



CITY OF LAWRENCE **PARKS AND RECREATION**

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

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

Staff: Cori Korn, Eric Martin and Dina Gee

Guest: Judy Byron, Virgil Aldridge, Rueben Amy, Kevin Miller, Trace Yates, Elizabeth Masur, Brittany Anderson and Michael DeSanto

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

Minutes:

Minutes of the October 13, 2021 meeting were distributed for review and clarification. Jeff Vest entertained a motion to accept the minutes as submitted. Motion was made by Amy Norman to accept the minutes, seconded by Helen Taylor. Motion carried 4-0.

Board Comment:

AV system and curtains for the Sterrett Center has been ordered and Farrah is doing the electrical work.

Amy stated that the Bark Park needs signage for who to contact to become a member.

The fencing at the Soccer Complex needs to be taken out.

The Civic Plaza is 90% done for the set up for Winterfest. Winterfest is November 26th and Arts for Lawrence will have free movies that evening after festivities.

Director Comment:

The Budget is still not finalized. The Council cut the Park's budget by \$174,000 for 2022. We will be about the same or a little less than 2021. No raises for employees and projects cut. Controller is looking in this year's budget for roofing and a HVAC system for the Sterrett Center. We did order new playground equipment for Alexander Park out of this year's budget as well.

The Catering RFP is out. We will have a Vendor meeting at the Sterrett Center on November 17th at 9am and all RFP's are due November 19th.

Old Business:

a. Lawrence Community Park Foundation Update:

The Foundation is hosting a fundraiser for a 10 station fit trail for Lee Road Nature Trail. The projected cost is \$7,000 and to be installed Spring of 2022.

Giving Tuesday is a fundraiser to donate to a non-profit organization in November.

Trace Yates announced that he will no longer be a part of the Community Park Foundation.

b. Butterfly Garden Update:

The agreement with Cardno has been signed and signs have been ordered. They have not started the planting yet.

c. Art for Lawrence Update:

Judy announced that they had raving reviews of last week's "Elizabeth Rex" movie. They have also met with contractor about the flooding in the basement. They are still talking about the parking situation.

d. Lee Road Trail Update:

They are almost finished with the paving on Lee Road Trail.

New Business:

a. LTFL:

Virgil announced that Rueben Amy is the new president. The goal was to have around 300 participants. This year they had 137 including cheer. They were able to be self-sustained financially. Virgil requested a meeting with Joe Murphy and Eric to discuss the updates needed at Community Park.

b. OYO:

Brittany stated although they were not able to have a Fall Ball Tournament due to weather but 2021 was the best year ever. Sponsorship raised \$43,000 and concession raised \$12,000. OYO put over \$27,000 into Veteran's Park in 2021

Public Comment: None

Adjournment: Jeff adjourned the meeting at 7:05.

Secretary Signature: _____ Date: _____