



WILDWOOD

June 16, 2020

The Honorable City Council
City of Wildwood, Missouri
16860 Main Street
Wildwood, Missouri 63040

Re: Reopening of Park Facilities, including the Dog Park, Pavilions, Restrooms, and Playgrounds (Wards – All)

Council Members:

BACKGROUND INFORMATION >>>

In late March, much of the City’s parks facilities were modified or closed due to the global pandemic surrounding COVID-19 Coronavirus. With the evolving restrictions associated with the Stay-at-Home Orders, changing habits on how people gather and play, issuing of new guidelines from State, County, and federal health agencies and departments, all coupled with the need to get outside and exercise, the Committee has drafted a schedule for the reopening of the City’s park and recreation facilities. The Committee also considered and reviewed the proposed reopening schedule of St. Louis County Department of Parks and Recreation (the largest department of this nature in the St. Louis Metropolitan Area). Utilizing these resources, the Committee is proposing the following schedule for reopening and seeking the Council Members’ input:

PROPOSED REOPENING SCHEDULE >>>

Facility Type	Proposed Reopening Date	Recommendation & Proposed Modifications
Dog Park	June 22 nd	New gates were installed the week of June 16 th . Park can open safely the following week (week of June 22 nd).
Anniversary Park & Old Pond School Pavilions	June 29 th	Both pavilions have a rental capacity of thirty (30) individuals, which is in compliance with the County Executive’s Order on gathering size.
Community Park Pavilion	July 6 th	Proposing allowing pavilion rentals after the July 4 th Holiday. Parties would be limited in size to be in compliance with the County Executive’s Order of less than fifty (50) people.
Restrooms (Anniversary Park,	Undetermined	Temporary restroom facilities are available at both parks. The Department proposes

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Community Park, Glencoe City Park, and Al Foster Memorial Trailhead)		continuing utilization of the temporary facilities, which can be cleaned in mass, at a much lesser cost, with a sanitizing disinfectant spray, than the City's permanent facilities. To open the permanent facilities, they would have to be sanitized at least once a day, which has a significant expense associated with it.
Playgrounds (Anniversary Park, Community Park, Glencoe City Park, and Old Pond School Park)	Undetermined	The Department is awaiting direction from St. Louis County Department of Public Health and the County Executive's Office and will reopen playgrounds, when authorized by these entities.

COMMITTEE ACTION >>>

The Committee noted concerns with management of the closed playgrounds, when the pavilions are open, as well as enforcing limits on group size. Consensus was reached to create signage noting the regulations and alerting the public of their risk, if the rules are ignored. Therefore, acting at its June 16, 2020 meeting, the Planning and Parks Committee voted unanimously to support the reopening schedule noted in the table above. The Committee is respectfully requesting the Council's review of this list and endorsement of the same.

OTHER >>>

If any of the City Council Members should have questions or comments before tonight's meeting about this information, please feel free to contact the Department of Planning and Parks at (636) 458-0440. The Department of Planning and Parks will be available to respond to any questions or comments in this regard, which may be offered during tonight's Work Session agenda. Thank you for your review of this information.

Respectfully submitted,
CITY OF WILDWOOD

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