



# CITY OF LAWRENCE **PARKS AND RECREATION**

City of Lawrence Board of Parks and Recreation – Regular Meeting  
Wednesday, December 14, 2022 – 5:30 pm  
Lawrence Government Center  
Public Assembly Room

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

**Staff:** Eric Martin, Cori Korn and Dina Gee

**Guest:** Michael DeSanto

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

**Minutes:**

Minutes of the November 9, 2022 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 Karen Taylor. Motion carried 5-0.

**Board Comments:**

Jeff informed the Board how frustrated and disappointed he was in the Common Council. They approved a 3.6 million dollar bond for projects at the parks and then reversed the vote so now there will not be any big Park projects for 2023.

Cori announced that Heartland is planning their ribbon cutting for January 25, 2023 at the Sterrett Center.

**Directors Report:**

See below

**Old Business: - None**

**New Business: -**

**a. 2023 Meeting Dates:**

Jeff Vest entertained a motion to accept the 2023 Parks Board meeting dates. Motion was made by Helen Taylor to accept the dates, seconded by Tom Burns. Motion carried 5-0.

**b. OYO – End of the Year Update:**

Michael DeSanto updated the Board on 2022. He said they received nearly \$56,000 in sponsorships and the enrollment is on the rise. They did have a coach misuse league money and they are talking to police on the matter. OYO is checking into pricing for an indoor facility to build at Veterans Park.

**c. 2022 Accomplishments and Goals:**

We have completed the Civic Center, roofing and hvac at the Sterrett Center, kitchen remodel at Community Center and the Cultural Campus. We still need to install the playground at Alexander Park, signs at Burns and Explorer Park. We still need the design work for the Lee Road Trails.

**d. 2023 Accomplishments and Goals:**

Next year we would like to expand the pickleball courts and the butterfly habitat. Our goal is to expand the butterfly habitat, start construction for the Lee Road trail, install playground equipment at the Community Park and purchase new scoreboard lights and PA system for Community Park. Our 5-year capital rotation is for a truck, mower and a sprayer.

**e. 2023 Budget Review:**

Our 2023 budget did not go up much from 2022, so we will maintain the park's ground and try to do any projects that the budget allows for us to do.

**f. AFL Update:**

Arts for Lawrence has teamed up with Heartland and they will be showing Christmas movies this weekend.

**g. City Program Update:**

Some events that will be new in 2023 are Trunk or Treat with the YMCA on May 20<sup>th</sup> and the Fire Department is going to have a pickleball tournament. Potentially we are also adding a St. Patrick's Day event.

**h. Usage Agreement – Alzheimers Association of Indianapolis with Edward Jones:**

The agreement is for 8 pickleball courts at Lee Road Park on July 15, 2023 for a fee of \$768. Jeff entertained a motion to enter into an agreement with Edward Jones for the usage of 8 pickleball courts on July 15, 2023 for \$768. Motion was made by Amy Norman to accept the agreement, seconded by Helen Taylor. Motion carried 5-0.

**Public Comments:**

**Adjournment:** Jeff adjourned the meeting at 6:05pm.

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