

FENTON PARK AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

AGENDA

City of Fenton
City Hall
625 New Smizer Mill Road

May 3, 2021
6:30 p.m.

Notice is hereby given that the City of Fenton will hold a meeting of the Park and Recreation Committee on Monday, May 3rd, 6:30 p.m. at Fenton City Hall, 625 New Smizer Mill Road, Fenton, Missouri via video/teleconference.

In light of the current public health crisis and related emergency declarations, the Board recognizes that it would be dangerous and impractical, if not impossible, for its meeting to be physically accessible to the public in accordance with the County's current Social Distancing requirements. The Board also recognizes the need for the public's business to be attended to in order to protect the public health, safety, and welfare. To balance both, and in accordance with Sec. 610.020, RSMo. And R-20-01, this meeting will not be open to in-person attendance but rather accessible by the public in real time ONLY by a video/teleconference call via "Zoom", instruction to join below.

To join the meeting via website:

- (1) Go to Zoom at <https://zoom.us>
- (2) Select Join a Meeting
- (3) **Enter Meeting ID: 862 3502 7573**
- (4) **Enter Password: 665434**

To join the meeting by phone

call(audio): (1)312 626 6799

- (2) When prompted, enter the **Meeting ID** and **Password** provided above.

Instructions for providing public comments: Persons interested in making their views known on any matter will be able to speak during the video/teleconference meeting under "Public Comments." In addition, anyone may send an email with their comments to the Parks and Recreation Director at tlydon@fentonmo.org by no later than Monday, May 3rd by 4:30 p.m. All comments received by email will be entered into the public record and publicly read as time allows. All emailed comments will so be distributed to the entire Committee at or before the meeting. Thank you for your understanding and patience as we all try to get through these unprecedented times.

Name	Present	Absent	Name	Present	Absent
Cyndy Paul	(x)	()		()	()
Mary Heinemann	(x)	()	Deb Rogers	(x)	()
Michael McPeck	(x)	()	Eric Robeck	(x)	()
Glen Mehrhoff	()	()	Robin Huels	(x)	()
Gary Johnson	(x)	()	Tye Lydon	(x)	()
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**CALL TO ORDER
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

I. Approval of Minutes for April 5th 2021 –
 Cyndy Paul 1st Mary 2nd Unanimous
 Alderman Murath: Correct Defiantly to Definitely in section regarding the Parks Master Plan Discussion

II. Public Comments – None

III. New Business-
 1). Park Master Plan Discussion - Alderman Huels

Alerman Huels: opened the conversations for questions regarding the master plan:

Alderman Huels: thinks that a park master plan would be great and that she in favor of one if we would use one. Just wants to make sure that if we have one that we would implement if approved.

Eric Robeck: There are maintenance items that we need to keep upgrading and that requires funds that doesn't need a master plan. Also thinks that there are opportunities to improve upon the existing status. Having plan will allow us to improve parks as we upgrade and not maintain the status quo.

Deb Rogers: Putting more money into existing structures without taking a close look at the connectivity between the parks and greenway, types of opportunities to really give us a bump and make them appealing to the greater area. Now is the time and we have the momentum at this point. One of our main concerns with Planning Design Studios was the path towards the implementation and was one of the most important issues that we discussed with them. The other half of that is that we are going to have to work every step along the way with the Board of Alderman to get step by step approval for the projects as they come. Is hoping that we will come to terms with the plan an get started with it.

Eric Robeck: Tye sent an example survey from the City of Collinsville, but am sure the one that they would prepare for the City of Fenton would be very similar. Not only would it build into the master plan but it's a survey of the city residents, which parks do you visit, how much do you value them, what would you like to see in these parks. Just this survey alone has value to Fenton to know how the parks are being used even absent a master plan to improve them.

Gary Johnson: That was a very good questionnaire. Assumes there are other vehicles to gather information such as zoom meetings or links on the websites. Asks that there may be things coming down the road to make sure the park plan doesn't take another 20 years. Have to be careful of how the information is

Alderman Murath: Master plan got a lot going and a lot of momentum but one of the biggest things that we have to look at is the whole pie and not just one side of it. Asked the City Administrator to put together a list of big-ticket items that we know are coming down the pipe and give us an idea from the time the parks/storm water tax has been initiated. Give us some sort of an idea how much money out of the parks/stormwater has been used for stormwater and what has been used for parks. I think you will find that overwhelmingly that you will it's been for parks. That's not how the tax was sold to the people. We have in front of us now some major flooding issues and the cost of the pool. Appreciates the comment and thinks its so important to this and does not think there is any one of us that are not interested in a master plan with the parks. Just not sure what we are going to get and what we want to spend for our \$72,000. Is there a possibility to do an ala carte. Can we put the survey out and depending on what the survey is and decide feasibility and am looking at different options? There is no intent of any members of this board to nix the idea of a plan. Were just trying to not revisit the year 2000. Thinks we have time to discuss and keep it going and not let it drop but to also be responsible for what we are doing.

Alderman Huels: Spoke on the master plan survey that way we will know what type of questions they will be asking or what we will be asking. As alderman Maurath said just the connectivity alone could be the only thing that we could do. There may not be a wish or a want for that but without knowing what kind of things that the board has coming down the road and that we need to look at the big picture and not just wow our parks need attention and we need a master plan. Not against the master plan as long as it's done with the budget in mind.

