

**MINUTES**  
**CITY OF MAPLEWOOD**  
**PARKS & RECREATION BOARD MEETING**  
April 15, 2021

I. CALL TO ORDER: Meeting called to order at 7:02 by Jonathan Taylor.

II. ROLL CALL: Members: Lisa Parks, Bob Harsh, Patricia DeForrest, Jonathan Taylor, Cathy Edmond, Laine Schenkelberg, Dan Noonan, Megan Dougherty, Tiffany Hyde, Assistant Director and Anthony Traxler, Director were in attendance. Catherine Mahoney excused.

III. WELCOME TO VISITORS AND PUBLIC COMMENTS – N/A

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Bob Harsh motioned to approve. Patricia DeForrest seconded. All approved.

V. PARK MEMBERS REPORTS ON PARKS-

- Ryan Hummert Memorial Park- Bench was painted from last month. Landscaping by memorial needs attention. Trees are in good shape.
- Lindbergh Park- Good
- Kellogg Park- Good.
- Yale Park– Good. Painting looks good.
- Greenwood Park – Good. The rolling pin structure needs repair.
- Trolley Park- Good. Sand pit area needs weeding.
- Central Park-Good. Bare patches under hedges.
- Deer Creek Park– Pea gravel on pad again. The field is being used. The foul ball fence is up. Creek is full of debris. Pavilions look good/clean. Irrigation heads were replaced.
- Sutton Loop Park- Good. Can the water fountain feature be turned on. Trees were pruned. Piano is not locked.

VI. OLD BUSINESS – N/A

VII. NEW BUSINESS-

- Budget Discussion
  - Anthony Traxler sent out the 21/22 Parks Budget. Extra funds are in the budget since the pool's income was limited last year. Pool will be paid off this coming June. \$400,000 in revenue each year. Last year, improvements were paused due to COVID. The plan is to continue making improvements this year. Some improvements will include: roof & picnic tables for Hummert Park, drinking fountains for the skate park area and other parks, a digger for Deer Creek Park and replacement swings at Yale Park.
  - Could money be set aside for a citywide parks master plan? Anthony will put in a generic line item for parks master plan. The City has gotten a variety of grants and an overall parks master plan is not needed to apply for some grants. Patti asked for revenue statements to go along with the parks budget.
  - Public Works is down 3 maintenance workers. It has been difficult to get applicants. Hourly rate is between \$17-\$20. Tiffany will send out a link of the job openings.

- The pool will open per county requirements which is currently at 50% capacity, which is 600-700 individuals. The pool will initially open at 2:00 pm then will return to regular 2019 hours on June 10<sup>th</sup>. Question was posed if it would be possible to open the pool at noon, possibly for lap swimmers?
- Communication-Laura will be scheduled for the May meeting if she is available. Laura has been in direct contact with Molly regarding communication with residents regarding a unified message between RH and Maplewood. Suggestion-Instagram LIVE when we open tennis courts.
- Joint Project w/ Sustainability Commission- Cost Share Program- Tiffany presented a flyer regarding removing invasive plants/trees. The Board had no objection.
- Annual Park Tour- September 16<sup>th</sup> @ Hummert Park
- Unleashed Dogs-This seems to be a problem in some of the smaller fenced in neighborhood parks. Residents and/or park patrons can call the non-emergency police phone # to report. The idea of banning dogs from the smaller parks was discussed.
- Bottle fillers-Board would like to see any new drinking fountains be the ones with bottle fillers. Member stated the existing drinking fountains can probably be retrofitted to allow bottle usage.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT: Bob Harsh motioned to adjourn. Dan Noonan seconded. All approved. Meeting adjourned at 8:42 pm. Next meeting, May 20, 2021.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Lisa Parks