



CITY OF LAWRENCE **PARKS AND RECREATION**

City of Lawrence Board of Parks and Recreation – Regular Meeting
Wednesday, November 8, 2023 – 5:30 pm
Lawrence Government Center Public Assembly Room

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

Staff: Cori Korn, Eric Martin and Dina Gee

Guest: Liz Masur

Meeting was called to order by Jeff Vest at 5:32 pm.

Minutes:

Minutes of the October 11, 2023 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 Comments:

Veterans Day program is Saturday at Civic Plaza and the Rain Gardens are completely finished. The fencing needs to be removed at Lee Road Park. The Pickleball Players requested there be 2 courts available during the winter months. We are on Round 3 with the Trails which consist of sending out offers for the purchase of properties. The next step is a pre-bid meeting on the 15th and December 14th will be opening of the bids. Cori informed the Board of Winterfest starting November 25th and all the activities that are planned for it.

Directors Report:

Eric informed the Board that we had some vandalism at our Parks. At Community Park someone broke one of the slides at the playground. We have a replacement slide on order. Also, someone broke into the batting facility at Lee Road Park.

Old Business: - None

New Business: -

a. FC Pride Agreement –

The agreement would be for 5 years with an option for another 5 years when that is up starting November 8, 2023 through November 7, 2028. FC Pride will pay utilities and will pay \$10,000 per year to the Parks Department. Jeff entertained a motion to enter into an agreement with FC Pride. Motion was made by Helen Taylor to accept the agreement, seconded by Karen Taylor. Motion carried 5-0.

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 made a motion to change the rates effective November 9, 2023. Motion was made by Tom Burns to accept the changes, seconded by Karen Taylor. Motion carried 5-0.

c. Sterrett Center Expenditures:

Eric explained to the Board that Heartland Films had a water leak and needed chimney caps for the building. The estimates for repairs were close to \$4,000. Eric asked the Board to adjust Heartland Films rent to allow for repairs. Jeff entertained a motion to make the appropriate adjustments for the rent from Heartland Films. Motion was made by Tom Burns to accept rent adjustment, seconded by Helen Taylor. Motion carried 5-0.

d. CCA 2024 Facility Agreement:

The agreement would start March 26, 2024 and run through October 31, 2024 for the usage of 4 pickleball courts and the baseball/softball diamond at Lee Road Park. CCA would pay the City \$4,472. Jeff entertained a motion to enter into an agreement with CCA for the usage of Lee Road Park for 2024. Motion was made by Karen Taylor to accept the agreement, seconded by Tom Burns. Motion carried 5-0.

Public Comments:

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

Secretary Signature: _____ Date: _____