

Bridgeton Parks & Recreation Board
September 20th, 2022
Attendance
Bridgeton Recreation Center- Room 2

Present

Nancy Haug – Chair
Gretchen Luke- Ex Officio
Kathy Schlag
Conner Matusek
Luke Bland
Vicki Ventrella-Meyer – Asst. Director
Cassie Callahan-Secretary

Absent

Maribeth Esteeep
Brad Eader
Brendan Kane- Director

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

Public Portion:

Wendall Prather, 3958 Lockport, Bridgeton, MO, 60344. Wendall Prather came to Park Board meeting on September 20th, 2022 to discuss outdoor Pickleball Courts for the Bridgeton Recreation Center or resurfacing/converting Tennis Courts into Pickleball Courts at BMAC. Wendall Prather would like this done ASAP. Nancy Haug explained that it is in the 5-year plan for Bridgeton to resurface BMAC tennis courts.

Approval of the Agenda: Motion to approve the agenda was made by Luke Bland seconded by Connor Matusek, motion passed.

Approval of the Minutes: Gretchen Luke changed the council meeting in the Ex-Officio's Report on September 28th to 7:00pm. Kathy Schlag added that there is no plan to connect the two channels at Riverwoods Trail. Motion to approve minutes as amended was made by Kathy Schlag, seconded by Luke Bland, motion passed.

Old Business:

Berry Hill Irrigation Grant: The City of Bridgeton is expecting preliminary numbers from the Municipal Grant Commission within the next two weeks.

Special Events Commission: The Special Events Commission is discussing the possibility of becoming a subcommittee of Park Board due to lack of participation.

New Business:

Outdoor Pickleball Court: The resurfacing of two tennis courts into Pickleball Courts at BMAC is in the cities 5-year plan. It is currently in the Capital Improvement Plan.

2023 Budget/5 Year Plan: Vicki Ventrella-Meyer discussed some highlights in the 5-year plan.

2023: Golf Course lawn mower, Park Maintenance woodchipper

2024: Golf Course Mower, Park Maintenance backhoe, Gentry Playground

2025: Hellebusch Playground

2026: open

2027: Dividers in the Recreation Center meeting rooms

Vicki also discussed replacing the filter pump at the outdoor pool in 2023. The motor drive broke during the summer of 2022. Kathy Schlag asked about maintenance on the hydro spin bikes. Vicki stated that the Aquatics Supervisor just ordered parts and they should be fixed soon.

Matthews/Hellebusch Damage Update: The City of Bridgeton received the initial bid to repair the bathroom and gazebo: \$104,000 for Matthew's Park bathroom and \$43,000 for the gazebo at Hellebusch. The City of Bridgeton is currently working on gathering other bids.

Ex-Officio's Report:

Councilwomen, Gretchen Luke updated us on the following:

- The City of Bridgeton has a new trash bid from Republic, 3-year contract with the opportunity extend for 3 years.
- The Welland Avenue storm water project received one bid for double the estimated amount.
- Public Works is done with the slab replacement on the streets for the year. There are still pavement repairs from the flooding and the BMAC trail work.
- All departments have turned in their budgets and revisions are currently taking place.
- The Wish Walk was a success. Bridgeton Police surpassed the goal and raised \$13,000.
- National Night Out is October 4th, 2023 from 6:00-8:00pm.
- Drug Take Back is October 29th, 2023 from 10:00-2:00pm.
- Charter Public Hearing is Wednesday, September 28th at 5:30pm.

- Preliminary funding is in for the Davidson Project.
- Ward 3 Picnic is October 2nd, 2023 at 3:00pm.

Staff Report:

- The City of Bridgeton just put out an RFP for the Activity Guide, the bid will come back on October 15th, 2023.
- Final concert, dog swim, and vendor fair were a success.
- The Parks Department had a kickball tournament against the Police Department and the Park Department won.
- Bridgeton Family Fall Festival is October 7th, 6:00-8:00pm.
- The Parks Facilities are understaffed and looking to hire people in all areas.

Chair Report:

- Compliment the Parks Department on the kickball tournament.
- Boards and Commissions Dinner, Thursday September 29th at 6:00pm.

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

Motion to adjourn by Gretchen Luke, seconded by Luke Brand, meeting adjourned at 7:03pm.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, **October 18th**, at the Recreational Center.