

SAINT CHARLES PARKS & RECREATION BOARD MINUTES
MEETING HELD
August 16, 2023

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

Board Brad Harmon, Kathy Mudrovic, Mike Ryan, Mike Hannegan and Council Liaison Denise Mitchell were present. Denise Childress, Merle Schneider, Tuss Peluchette were absent.

Staff Maralee Britton - Director, Chris Atkinson – Assistant Director,
Mike Wilkins – Chief Park Ranger.

Others Family and friends of Park Ranger Eisenbath.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

4. Verbal Petitions/Public Comments and Response:

5. Staff Reports/Presentations:

A. Life Saving Award Presented to Ranger Steve Eisenbath

Chief Ranger Wilkins introduced Ranger Eisenbath to the Board. Ranger Eisenbath recently began working as a Park Ranger after retiring from the St. Charles Police Department.

On Friday, 07-28-2023, at 1711 hours, Ranger Eisenbath was dispatched to the area near the Katy Trail north of the Hwy 370 bridge in regards to an unresponsive male lying on the ground.

Upon arrival he observed a male subject lying in the weeds next to the walking trail. He administered a sternum rub however, he did not receive a response from the subject. He noticed the subject's face was turning blue in color and realized he was not breathing. He immediately began CPR compressions after advising dispatch of his exact location. After approximately 2 minutes of CPR compressions, the subject began gasping for air and had a pulse. He stopped administering CPR and continued to monitor the subject until EMS personnel arrived.

Ranger Eisenbath's exemplary performance of CPR, combined with his calm demeanor and professionalism under pressure, played a pivotal role in sustaining the person's life until paramedics could arrive.

Ranger Eisenbath's skillful execution of life-saving techniques in such a high-stress situation reflects the exceptional level of training and preparedness he possesses as a Law Enforcement Officer. His actions demonstrated not only his commitment to protecting and serving the community but also his willingness to go above and beyond the call of duty to preserve human life. Ranger Eisenbath is being "Commended" with the St. Charles Park Ranger "Life Saving Award." Ranger Eisenbath is an exceptional employee whose actions reflect highly of the Ranger Division, the Parks and Recreation Department, and the City of St. Charles.

The Board welcomed Ranger Eisenbath to the Department and thanked him for what he did on 7/28.

6. Items for Discussion and/or Action-

A. Revision to Park Hours of Operation*

Staff made some recommendations to the Board about some park hour changes since a new park has been added (Forget Me Not Park) to the system and also some changes were suggested to assist in the better operation of the parks. (Booneslick Park courts and DuSable Park).

Mudrovic made a motion to approve the revised park hours; Seconded by Hannegan.

B. Discussion of Amenities for McNair Park

Britton and Atkinson presented the Board with multiple options for a possible large/corporate sized pavilion at the location of the now closed McNair Aquatic Facility. The estimates ranged from a pavilion that could handle 150-300 people. The cost estimates also ranged from \$480,000-\$1,065,000. Staff expressed some concern about the possible cost of this project. The Board agreed and asked for further options to be presented at future meetings.

The Board also requested per staff suggestion that the demolition of the old McNair Aquatic Facility be bid out so that we have an exact cost of the demolition portion of this project.

7. Meeting Minutes:

A. Parks & Recreation Board Meeting Minutes July 19, 2023*

B. Parks & Recreation Board Work Session Meeting Minutes August 2nd, 2023*

Childress made a motion to approve the meeting minutes; seconded by Mudrovic.

8. **Consent Agenda (Items to be received):**

The Consent Agenda was then addressed, which included the following:

- A. Calendar
- B. Financial Worksheets
- C. Accounts Receivable Report
- D. Project Report
- E. Financial Transactions from \$7,500 to \$10,000- None
- F. Oak Grove Cemetery Report

Childress made a motion to approve the consent agenda; Seconded by Mudrovic.

9. **Items Removed from the Consent Agenda:** None

10. **Presidents Announcements and Reminders:** None

11. **Directors Report:**

A. Thank You's (As Available)

A Thank You from the public was highlighted.

B. General Department Update

Public swim at the Wapelhorst Aquatic facility is getting ready to switch to weekend only until Labor Day. The lap pool at Blanchette and the Lazy River walk are still open 7 days a week through Labor Day.

12. **Board Member Announcements and Reminders:**

Hannegan- All good.

Harmon- All good.

Mudrovic- All good.

Ryan – All good.

13. **Council Liaison Announcements and Reminders:**

Mitchell said the City has one of the water wells back on. Working on others.

14. **Park Board Liaisons Comments**

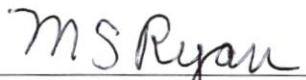
A. **Foundation Report:** None.

B. **Legislative Report:** None.


As there was no further business to discuss Mudrovic moved for **Adjournment** at 7:02 pm;
Seconded by Harmon.

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Respectfully Submitted,



Mike Ryan - President



Kathy Mudrovic
Board Member