



City of Lawrence Board of Parks and Recreation - Regular Meeting
Wednesday, March 11, 2020 – 5:30 pm
Lawrence Government Center
Public Assembly Room

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

Staff: Joe Murphy, Eric Martin and Dina Gee

Guest: Judy Byron and Lauren Russel

Meeting was called to order by Jeff Vest at 5:33 pm.

Minutes:

Minutes of the February 12, 2020 meeting were distributed for review and clarification. Jeff Vest entertained a motion to accept the minutes as submitted. Motion was made by Tom Burns to accept the minutes, seconded by Helen Taylor. Motion carried 4-0.

Board Comment:

The Park's crew will be breaking ground for the new playground equipment at Explorer Park tomorrow and installation next week weather permitting.

The parks still have a couple trees that need to be cut down. We have new seedlings coming in and will be ready to plant in the fall.

Eric needs to get some quotes for the fencing at Play Park for safety reasons.

Reports from Parks Director:

Opening day for OYO will be April 18, 2020.

Opening day for Fall Creek will be April 25, 2020.

The new School Board Member is Wendy Munston.

We have been conducting interviews for the full time maintenance position.

We would like to switch from Johnson Controls to Koorsen Fire and Safety. The contract is a 3year contract for \$2,500 which is about \$400 cheaper than we paid Johnson Controls. They would cover the Sterrett Center, Community Center and the Maintenance Building. They would also inspect all the fire extinguishers. Jeff entertained a motion to enter into a contract with Koorsen Fire and Safety. Motion was made by Tom Burns to accept the contract, seconded by Helen Taylor. Motion carried 4-0.

Old Business: None

New Business:

a. Masterplan Steering Committee:

Eric informed the Board that the committee meeting was March 26, 2020 from 4pm to 6pm at the Sterrett Center. The background as far as mapping has already been done.

b. Proposed Tournament Dates - FCSB:

FCSB is requesting 22 tournament dates for USSSA from April through October. Eric didn't know all the details but the ages range from 8-18 years of age. Eric recommended the Board talk to USSSA to get more details. He also recommended the Board enter into an agreement with them for liability reasons.

Public Comments:

Judy Byron from Arts for Lawrence announced the renovation at the Theater is completed and they will be moving back in next week. The ribbon cutting will be April 3rd. The end of March Phase 2 and 3 will be starting which includes the extension of the Theater and the moving of the communications building.

Adjournment:

Jeff Vest adjourned the meeting at 5:57 p.m.

Secretary Signature: _____ Date: _____