



City of Lawrence Board of Parks and Recreation - Regular Meeting
Wednesday, May 11, 2016 - 6:00 pm
Lawrence Government Center
Public Assembly Room

Members present: Jeff Vest, Tom Burns, Judy Logsdon, Carol Helmus and Helen Taylor (arrived after meeting started)

Staff: Maura Hoff, Eric Martin and Dina Gee

Other: City Clerk, Kathy Walton

Guest: Ed Richardson, Jamie Gilbert, Todd Coulter and Mark Lemon

Meeting was called to order by Jeff Vest at 6:04 pm.

Minutes:

Minutes of the April 13, 2016 meetings were distributed for review and clarification. Jeff entertained a motion to accept the minutes as submitted. Motion was made by Tom Burns to accept the minutes, seconded by Judy Logsdon. Motion carried 4-0.

Reports from Parks Director:

The Red Lions Soccer tournament had some games that were postponed due to the weather but was successful thanks to FC Pride.

The City has begun the planning process for the 4th of July.

Board Comment:

The parking lots are still an issue. Eric will try to apply for some grants to help out with the cost to repair them.

The Veterans Park playground is old. That is a project that the department is hoping to replace this year from the monies in the cumulative capital account.

The baseball field lights at the Community Park are staying on late at night.

Old Business:

- a. Facility Usage Agreement for FC Pride Soccer Club - Ed Richardson from FC Pride presented to the Board a presentation on how important soccer is. His goal is to try to merge the three groups under one umbrella with a Board of Directors. Tom Burns nominated Jeff Vest and Carol Helmus to a subcommittee for the Parks.
- b. Facility Usage Agreement for Lawrence Soccer Club - Jeff Vest has a meeting with Lawrence Soccer Club tomorrow to hear their input on the matter.

New Business:

- a. Facility Usage Agreement for Spartan Race, Inc. – Maura informed the Board that the event would take place on May 21, 2016 at the sledding hill in the Community Park with a fee of \$100.00. Jeff entertained a motion to enter into an agreement with Spartan Race, Inc. for the usage of the sledding hill at the Lawrence Community Park. Motion was made by Carol Helmus to accept the agreement, seconded by Tom Burns. Motion carried 5-0.
- b. Facility Usage Agreement for JB’s Soccer League – The agreement is for the usage of four soccer fields at \$100.00 each. Jeff entertained a motion to enter into an agreement with JB’s Soccer League for the usage of the four soccer fields at the Lawrence Community Park. Motion was made by Tom Burns to accept the agreement, seconded by Helen Taylor. Motion carried 5-0.

Upcoming Calendar of Events:

The City has been working on a list of events for the 4th of July. They plan to have bands, car show, fish fry and fireworks. Monarch has donated \$15,000 for the fireworks. Jeff entertained a motion to approve the Darkstar agreement for the fireworks. Motion made by Helen Taylor to accept the agreement, seconded by Judy Logsdon. Motion carried 5-0.

The Marines are looking to host a marine recruiting exercise at the Community Park on the sledding hill June 11, 2016 from 9-4. Jeff entertained a motion to enter into an agreement with the Marines for the usage of the sledding hill at the Community Park on June 11, 2016 from 9-4 with fees waived. Motion made by Judy Logsdon to accept the agreement, seconded by Helen Taylor. Motion carried 5-0.

The Special Olympics is wanting to use some baseball fields at the Community Park, every Monday evening, from July 11 – September 12. They have around 60 – 70 participants. The Board is willing to waive all fees unless the Special Olympics charge participants to participate. Jeff entertained a motion to enter into an agreement with the Special Olympics for the usage of baseball fields at the Lawrence Community Park from July 11, 2016 through September 12, 2016. Motion made by Tom Burns to accept agreement, seconded by Carol Helmus. Motion carried 5-0.

Public Comments: None

Jeff Vest adjourned the meeting at 7:14 p.m. Secretary Signature:

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