**Park Board**

**Meeting Minutes**

**Monday, August 21, 2023, 7:00 p.m.**

**Kirkwood Community Center Room 202**

**IN ATTENDANCE:** The meeting was called order at 7:02 p.m. with President Ellen Edman, Steve Ostrowski, Nate Wurtz, Jordan Wienke, Kathy Paulsen, Christopher Molitor, Kevin Miller, Lauren Nieman, Becky Jones and Staff Liaison Kyle Henke, Curt Carron and Pete Laufesweiler in attendance.

1. **CITIZEN COMMENTS**

None

1. **APPROVAL OF JUNE 26, 2023 MEETING MINUTES**

A motion made by Jordan Wienke to approve the June 26, 2023 meeting minutes, seconded by Lauren Nieman. Motion approved unanimously.

1. **COMMITTEE REPORTS**
   1. Alphonse Smith Update – a dedication event was held on June 10th, it was a nice event but the committee was disappointed that Alphonse Smiths family did not attend. The Parks crew is pouring a base soon and will have it fully installed by the Greentree Festival.
   2. Implementation Committee – Reviewed the draft Mitchell Park Master Plan and approved moving forward..
2. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**
   1. Strategic Goals Update – None
3. **NEW BUSINESS**
   1. Mitchell Park Master Plan – Kyle discussed the final Mitchell Park master plan document. The Park Board asked questions about existing and planned trees and watershed issues. A motion made by Nate Wurtz to approve the conceptual master plan for Mitchell Park. Seconded by Kathy Paulsen. Motion Approved Unanimously.
   2. Walker Park Fence – Curt discussed an older fence that is located between Walker Park and the neighboring condos that needs to be replaced and options for replacement. The Board asked Kyle to discuss options with the property manager and report back at the next meeting.
   3. Other Matters – Kathy Paulsen passed out an article about how to help playgrounds stay cool in hot weather.
4. **SUPERINTENDENT OF PARKS REPORT**

Curt discussed the Superintendent of Parks’ report.

1. **DIRECTORS REPORT**
   1. Community Center Update – Renovation project preliminary bids are due tomorrow.
   2. Greentree Festival – The committees last meeting is next week and the event is in 3 weeks.
   3. Aquatic Center – The Aquatic Center met its revenue goals for this summer and will need some leak repairs over the winter. Keeping up with leaks in an aging facility is an ongoing process.
2. **BOARD COMMENTS**

Jordan Wienke gave the Parks Crew a big thank you.

1. **ADJOURNMENT** – The meeting was adjourned at 8:32 p.m.