



City of Lawrence Board of Parks and Recreation - Regular Meeting  
Wednesday, January 8, 2020 – 6:00 pm  
Lawrence Government Center  
Public Assembly Room

Members present: Jeff Vest, Judy Logsdon and Helen Taylor

Staff: Eric Martin and Dina Gee

Guest: Judy Byron

Meeting was called to order by Jeff Vest at 6:01 pm.

**Minutes:**

Minutes of the revised November 13, 2019 and December 12, 2019 meeting were distributed for review and clarification. Jeff Vest entertained a motion to accept the revised November 13, 2019 and the December 12, 2019 minutes as submitted. Motion was made by Helen Taylor to accept the minutes, seconded by Helen Taylor. Motion carried 3-0.

**Election of Officers:**

Jeff informed Board that MSDLT will appoint a new member to the Board to replace Shawn Denney.

Jeff opened a motion for election of officers. Helen Taylor entertained a motion for officers to remain the same as it was last year. Judy Logsdon seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

**Board Comment:**

The demo at Explorer Park started today and trees were trimmed. We are hoping to start installation next week weather permitting.

Jeff stated we need to work on getting the youth groups in to go over the 2020 agreements. Eric said he will have Lawrence Baseball and Fall Creek at the February Board meeting.

With all the rain coming the sledding hill needs to be addressed. Eric said he will try to get some dirt and at least fill in the holes.

Judy informed Eric that the improvements are needed at the Community Center this year.

Judy stated that a security system and panic button needs to be installed at the Sterrett Center for safety. Eric agreed and said he will check into getting a quote for all buildings with surveillance cameras.

**Reports from Parks Director:**

Grant with Structure Point will get with us soon to form a schedule regarding the Master Plan. Jeff stated we need a sub-committee to oversee it.

Revenue from 2019 rentals did stay about the same except for Jenn Park. The rental revenue did increase. We do plan on painting the exterior of that building this year.

City employees did receive a raise this year.

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:**

**a. Acceptance of 2020 Board Meeting Dates:**

Jeff Vest entertained a motion to change the November meeting date to November 4, 2020 and to change the meeting time to 5:30 pm. Helen Taylor made a motion to accept the November 4, 2020 meeting date and the time change to 5:30, seconded by Judy Logsdon. Motion carried 3-0.

**Public Comments:**

Judy Byron addressed the Board regarding the Cultural Campus progress. They have started work on the patio connecting the Sterrett Center and the Theater The start of the addition on the back of the Theater and the Communications building will begin in February or March and should be completed by June. The start of the Plaza should begin this summer and completed by 2021.

The Arts for Lawrence is having a Swing Dance at the Sterrett Center on February 14, 2020. The revenue will be split three ways between the Parks, Theater and Band.

**Adjournment:**

Jeff Vest adjourned the meeting at 6:28 p.m.

Secretary Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_