

ROCK HILL PARKS and RECREATION MINUTES  
FROM THE SEPTEMBER 20 MEETING

Call to Order: the meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm

Members Present: Christiansen, Ballard, Reardon, Scherry, Kachulis

Members Absent: Milligan

Others in Attendance: Dennis Ousley

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE AUGUST 16 MEETING

A motion to approve the minutes was made by Christiansen and seconded by Ballard.

Motion carried.

To accommodate Mr. Ousley the commission started with new business to discuss the planning of a jazz concert at Hensley Park.

NEW BUSINESS

DISCUSSION WITH DENNIS OUSLEY REGARDING JAZZ FESTIVAL IDEAS AT HENSLEY PARK

Mr. Housley was welcomed to the meeting and thanked for taking the time to be here. The first thing Mr. Ousley noted that having no electricity was a major problem and would limit the type of music that could be played. He was not in favor of using generators to supply electricity. He suggested an acoustic show, possibly Dixieland music or a horn section concert. He also suggested looking for an alternate site with electricity. Also discussed were publicity ideas, and the importance of avoiding conflicts with other events when scheduling a date. He mentioned the need to have a lot of volunteers to help with the event and that it would be a good idea to have food and other vendors at the concert. Lastly, he stated that doing these types of events is not cheap and that seeking co-sponsors would be a way to help defray costs.

After Mr. Ousley left, the commission discussed how best to proceed with this idea. After hearing everything Mr. Ousley had to say, the commission realized that this would not be an easy event to hold and felt that more time would be needed to determine if it would be possible. Jan and al were going to meet to discuss the best way to proceed and report to the commission.

OLD BUSINESS

GREENWOOD PARK

The commission was updated on the progress at Greenwood Park. It was noted that the old playground equipment had been removed and the new goal post has been installed. They were also informed that leveling of the ground and other site work is being done. The commission was informed that grass seed had been planted on the bare spots in the park. Lastly, the commission was told that the project should be completed by October 25 and there was a brief discussion about holding an open house at the park on October 27.

### PARK BUILDING

It was reported to the commission that the only thing holding up the demolition of the park building was the contractor getting the necessary permits for asbestos remediation from St. Louis County. Once the permits have been issued, the work can begin.

### CITY WIDE GARAGE SALE

The commission was updated on the status of the city wide garage sale. It was noted that registrations were down from 22 last year to 15 this year. However, we have more scheduled this one day that we have had the entire nine months.

### DATES FOR NEXT YEAR'S ACTIVITIES

The dates for next year's activities that were submitted by the director were approved by the commission. It was noted that no date for the jazz concert was submitted and that the city's version of National Night Out needs Board of Aldermen approval and may not be held in conjunction with our movie night. It was also noted that the Fall Festival needs Board approval and if the traditional date of the first Saturday in October is chosen, the festival will be held Saturday, October 5.

### FALL FESTIVAL

Commission members were reminded that the Fall Festival will be held Saturday, October 6. The parade starts at 11:00 am and the festival will be held at Market at McKnight from 11:30am to 6:00 pm.

### ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:42 pm

Respectfully, submitted,

Al Hayden, Director  
Rock Hill Parks and Recreation