

**SAINT CHARLES PARKS & RECREATION BOARD MINUTES**  
**MEETING HELD**  
**October 2, 2024**

The meeting was **Called to Order** by President Bichel at 6:03pm in the American Legion Room in Memorial Hall. **Roll Call** noted the following present for the meeting:

**Board** Sandy Bichel, Larry Muench, Mike Ryan, Brian Scheidegger, Anna Shy, TJ Slattery, Anne Zerr and Council Liaison Mary West were present. Tim Glosier, Kathy Mudrovic were absent.

**Staff** Maralee Britton – Director, Chris Atkinson- Assistant Director,  
Don Borgmeyer – Enterprise Superintendent, Mike Wilkins – Chief Park Ranger.

**Other** None

**3. Pledge of Allegiance**

**4. Discussion of Wapelhorst Park Ball Diamond Complex.**

Atkinson provided the Board with a brief history of the 4 field “wagon wheel” complex in Wapelhorst Park. The fields currently have natural grass outfields and engineered soil infields. Over the last few years both weekday league registrations and weekend tournament rentals have decreased.

Staff have been talking to artificial turf installers about providing estimates to turf either the infields only or the entire playing surface. The cost to turf the infields only is approx. \$2,000,000 and the cost to turf the entire field is approx. \$4,000,000. Both of those options include approx. \$500,000 in other upgrades (fencing, dugouts, batting cages, etc.)

There are also possible partnerships/lease agreements with tournament hosts and options for sponsorships and naming rights available on the fields.

The Board asked staff to continue their research and provide more information to them at upcoming meetings.

**5. Consideration for approval of a License Access Agreement with Jovial, LLC to install a ground monitoring well at the Eco Park Trailhead\***

Britton presented to the Board a request from a neighboring business to allow them to install a monitoring well on City property (Eco Park Trailhead).

Slattery made a motion to approve the License Agreement; seconded by Ryan. Motion Passed.

6. **Budget Amendment #3, 2024 for Consideration of Approval\*Consideration for Approval the 2025 Parks and Recreation Department Budget\***

Britton presented the Amendment. It is needed to allow extra revenue and expenses for the trip program.

Shy made a motion to approve the Budget Amendment; seconded by Zerr. Motion Passed.

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

Zerr –Fountain Lakes looked good.

Muench – Jaycee, Westwinds (small) and McNair looked good.

Shy –Wapelhorst looked good.

Ryan – Fox Hill, Kiwanis looked good.

Scheidegger – Parks looked good.

Slattery – Parks look good. Asked about possibility of adding a bottle filler at the Booneslick restroom for the pickleball court users.

Bichel – Parks looked good.


Britton informed the Board that meeting on October 16<sup>th</sup> would not be a regular board meeting but be a bus tour of the parks. The tour will begin at 5:00pm in Webster Park.

As there was no further business to discuss Scheidegger moved for **Adjournment** at 7:06 pm; Seconded by Slattery. Motion passed.

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Respectfully Submitted,

  
Sandy Bichel - President

  
Larry Muench  
Vice President