

January 15, 2019 Minutes

Highland Parks & Recreation Advisory Commission

Members present: John Cozair, Erin Mignin, Brooke Lipe, John Hipskind

Motion to approve September 18, 2018 minutes was approved made by John C., seconded by John H.

Department updates: HVAC bid for the Weinheimer was approved – pool design firms to perform a feasibility study was rejected – IL 160 trail progress update – informed commission that we were nominated for the Shine the Light award by Paraquad – The Disability Experts of STL – mentioned that work has started on the renovating the Optimist Baseball field with hopes that it will be complete by mid to late April

Old Business: Options for naming the all-abilities playground was presented with a recommendation to back to the playground committee and family it's being named in honor of (pending approval of the naming rights policy by the city council) to make sure they're satisfied. Update the commission on funding with total cash raised of \$170,000 and approximately \$50,000-\$60,000 in in-kind services. Outdoor Pool update included a wait and see approach as to what might not work or problems that surface when we open it. Plans are to open earlier to make sure there is time to address any potential problems.

New Business: Director Rosen stated that he is putting together the final list but does have plans to purchase some equipment for the playground, perhaps mulch for the Glik Park playground and fencing around the new playground. The Commission members all agreed that these items were appropriate. Director Rosen also touched on some highlights of the 2019-2020 fiscal budget with it being a budget that simply covers existing practices and limited capital.

Meeting was ended at 8:05PM