

**ST. CHARLES PARK & RECREATION BOARD MINUTES**  
**WORK SESSION MEETING HELD**

**May 4th, 2022**

The meeting was **Called to Order** by President Ryan at 6:00 pm in the American Legion Room at Memorial Hall in Blanchette Park. **Roll Call** noted the following present for the meeting:

**Park Board -** Denise Childress, Tuss Peluchette, Merle Schneider, Kathy Mudrovic, Mike Ryan, Tom Smith and Council Liaison Denise Mitchell were present. Patrick Caskey, Brad Harmon and Mike Hannegan were absent.

**Others -** Maralee Britton – Director, Chris Atkinson -Assistant Director. Don Borgmeyer – Enterprise Superintendent, Missy Hollander – Aquatics Coordinator, Adi Naumann – Recreation Coordinator. Sarah Shellberg – Assistant Aquatics Manager and Martha Hollander (Member of Public)

3. **Pledge of Allegiance**

4. **Summer Program Staffing Updates\***

Staff provided the Board with an update on the current staffing issues we are experiencing department wide. Specifically, for this discussion the impact on Summer Fun Day Camp and the operating of the aquatic facilities were presented.

Day Camp is proposing to limit the number of registrants at Blanchette to 130 from its typical 160 due to the lack of day camp counsellors currently hired.

For aquatics staff proposed to not open the McNair Aquatic Facility in 2022 due to the severe shortage of lifeguards currently hired and, in the pipeline, to be hired. The facilities typically need at least 117 lifeguards to operate all 3 pools and currently only have 83 lifeguards hired or in the process.

Staff presented the reasoning behind that recommendation to the Board. The Board would like staff to look at and provide more detail to them on other options such as closing amenities at Blanchette and/or Wapelhorst or eliminating programs or swimming lessons in order to open McNair in some way in 2022.

Staff said they would provide that information for a special meeting that will need to be held the next week.

5. **Adopt a Park (Board Member observations pertinent to facilities, programs and services within the Parks and Recreation System)**

Schneider – Good, Peluchette – Good, Childress - Good. Ryan – Good, Mudrovic - Good  
Smith – Asked about park opening/closing times in reference to Frenchtown Park and the use of the Park by the homeless. Britton said staff would investigate further.

Councilperson Mitchell – Asked about the mowing at Graystone Park and also about the mulch playground surfacing in Circle Drive Park.

As there was no further business to discuss Mudrovic moved for Adjournment at 8:05pm;  
Seconded by Smith.

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Respectfully Submitted,

  
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Mike Ryan - President

  
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Denise Childress - Secretary