



City of Lawrence Board of Parks and Recreation
Regular Meeting
Wednesday, May 12, 2021
5:30 pm
Lawrence Government Center
Public Assembly Room

MINUTES

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

Staff: Eric Martin

Guest: Trace Yates and Judy Byron

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

Minutes:

Minutes of the April 14, 2021 regular meeting were distributed for review and approval. Tom Burns made a motion to approve, seconded by Helen Taylor, motion carried 5 – 0.

Board Comments:

Jeff Vest commented that the sports leagues were all up and running with maximum participation at OYO. He also expressed his appreciation to the Lawrence Park Foundation and OYO for planting trees at Veterans Park on April 30th. Tom Burns asked if the parking lots at Community Park will be patched or paved this year, Eric commented that it may be possible to use some of the COVID Relief funds for infrastructure and possible paving projects.

Directors Report:

Eric provided to the Board the latest appropriation report and stated that the budget was in good shape and to expect the usage of overtime in the next months with the increasing rentals of the shelters and park buildings. He told the Board that he performed a sight visit to Tipton Indiana to meet with the organizers of a July 10th street festival which will be renting the portable stage at a cost of \$1500 dollars for the day. He discussed the City wide cleanup which took place on April 15, with the Parks Employees working along 46th street from Mitthoffer to Carroll Road. The landscaping at the Sterrett Center was postponed from April 7th to the 13th due to rain.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

FC Pride Agreement – 2021

The standard agreement for usage of the 21 soccer fields and concession buildings was provided for review and comment. Jeff discussed that he had met with the FC Pride Board and include a 30,000 dollar in-kind services to the park for their 2021 season. Motion was made by Helen Taylor to approve, seconded by Amy Norman, motion carried 5 – 0.

Primetime Amusements Agreement – 2021

The carnival agreement was presented to the Board, with the carnival scheduled to arrive on June 28th, with the rides running from July 1st though July 4th. The payment to the City will include 15 percent of the first 100,000 dollars and 20 percent of anything over 100,000 dollars. Discussion was had on security and Eric mentioned that the carnival will pay security and fencing costs. Tom Burns motioned to approve, seconded by Karen Taylor, motion carried 5 – 0.

Report from Lawrence Community Park Foundation:

Trace Yates discussed with the Board the tree planting project at Veterans Park, the scheduled food distribution on May 26th and the fund raising event scheduled at the Cultural Campus on July 3rd.

Report from Arts for Lawrence:

Judy Byron provided an update on the progress of the Cultural Campus and stated that majority of the infrastructure is completed, lacking are the windows to the VAC and materials for the stage completion. The VIP soft opening is scheduled for May 21st and Grand Opening on May 22nd.

Public Comment:

None

Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn by Tom Burns, seconded by Helen Taylor, motion carried 5 – 0. Meeting adjourned at 6:20 pm.