

SAINT CHARLES PARKS & RECREATION BOARD MINUTES
MEETING HELD
February 5, 2025

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

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

Staff Maralee Britton – Director, Chris Atkinson- Assistant Director,
Peter VanLinn – Maintenance Superintendent, Mike Wilkins – Chief Park Ranger,
Don Borgmeyer -Enterprise Superintendent, Chan Smoot – Concessions Coordinator

Other Holly Magdziarz – Assistant City Attorney

3. Pledge of Allegiance

4. Discussion and Presentation of Wapelhorst Athletic Complex Project

Atkinson, Borgmeyer and Britton presented to the Board.

The presentation highlighted the following items:

- There has been a significant decline in the number of tournaments hosted in the last 3-5 at the Wapelhorst Ball Field Complex.
- Cost comparison for artificial turf on infield only (\$2,000,000) vs full field (\$4,500,000) status quo (Continuing current operations with dirt infields).
- New equipment and ongoing maintenance costs for artificial turf fields.
- Financial impact of the 3 options. Increased tournament revenue and concessions.
- Staff recommends mowing forward with artificial turf on infield only option.
- Slattery had questions/concerns about turf options. Also, about contracting or self-performing the tournament host role.
- Financing options. Cash balance, Municipal lease and General Obligation Lease
- Partnerships and sponsorships

Mudrovic said that she was contacted by Councilperson Mitchell. Her ward includes in Wapelhorst Park and she is excited about this project.

The consensus of the Board was for staff to keep moving forward with staff's recommendation (Option A – Turf infield only). Also to keep moving forward with the other discussions (Financing and tournament host).

Staff will continue finalizing the construction costs with the contractor for the infield turf option, further discuss the financing options with City Administration and City Finance and to continue working on the RFP process for the tournament host/partner.

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

Slattery – Asked about the cycling group who used to use the soccer complex parking lot as a meeting point for the weekly ride. Staff have put them in touch with the new owner and provided other alternate locations to park/meet.

Muench – Good. Jaycee Park was busy earlier this week with the nice weather.

Shy –Good.

Ryan – Good

Glosier – Good.

Mudrovic – Good.

Bichel – Good.

Scheidegger – Good.

6. Closed Session

At 7:06 pm Mudrovic Made a Motion to go into Closed Session to discuss;

- A. Legal actions, causes of action, or litigation. (RSMo 610.021.1)
- C. Hiring, firing, disciplining or promoting of particular employees when information relating to the performance or merit of individual employees is discussed or recorded. (RSMo 610.021.3)**

Seconded by Glosier.

Roll Call: Sandy Bichel – Yes, Tim Glosier - Yes,– Kathy Mudrovic - Yes, Larry Muench - Yes, Mike Ryan – Yes, Brian Scheidegger - Yes, Anna Shy – Yes, TJ Slattery - Yes, Anne Zerr – Absent. Motion passed.

At 7:26 pm Britton, Atkinson and Magdziarz were excused form the meeting.

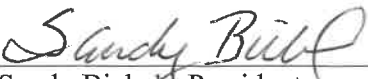
At 8:02 pm Muench Made a Motion to come out of Closed Session. Seconded by Scheidegger.

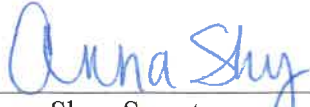
Roll Call: Sandy Bichel – Yes, Tim Glosier - Yes,– Kathy Mudrovic - Yes, Larry Muench - Yes, Mike Ryan – Yes, Brian Scheidegger - Yes, Anna Shy – Yes, TJ Slattery - Yes, Anne Zerr – Absent. Motion passed.

As there was no further business to discuss Muench moved for **Adjournment** at 8:03 pm; Seconded by Mudrovic. Motion passed.

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Respectfully Submitted,


Sandy Bichel - President


Anna Shy - Secretary