

Bridgeton Parks & Recreation Board
May 17, 2022
Attendance
Matthews Park

Present

Nancy Haug – Chair
Luke Bland
Joni Norris-Ex Ex Officio
Gretchen Luke-New Ex Officio
Kathy Schlag
Brad Eader
Maribeth Esteeep
Conner Matusek
Brendan Kane – Director
Wallace Foster-Secretary

Absent

Nancy Haug called the meeting to order at 6:08 p.m.

Public Portion:

Robert Nenninger asked if food trucks will be returning for the Summer concerts in the park, and if not is it possible for the Kiwanis to resume selling food during these concerts? Joni Norris stated that the Kiwanis will not be returning to sell food, it was to much work with no financial return, so this fund raiser has been discontinued. Brendan Kane stated that the food truck vendors are particular and need a certain number of people to attend before agreeing to come out.

Approval of the Agenda: Motion to approve the agenda made by Luke Bland, seconded by Maribeth Esteeep, motion passed.

Approval of the Minutes: Motion to approve minutes with the following corrections:

- Remove Brad Eader from present
- Change minutes on Matthews Park to state Phase 1 is 100% complete

Motion made by Kathy Schlag, seconded by Conner Matusek, motion passed.

Old Business:

Senior Program Update: Senior Department has their Newsletter out. If you go to the [bridgetonmo.com website](http://bridgetonmo.com), it can be accessed under Older Adult Services. This department will take on some of Aging Ahead activities for our seniors, i.e., Bingo, lunches (30 people) and exercise program. Lunch for resident seniors is \$5 and \$7 for non-residents.

Personnel: Tera Baker who ran our Special Events Programs and Camp for youth took a position with the City of Ballwin. The City of Bridgeton has offered this position to a candidate. We are waiting on her physical and background check. If all is well, she will start in early June.

Angela Wrights position (Administrative Aide) is open, and six candidates applied. We had our top three picks; the first candidate changed her mind; the second candidate is considering the position and will let Brendan Kane know this week. If she turns down the position, the third will take it for sure. This person will start in mid-June and will have opportunity to work directly with Angela Wright before she retires.

Riverwoods Park 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 or get a crane barge to pick-up from the river. There is no cost increase.

Matthews Park: Brendan Kane announced that the Phase 1 project is 100% complete. Ayrshire Drive is complete and looks wonderful.

Activity Guide: Activity Guides have been mailed to residents and are available at the Recreation Center and online.

Questions and Answers concerning Old Business:

Kathy Schlag asked if Brendan Kane had an opportunity to look at the old lighting at BMAC? Brendan Kane spoke with the park superintendent, and he said they will get rid of it. Brendan will follow-up.

Brad Eader stated that the concrete is uneven around the pavilion at Bridgeway Park; is this something that can be repaired? Brendan stated he would inform Public Works Department.

New Business:

Open Gym Time: Open Gym is time set-aside on Sunday, Wednesday, and Friday for non-residents to play basketball. Residents are allowed seven days a week to play. There was an incident on Wednesday, May 11, 2022, a big fight took place between 10-12 guys and one of our senior residents was knocked down.

A change to our current policy must take place. Moving forward, open gym time will be members and residents only. Non-residents will still be allowed to play pickle-ball and volleyball in our gymnasium during designated times. This new policy goes into effect immediately. Brendan Kane is working to identify the guys involved in the fight, to permanently band them from our facility.

The police were called and responded, but those involved in the fight had disbursed.

Discussion arose on our card swiping technique and those without a card going to classes. No action taken.

Indoor Pool H-VAC: The pool has a “specific” HVAC system called a Pool Pac that controls humidity issues in the pool and in several offices. Brendan Kane has asked the City Council to add this emergency to their agenda. The first bid received is for \$30,000 and the second is for \$38,000. If council approves, it will take an additional three weeks before repairs will begin. The pool is usable.

Seasonal Report: Brendan Kane started a Seasonal Report last quarter. This report gives information about what’s in the news with Parks. It’s an informal report given to Council. It will no longer be quarterly but seasonal.

Nancy Haug asked if a sidewalk could be added from the walking path to the Recreation Center? Brendan Kane stated he would mention to Public Works.

Ex-Officio’s Report: Joni Norris thanked the Park Board for what they do. This is her last meeting with us. Gretchen Luke of Ward 3 is Park Board new Ex-Officio.

Gretchen Luke updated us on the following:

- Trash Service bid is open. Republic’s cost will be going up; 300k/year.
- Pan-handling ordinance; will need permit if ordinance is enacted.
- ATA Martial Arts is sponsoring ladies night out June 3rd.

- Foot Locker will open, Bridgeton Crossing.
- Harbor Freight and Tool will be opening by Weekends Only.
- Looking for Health Care Workers for July 4th parade.

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, June 21st at the Recreational Center.