



CITY OF LAWRENCE **PARKS AND RECREATION**

City of Lawrence Board of Parks and Recreation - Regular Meeting
Wednesday, January 12, 2022 – 5:30 pm
Lawrence Government Center
Public Assembly Room

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

Staff: Cori Korn, Eric Martin and Dina Gee

Guest: Elizabeth Masur

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

Minutes:

Minutes of the December 8, 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.

Election of Officers:

Jeff Vest was nominated for President by Tom Burns, seconded by Karen Taylor. Motion carried 5-0.

Tom Burns was nominated for Vice President by Karen Taylor, seconded by Helen Taylor. Motion carried 5-0.

Helen Taylor was nominated for Secretary by Tom Burns, seconded by Karen Taylor. Motion carried 5-0.

Board Comment:

Jeff would like to have a couple short session meetings to get Usage Agreements in order.

Arts for Lawrence is fixing the Visual Arts Building and the old lights have been replaced on the stage at the Sterrett Center. Curtains should be coming in next week.

Committee needs to meet about the new catering vendor for approval.

Pickle Ball courts are almost completed. Contractor is waiting on warmer weather to put the top coat on the courts. Everything else is done. Should be completed by the last of March or first of April.

Jeff asked Elizabeth Masur if she could get some ribbon for the ribbon cutting ceremony for the Butterfly Garden in April and also to create a power point presentation of the Butterfly Garden so the City could put it on the website.

Director Comment:

- a. **Budget Update:** The 2022 Budget amount will stay the same as the 2021 budget. The salaries and wages account increased \$30,000 with the Operating and Supplies accounts decreasing \$30,000.
- b. **Winterfest Update:** Cori Korn informed the Board that the revenue is down from 2021 due to the weather. She received a lot of good feedback from the Vendors and community. She also stated that the Park's guys did an awesome job. They were an important key to make the event happen.
- c. **Projects for 2022:** The Civic Center bid packages are going out tomorrow. The Reuse Authority will be opening the bids March 2nd and award the bid March 7, 2022. The department will be installing the new playground at Alexander Park. The Community Center is getting new paint, flooring and ceiling tiles. New signage for Lee Road Park. Roof replacement at the Sterrett Center. New HVAC at the Sterrett Center and Alexander Park.

Old Business:

New Business:

Public Comment:

Cori Korn informed the Board that the department is talking with CCA Social Sports to oversee the adult coed sports and activities at Lee Road Park and other parks.

February 24, 2022 from 6:30pm – 7:30pm will be a Black History Celebration at the Theater at the Fort.

Adjournment: Jeff adjourned the meeting at 6:06.

Secretary Signature: _____

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Date: _____

February 9, 2022