -3 weeks. Brendan Kane announced that activity registration opens for Bridgeton Residents the first week in May.

Ex-Officio's Report: Joni Norris provided attending members with up-to-date City changes and updates.

- Resolution for former Councilmember Linda Eaker served with distinction for 12 years. Also a plaque will be installed on a bench in Spanish Village Park.
- It was voted in favor to rezone two lots of residential property in the Bridgeway Subdivision on Taylor Avenue.
- It was voted in favor of transferring Bridgeton Dispatch services to to St. Louis County Communications Center cost \$154,958.43. Effective June 1, 2022.
- The new Council members are Bob Saettele, Becky Patel, Randy Hein and Don Hood.
- Below are some upcoming

- The installation of new officers will occur on April 20th at 6:00 pm.
- The Plant Giveaway is on Saturday, April 23rd at the Bridgeton Recreation Center from 9:00 am – 10:00 am. Brendan stated that there will also be a food drive during the Plant Giveaway. Event attendees will be entering and exiting the same way located on the left side of the pool. The Rec Center activities will be entering/exiting the side of the pool for the duration of the event.
- The Bridgeton Police Department will be hosting a National Prescription Drug Take Back Day on April 30th from 10:00 am – 2:00 pm at the Bridgeton Government Center.
- Below is a list of upcoming projects:
 - The Streets 2022 Slab Replacement Project on Clichy Lane and DePaul Hill Drive.
 - Asphalt project on Welland and Ayrshire Drive.
 - Concrete pavement replacement on Monter Drive and Harmony Lane from Missouri American Water replacement.
- A cannabis dispensary business has submitted plans for complete remodel and renovation of the former Bank of America's facility on St. Charles Rock Road.

Staff Report: Brendan Kane stated that he nothing additional to report

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

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

Motion to adjourn by Kathy Schlag, seconded by Luke Bland, meeting adjourned at 6:49pm.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, May 17th outside at either Matthew's Park or Bridgeway weather permitting at 6:00 pm.