



CITY OF LAWRENCE **PARKS AND RECREATION**

City of Lawrence Board of Parks and Recreation – Regular Meeting
Wednesday, October 11, 2023 – 5:30 pm
Lawrence Government Center Public Assembly Room

Members present: Jeff Vest, Tom Burns, Helen Taylor, Crystal Pucket and Karen Taylor

Staff: Eric Martin and Dina Gee

Guest: Scooter Carey, Liz Masur

Meeting was called to order by Jeff Vest at 5:28 pm.

Minutes:

Minutes of the September 13, 2023 meeting were distributed for review and clarification. Tom Burns stated that the City of Lawrence doesn't pay Indianapolis park taxes, but it is collected from the City of Lawrence through the county wide tax collection. Jeff Vest entertained a motion to accept the minutes as amended. Motion was made by Tom Burns to accept the minutes, seconded by Helen Taylor. Motion carried 5-0.

Board Comments:

Jeff updated the Board that the rain gardens completion date will be next week. Jeff gave a shout out to the Parks Department guys for doing a great job with all the extra duties they did helping with the marathon and Out Run the Sun event. The addition of the butterfly gardens has been sprayed and will be sprayed again next week before the planting of the seeds in November. The next level trail update is this Friday. The Cultural Campus had some electrical issues at the Dia Latino De Lawrence event. Since then, the Parks Department had Farrar Electric come out and now each pole has its own service. The Veterans program will be held at Civic Plaza on Veterans Day. All youth sports should be done this week with the exception to football, they will be ending at the end of the month with their Halloween Bash.

Directors Report:

Eric informed the Board that the Finance Committee will meet on October 18th to discuss the 2024 Budget and hope to move it to full Council afterwards. The Halloween Fest is this Friday at the Civic Plaza.

Old Business: - None

New Business: -

- a. **FC Pride Agreement** – Tabled
- b. **Change in Facility Rental Fees:**

Eric stated that we would like to have one rental fee for each venue verses the City of Lawrence resident and Non-Resident fee. After discussion, Jeff would like to have City legal draw something up for the November meeting to vote on.

- c. **Year End Appropriations:**

Eric asked the Board to approve Resolution No.3, 2023 which had a list of year end appropriations that would include new tables, chairs, dollies, picnic tables and a trailer for City events. After discussion, Jeff

entertained a motion to accept Resolution No. 3, 2023 as submitted by Eric. Motion was made by Helen Taylor to accept Resolution No.3, 2023, seconded by Karen Taylor. Motion carried 5-0.

Public Comments: Scooter Carey informed the Board that the seed has been purchased for the expansion of the Butterfly Garden at Jenn Park.

Adjournment: Jeff Vest adjourned the meeting at 6:03pm.

Secretary Signature: _____ Date: _____