

**PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION**  
**Thursday, June 21, 2007, 5:30 p.m.**  
**Parks Management Center, 1507 Business Loop 70 West**  
**MINUTES**

**Commission Present:** Bill Pauls, Terry Kloepfel, Dennis Knudson, Julia Grus, Marin Blevins, Mike Jones  
**Staff Present:** Mike Hood, Mike Griggs, Tammy Miller

Pauls called the meeting to order at 5:55 pm.

**Agenda:** The agenda was approved on a motion by Kloepfel, seconded by Blevins.

**Minutes:** The May minutes were approved on a motion from Kloepfel, seconded by Blevins.

**Monthly Report:** The May monthly report was approved on a motion from Blevins, seconded by Kloepfel.

**Rezoning – City of Columbia and Boone County**

Griggs mentioned that this tract is actually the Atkins property. Plans are to annex the property into the city and establish zoning.

Hood added that the property would be annexed as R1 zoning.

Kloepfel made a motion, seconded by Blevins to recommend to City Council that they see no potential adverse impact to parks or trails from the proposed rezoning.

**All in favor:** Pauls, Kloepfel, Knudson, Grus, Blevins, Jones

**Motion carried.**

**Capital Improvements Program (CIP)**

Hood mentioned there is no need for action on the CIP tonight, but he wanted to know if there were any questions or comments about the CIP since the May meeting when it was distributed and first discussed. City Council held a public hearing on the CIP at their last meeting and there were just a few comments on it; none of them were parks related. Commissioners had no questions, so Hood suggested the topic be discussed at a future meeting.

**Draft of City Parks Alcohol Sales Policy**

Hood reviewed the policy and shared the background of it. Council directed staff to draft a policy after the Columbia Art League requested permission to sell wine at the 2006 Art in the Park event. Council approved the request and asked for a formal policy. Staff has researched the issue and come up with the policy.

Hood told Commissioners they may want to schedule a public hearing as there has been some opposition expressed in the community.

Kloepfel asked what other community events would be impacted, besides Art in the Park?

Hood responded that there were not many requests to sell alcohol. Currently, groups are allowed to have alcohol but not sell it. He said he could think of only a few requests over the last 5 years to sell alcohol at an event in a park.

Pauls asked how the public hearing would work?

Hood said it could be at the July meeting; that the Department would plan it and advertise it.

Grus said she would like to hold the hearing with a staff presentation.

Pauls asked if the Police Department was involved in drafting the policy?

Hood said the policy has been reviewed by police and by the Finance Department. He commented that the police have concerns about the policy due to the possibility of some groups abusing it or getting out of

control. Hood added that the police believe if it is properly managed, those types of situations could be avoided.

Kloeppel mentioned that it seemed less likely for problems in a controlled setting in a park, rather than a casual gathering with alcohol and no control.

Hood said the policy did have tight restrictions, with only larger parks allowed and only beer, wine and champagne allowed.

Blevins said he knew of some communities that had a time limit so that the event could only sell alcohol for a designated time, rather than the length of the event.

Hood said something like that could always be added.

**Kloeppel made a motion to schedule a public hearing regarding the policy at the July 19 meeting. Blevins seconded the motion. All approved.**

### **Naming of Southeast Regional Park**

Hood informed the Commission that the Council has referred the naming of the new regional park, consisting of the Philips and Crane properties, to them. Hood said the Commission should consider the entire property is actually composed of three tracts—the Crane property, the land on the Philips tract not directly surrounding the lake, and the lake itself along with the land directly around it. As part of the purchase agreement, the lake and immediate surroundings must be named for a previous owner, A. Perry Philips.

There are no such naming stipulations with the remainder of the property.

Hood explained guidelines that are usually followed in naming a park: naming in honor of an individual, naming after a chief boundary road, or naming after a distinguishing feature. He told Commissioners they could come up with a name in several ways, such as coming up with one on their own, taking staff recommendations, asking the public for input, conducting a Web survey, or forming an internal committee. Hood said he believed it would be nice to have a name for the property shortly after the Crane sale closes in the fall.

Pauls clarified that there was nothing in the contract that stipulated a name?

Grus mentioned that the Stephens Lake Park naming process worked well, with staff coming up with a few names and then conducting a web survey, then the Commission making the recommendation.

Blevins agreed that a Web survey was a good idea.

Hood said the topic could be discussed at the next meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 6:34 for the annual park tour. Commissioners toured new tracts of parkland and viewed progress on many capital projects in the parks.