

MINUTES
SPRINGFIELD-GREENE COUNTY PARK BOARD
Fees & Charges Committee
Park Board Administrative Offices, 1923 N. Weller, Springfield, Missouri
Thursday, January 30, 2025

1. ROLL CALL

Mr. Cody Danastasio called the meeting to order at 8:32 a.m.

Park Board Members Present: Don Chenevert, Jr., Cody Danastasio, Mark McNay,
Dr. Dianna Parker, Susie Turner

Park Board Committee Members Absent: Dr. Dale Moore, Royce Reding

Park Board Staff Present: Jim Fisher, Karen Mellinger, Jerry Mitchell, Miles Park, Kim Reser,
Ron Schneider, Jackson Thompson, Lana Woolsey

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE JANUARY 16, 2025, FEES AND CHARGES COMMITTEE MEETING

Dr. Dianna Parker made a motion to accept the minutes from the January 16, 2025, Fees and Charges Committee Meeting; seconded by Mr. Cody Danastasio. The motion passed unanimously.

3. PROPOSED 2025-2026 FEES AND CHARGES REVIEW AND DISCUSSION

Based upon the comments and questions raised at the January 16, 2025, Fees and Charges Committee Meeting, Parks staff revised two main areas. The first area, related to the Recreation program fees and charges, was presented by Assistant Director, Kim Reser, and updated changes from the last Committee meeting were reviewed, including new passholder rates to the Family Center cycling programs, value card increases that are more in line with membership rates, additional charges for extra birthday party participants, an increase for a Cruise Dog Park FOB replacement, adjustment in the ceramics program fee, increase in facility rentals fees at Northview Center, and an increased fee for SPARC before and after school programs. Assistant Director, Jackson Thompson, reviewed the second area related to the Dickerson Park Zoo. As suggested by the Committee, we are keeping the military and senior admission prices at the current rate. Additional information was provided by Assistant Director Thompson in response to questions raised at the last Committee meeting.

4. 2025-2026 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET WORKSHOP

The initial draft of the FY 2025-2026 Budget presented at the January 16, 2025, Fees and Charges Committee meeting, stated a proposed net loss of \$2,236,972. Superintendent of Business Operations, Jerry Mitchell, reviewed the revised Summary of Adjustments to the Proposed Budget, and based upon comments from the last meeting, staff worked to reduce the deficit by approximately \$1,600,000, with a remaining estimated loss of \$600,777. The

cost savings measures were reviewed and discussed with the Committee. Director of Parks Ron Schneider plans to discuss the remaining deficit amount with the City Manager's office and will provide any known updates at the Park Board Meeting on February 14, 2025, in which the FY 2025-2026 Budget will be presented. Due to the City's budget approval cycle, it may be necessary to have an additional meeting as the Parks budget will need to be adopted by the Board at its March 14, 2025, meeting. Director Schneider will also meet with the Greene County Commission officials to review and discuss the proposed budget, as well.

5. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Cody Danastasio made a motion to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Dr. Dianna Parker. The motion was passed unanimously. The meeting ended at 9:45 a.m.