Eric Robeck: master plan will be administered by Tye and the Board of Alderman just what can be accomplished and the nice thing about the master plan is that they are usually made for 10 or more years. There are constraints that didn't occur to people to 20 years ago such as ADA ACT which the City of Fenton has agreed to following for all future developments. This would prevent us from creating trails from RiverChase to Westside Park today. We need to envision ways to connect parks to meet logistics requirements and engineering support to do that. Need to be realistic and gauge the community feedback and filter it through the proper channels. This way if it gets approved it will be something realistic and able to be completed.

Deb Rogers: Understands the constraints. Flooding was discussed with Planning Design studios but one of the things that can be planned to help manage the flooding could be the installation of native plants and helps mitigate the issues that comes from flooding. Need to have these resources and plans so you can take into consideration.

Mary Heinemann: When we acquire the property is there a plan in place beyond on like were going to get this property because its along the river? Is there ever a plan in place for usage? Does not seem like there is a plan after the property for its use. That would be the power of the master plan is to have a purpose of the properties that the city of Fenton has other than just having the property.

Alderman Maurath: We have acquired properties along the Meramec River through federal grant monies to mitigate any of the structures that were there. Must understand that there is nothing you can do with that property other than have it remain as green space.

Mary Heinemann: We have been luck enough to acquire the property. Now it seems to me that a master plan would address this property that they City of Fenton owns and utilize it for the citizens for this area. Would be nice to see ideas from the community move forward.

Alderman Maruath: Only certain things that you can do on the Fabic Property and on a lot of the properties that are along the Meramec River.

Andrew Franke PDS: Survey is designed to be administered by mail and followed up by if people want to do it on the internet. It is random and is typically not opened to everyone. The reason is that a lot of times a big issue and overloads the survey and skews the survey. Random is much more evenly distributed. Could do internet surveys but mailouts are the randoms and statistically valid.

Alderman Huels: Do you ever do it like an ala carte approach?

Andrew Franke PDS: Sometimes we do but we just must figure out. We can break it down typically. Usually what we would do the four major phases. We would not just want to do the survey and that we would want to do all the data collection and at the end of the phase if you want to stop and wait to see what the pool bill is. We could certainly do it. Break it down into the four major phases with clean stop points. Submit report once phase is completed. Set projects into short-, medium- and long-term projects or by the list of importance but can change and be flexible year to year.

Michael McPeek: What does the participation have to be for the survey to be successful?

Andrew Franke: 150 surveys would need to be completed for the survey to be considered. Would follow up the mailings with phone calls until they would reach the 150 surveys. Would also put an internet link on the survey and would allow them to complete online. ETC Institute would be the survey subcontractor.

Michael McPeek: 1700 houses and you only need 150 people to respond back? What does statistically valid mean?

Andrew Franke: Yes, the 150 people give you a plus or minus 5% margin of error in a 95% level of confidence.

2). Bush Honey Suckle Removal/planting native species at city parks – Scott George

Scott George: have cleared along the trail and that tract around the nature preserve and hope Be doing more in the coming weeks. Two objectives Drainage Swale at Bud Weil that comes down goes around the lake and the idea was to put some native grasses and native plants to slow erosion and filter the water. Idea is for them to spread and make a ground cover for some vegetation for the swale.

Tye Lydon: We do have some flower beds and different things at RiverChase and City Parks and do you have any recommendations for those plantings?

Scott George: Gave information to Nikki regarding the flowers/local nurseries.

Deb Rogers: Appreciates everything that you are doing. How do I get that information to get on to your volunteer list?

Tye Lydon: I can forward all information to committee members as well as the Board of Alderman.

Eric Robeck: Makes a monion to recommend Scott Georges proposal to plant native wildflowers at Bud Wiel Park to the Board of Alderman.

Deb Rogers: 2nds

3). Landscaping at City Paks and RiverChase

Tye Lydon: We do have the islands at the parking lots and in the city parks, will speak with Dan this week to spray and to see what type of plants to put in there?

Cyndy Paul: Mulch would be better than the weeds right now

4). Saint Paul's Soccer Tournament

Tye Lydon: Request the dates August 8th – 15th at the City Park and would rent out all of the pavilions and soccer fields within the City Park.

Cyndy Paul: Motioned to allow the Saint Paul's to use the City Park from August 8th – 15th.

Eric Robeck: Seconds motion.

IV. **Old Business: None**

V. **Miscellaneous Director Updates –**

VI. **PARK REPORTS:**

Board Members Present Park Reports -

Bud Weil – Rogers: Noticed the bush honeysuckle removal, Pavilion needs to be cleaned, tree stump needs to be removed. Memorial plate is loose.

Meramec Greenway – Johnson: Caps are broken on the pavilion and need replaced,

Riverside Park - Johnson: Seal blacktop on the basketball court.

RiverChase – Paul: weeds in flower beds, ring missing from sprinkler head where the ceiling tile. Cracked electrical outlet by admin offices, few ceiling tiles that are soiled.

Westside –Robeck: scar on walkway, ruts by pond from MDC, cages in the water for the natives are still there. Mud

Fabick – Robeck:

Fenton City Park – Mehrhoff

Heroes Memorial – Heinemann: Cedar tree to be cut down due to lean. Memorial Looks good.

Olde Towne Plaza Park & Valiant – Heinemann: Rock in parking lots at olde towne, Valiant park: Girls restroom is out of commission.

cc: Mayor
City Administrator
Board of Aldermen

City Clerk
Public Works Director
Recreation Supervisors

City Planner