

**AGENDA**  
**St. Charles County**  
**Parks and Recreation Advisory Board**  
**Wednesday, July 12, 2023 at 3:00 pm**  
**Broemmelsiek Park Meeting Room**  
**1795 Hwy DD, Defiance MO 63341**

**Public Comments**

**Approval of April 12, 2023 minutes**

**Closed Session** as per State Statute 610.021, subsection 2; land acquisition

**Board Communications**

Department Report – Park update

Board Member Discussion

Park Foundation Report

**Old Business:**

**New Business:**

Presentation by Natural Resource Forestry Division

**Agenda Items for October 2023**

**Adjournment**

**Posted: June 27, 2023**

**St. Charles County Parks and Recreation  
Advisory Board Meeting  
Matson Hill Barn  
3576 Stub Road  
Defiance, MO 63341  
April 12, 2023**

Members Present: Yvonne Deyo, Larry Henderson, Ruth Mellor, Bill Wallace & Robert Wohler

Absent: Nathan Goff, Terry Hollander, Will Klein, Shelley Machens, & Eric Montgomery.

Department Staff Present: Ryan Graham & Mary Glascock

Meeting was called to order by Chairperson Ruth Mellor at 3:07 pm.

A motion was made by Bill Wallace to approve the January 11, 2023 minutes. Larry Henderson provided a 2<sup>nd</sup>. All in favor 5/0 Minutes approved as written.

Shirley Pecoraro gave an update on the programs and events taking place at Lindenwood Park.

**Board Communications:**

**Department report** – Nancy Knowles recently passed away. She held the life estate on the Spring Bend Park. The development planning for the 120 acres is very restrictive per the agreement. The park will be natural wildflower areas, trails and shelters. We will be going out to bid for engineering services soon and hope to open the park to the public by the end of 2023. The connecting 5 acres ,Rennel’s Property, will have parking, and restrooms areas. One acre of the park will remain under the life estate of the care keeper, Mr. Dansen.

Oglesby Park phase 1 is complete. The entrance sign is up. Phase 2 will consist of the relocation of the schoolhouse and additional roadways. The park is very popular.

Development of Kinetic Park continues. The Council has approved \$12,000,000 for construction of the next phase which will include renovations to the existing building, Ranger office, shelters, a 1 acre playground and development of a new facility with an e-sports area & indoor pickleball courts.

Staff is busy overseeding parks, conducting controlled burns, aquatic treating of lakes and clearing phase 2 of the Dardenne Blueway.

Staffing is finally almost at 100%. We currently still have 3 full-time positions open.

At the beginning of 2023 the St. Charles County Smart Field became park property. The airport is currently breaking even or making a small profit. Lots of changes are being planned,

including rebranding and adding a recreational area. We are looking at making it a destination airport. The Commemorative Air Force still has their museum on-site.

**Foundation Update:** The last meeting was February 22, 2023. The new picnic/shelters that the Foundatio approved funding should be completed by last summer/ fall 2023.

Gretchen Jaspering submitted a grant proposal to Cuivre River Electric Community Trust Grant on January 23, 2023

Tom Borich is working on a policy for selling stock to present at the April meeting.

A Facebook page has been completed and work will continue to add further content and promotion.

QR code and business card concept approved to help promote the Foundation. The parks department will try to help with laminated sheets with the QR code to be available at various park programs.

Due to increased cost the price of commemorative benches has increased to \$3500.

The next Foundation meeting is April 19, 2023 at the Heritage Museum at 3:00 pm.

**Board members:**

Larry asked if there would be a plaque at Spring Bend recognizing the donation by the family. We will be placing a plaque with wording written by Nancy Knowles recognizing her parents/family.

Yvonne inquired about the status of MO Bluff's connecting with the Katy Trail. We are still working with MODot and DNR on getting the permit. The intergovernmental agreement is going to Council for approval to add a 10x20 stretch of rock.

Ruth mentioned that Oglesby Park recently won 2 state awards and 1 national award.

Ruth asked if the Tourism Grant had been awarded. It has not.

Bob mentioned that he saw Bekin at the event at Tower Grove Park promoting lots of County Park events.

Most of the Park Board Members terms have expired. Steve will have to reappoint. If anyone does not want to remain on the board, please let Vicky in the Executive's office know. Councilman Matt Swanson has expressed interest in becoming the Council liaison.

**Old Business:** N/A

**New Business:** N/A

**Agenda items for July 12 meeting** – Forestry presentation on Prescribed Burns.

A motion was made by Larry Henderson to adjourn meeting. A second was provided by Bill Wallace. All in favor 5-0. Meeting adjourned at 3:59 pm.

The next meeting will be July 12, 2023, at the Broemmelsiek meeting room in the Visitor's Center.