

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

I. CALL TO ORDER: Meeting called to order at 6:03 by Jonathan Taylor.

II. ROLL CALL: Members: Lisa Parks, Bob Harsh, Jonathan Taylor, Laine Schenkelberg, Megan Dougherty, (Welcome new members; Sarah Walker, Julie Francios, Beth Newman, Becky Flynn) and Tiffany Hyde, Assistant Director also in attendance.

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

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Bob Harsh motioned to approve. Megan Dougherty seconded. All approved.

V. PARK MEMBERS REPORTS ON PARKS-

- Ryan Hummert Park - Good. Gate on Zephyr side, one of the gates is missing.
- Lindbergh Park- Good. Picnic table/benches are in rough shape. Missing chunks of wood.
- Kellogg Park - Good.
- Yale Park – Good.
- Greenwood Park – Good.
- Trolley Park - Needs to be mowed. Some down limbs, not sure if private or park property.
- Central Park- Broken stepping stones still there. Flower bed on North side needs weeding. Needs mulch on some of the bushes.
- Deer Creek Park – Good. Lots of gravel on playground pad.
- Sutton Loop Park - All flower beds need weeding to include removing tree samplings. Under pavilion, box of books needs to be removed. Bob Harsh will pick up and dispose of. Possible signage needed to discourage people from dropping off random items. Piano was vandalized. Piano to be donated; still on hold. Solar flower is no longer charging anything.

VI. OLD BUSINESS –

- Tennis Courts- (See memo from Tiffany Hyde dated 7/14/21)
- Splash pad- (See memo from Tiffany Hyde dated 7/14/21) Tentative Opening Date: July 30, 2021
- MRH Youth Sports- Anthony did not have a problem with volunteer labor as long as the city has oversight over the project. Hydroflask.com/parks for all- possible grant opportunity, Laine to explore this opportunity.

VII. NEW BUSINESS-

- **Molly Curcuru- PARC Director-** Saturday, 7/17 is Unicorn Day. Lots of upcoming events, some senior programming starting. September, drive-in, October- garage sale, November- kids booth, can sell their items. (see PARC brochures for details on the upcoming events). Attendance is good, still room to expand. Staffing-hired pool manager, Lindsey Richardson. [richardson@richmondheights.org](mailto:richardson@richmondheights.org) In the process of hiring someone to handle park rentals.
  - Park cooperative between Maplewood and Richmond Heights and Brentwood- Residents of these communities have same access. RH and Maplewood pools are managed by Molly. Lindsey is the new aquatic manager. Midwest does the hiring of life guards. Questions/exceptions should go to Lindsey.
  - Pool Rules- follow the national standard.
  - White substance is staining clothing. Common for paint to wear off as the bonding of the paint comes off (feels tacky). The pool should and will be sand blasted to remove some of the paint buildup before it is painted for the next season. Chemicals are balanced so there is no safety issue. City will reimburse for stained swimsuits (receipt is needed).

- Cleanliness of pool-issue has been addressed with Midwest. Midwest has hired an evening cleaning crew.
- Nonattentive lifeguards-Discussion needed w/ lifeguards about responsibilities of paying attention and not socializing with friends. Possible signage on the outside of the pool so they could be referred to by the lifeguards.
- Memberships- Consider reviewing the price of a family membership vs. a single parent w/ a child. Right now, they are the same price which could be detrimental for the single parent. Would like to see a different type of fee structure. City Council sets the pool membership rates.
- **Parks Master Plan Scope-** Basic scope includes: Park & Facility Inventory/Assessment, Community Needs Assessment, Capital Improvement Plan and Financial Strategy Plan. Laine would like to expand the language for an equity-based plan to focus on inclusivity. Learn more about who is using our parks. Bob reviewed a “wish list” that was done previously and reiterated the need for a walk around to each park. Scheduled for September 16<sup>th</sup>. Beth recommended more public input. Tiffany will check on the property lines at the Yale bus loop. **Any additional comments/additions should be emailed to Tiffany by Thursday (7/22).**
- **Open Discussion-**
  - What is the load rating on swings specifically at Hummert Park?
  - Skate Park there is a small amount of graffiti. Is there a plan to install permanent trash and recycling receptacles?
  - There was an unhoused person sleeping at Kellogg Park around 8:45 am. May be an opportunity to get a social worker to visit the park.
  - Becky will start checking the roller rink, skate park, tennis courts and pool. No reservations are needed for the roller rink.
  - Laine is researching possible grant opportunities. A google document will be created for sharing.
  - Where are the property lines for Kellogg Park?
  - A Vice Chair will need to be appointed at the August meeting.
  - Park Tour has been scheduled for Sept. 16 @ Ryan Hummert Park at 6:00 pm.
  - Members were asked to email Tiffany if you are not able to attend a meeting.
- **Park Assignments-**Megan (Ryan Hummert), Lisa (Lindbergh), Becky (Kellogg), Beth (Yale), Julie (Greenwood), Sarah (Trolley), Laine (Central), Bob (Deer Creek) and Jonathon (Sutton Loop).

VIII. ADJOURNMENT:

Megan Dougherty motioned to adjourn. Bob Harsh seconded. All approved. Meeting adjourned at 7:28 pm. The next meeting will be August 19, 2021.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Lisa Parks