



CITY OF LAWRENCE **PARKS AND RECREATION**

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

Members present: Tom Burns, Helen Taylor, Karen Taylor and Crystal Puckett

Staff: Eric Martin and Cori Korn

Guest: Liz Masur, Becky Parker, Virgil Aldridge, Amy Norman, Rochelle “Scooter” Carey, Michael Ault and Adam Howell.

Meeting was called to order by Tom Burns at 5:30 pm.

Minutes:

Minutes of the January 11, 2023 meeting and Special meeting of February 1, 2023 were distributed for review and clarification. Tom Burns entertained a motion to accept the minutes as submitted. Motion was made by Helen Taylor to accept the minutes, seconded by Karen Taylor. Motion carried 4-0.

Board Comments: Tom Burns introduced the Boards newest member, Mrs. Crystal Puckett, who will be representing the Metropolitan School District of Lawrence Township. Mrs. Puckett is a graduate of the MSDLT and had Mr. Burn’s wife as a teacher while attending Belzer Middle School.

Directors Report: Eric reported that the playground was completed at Alexander Park and is awaiting the pouring of the border and protective surfacing. The equipment has been delivered for the 2-5 year old playground at Community Park and will be installed soon.

Old Business: - None

New Business: -

- a. Presentation by Heartland Film Festival:
Michael Ault came before the Board to thank them for the opportunity to lease the Sterrett Center and informed them of the completion of phase 1 improvements. He also invited the Board to the ribbon cutting ceremony on February 15th at 3:30pm. Adam Howell referenced several community engagement projects which will be set into motion this summer. He referred everyone to the website for updated programs and projects.
- b. Virgil Aldridge of Fall Creek Softball and Baseball addressed the Board regarding the expected increase in children which will partake in their program this spring and fall. He also asked the board to consider retaining the parking lot south of middle entrance to allow for additional parking for fields one and two.

- c. Addendum to 2023 CCA Agreement: A motion was made by Helen Taylor to accept the addendum to allow CCA to use the Lee Road Pickleball Courts on Tuesday evenings, seconded by Karen Taylor. Motion carried 4 -0.
- d. Drum Corp International: A motion was made by Karen Taylor to accept the facility usage agreement at Burns Park to allow for four dates in August, 2023, seconded by Helen Taylor. Motion carried 4-0.
- e. Gaelic Athletic Association: A motion was made by Helen Taylor to accept the facility usage agreement with GAA for the Burns Park fields for calendar year 2023, seconded by Karen Taylor. Motion carried 4-0.
- f. Rebecca Muller: A motion was made by Karen Taylor to accept the facility usage agreement with Rebecca Muller to allow for a pickleball tournament at Lee Road Park on September 23, 2023 to benefit the Alzheimer's Association of Indianapolis, seconded by Helen Taylor. Motion carried 4-0.
- g. Amy Norman address the Board to ask for a donation of park shelter rental for the 2023 MSDLT Foundation Gala to be available for the silent auction, Motion was made by Karen Taylor to approve the donation, seconded by Crystal Puckett. Motion carried 4-0.

Public Comments: Cori Korn presented a gift of appreciation to Amy Norman for her two plus years of Board service.

Adjournment: Tom Burns adjourned the meeting at 6:05pm.

Secretary Signature: _____ Date: _____