



City of Lawrence Board of Parks and Recreation - Regular Meeting
Wednesday, March 10, 2021 – 5:30 pm
Lawrence Government Center
Public Assembly Room

Members present: Jeff Vest, Tom Burns, Helen Taylor, Karen Taylor and Amy Norman

Staff: Eric Martin and Dina Gee

Guest: Phillip Broth, Randy Warman, Alex Parney and Judy Byron

Meeting was called to order by Jeff Vest at 5:30 pm.

Minutes:

Minutes of the February 10, 2021 meeting were distributed for review and clarification. Jeff Vest entertained a motion to accept the minutes as submitted. Motion was made by Helen Taylor to accept the minutes, seconded by Tom Burns. Motion carried 5-0.

Board Comment:

Sterrett Center and Jenn Park are undergoing renovations on the kitchens.

Fall Creek Softball and Baseball will be playing at the Community Park this year, so we will be relocating the fencing and removing the infield material at Lee Road Park.

Jeff would like Eric to send the Board a copy of this year's potential usage agreement and last year's agreement with Fall Creek for them to compare.

Director Comments:

The Fourth of July committee has not met yet but we have heard from the Carnival Vendor and they will be ready for this year.

The City is getting estimates for a Splash Pad at Community Park

The fountain at Jenn Park will be installed this month.

With Covid still a concern, the Park's Department will not be doing the traditional egg hunt. We are teaming up with the food drive at Community Park on March 25 where we will be handing out a sack of candy and an egg with a number in it. We will draw numbers out for prizes. This will be done either on facebook live or the City's website. Amy Norman will be helping with that part.

Old Business:

- a. **Catering Contracts** – Legal will be drawing up the contracts with the caterers.
- b. **GAA – Covid Plan** – Josh Lane has submitted to the Parks and Marion County Board of Health their Covid Plan. He is waiting to hear for approval from Marion County. Jeff entertained a motion to enter into a contract with GAA for 2021 with the approval of their Covid plan from Marion County Board of Health. Motion was made by Tom Burns to accept the contract, seconded by Karen Taylor. Motion carried 5-0.

New Business:

- a. **2021-2027 Master Plan Presentation by American Structure Point-** Phillip Broth presented a power point presentation to the Board. DNR approved it on Monday. They received 283 responses to a survey on line. 75% of those were Lawrence residents. They also did an online workshop and had 100 responses from that. Phillip informed the Board that they need to look over the plan and if any concerns to let them know. The Master Plan is due by April 15, 2021 if they would like to be able to apply for any grants this year.

Public Comments:

Judy Byron stated that the construction had started back up on the Cultural Campus this week. Windows are being custom made for the Visual Arts building and should be installed the last week of April. The VIP grand opening will be held May 21 and the Park's Board is invited to that. The Grand Opening for the public will be May 22.

Adjournment:

Jeff Vest adjourned the meeting at 6:40 p.m.

Secretary Signature: _____ Date: _____