



# CITY OF LAWRENCE **PARKS AND RECREATION**

City of Lawrence Board of Parks and Recreation – Regular Meeting  
Wednesday, June 14, 2023 – 5:30 pm  
Lawrence Government Center  
Public Assembly Room

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

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

**Guest:** Maria Rusomaroff, Liz Masur and Scooter Carey

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

**Minutes:**

Minutes of the April 12, 2023 meeting were distributed for review and clarification. Jeff Vest 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 5-0.

**Board Comments:** The curbs for Alexander Park are formed but have not been poured yet. The lights are up at Community Park for Softball and Baseball to use. CCA has softball going and pickleball leagues going at Lee Road Park. They have paid for their summer leagues already.

**Directors Report:**

**Old Business: - None**

**New Business: -**

**a. Security for Park Rentals:**

Mel Keaton is wanting to raise the rates for security from \$40 per hour to \$50 per hour with a minimum of 4 hours. He is having a hard time finding someone to work our events for \$40 per hour. Jeff entertained a motion to amend our Facility Usage Agreement to move fees from \$40 to \$50 per hour. Motion was made by Tom Burns to accept the increase in fees, seconded by Helen Taylor. Motion carried 5-0. Helen suggested that we hire a Park Ranger to patrol the parks. We also need to check into cameras and power locks for the restrooms at the Parks.

**b. Rules for Parks:**

We are trying to get a list together for the rules of the Parks. Park hours are a big part of the rules. If we had the hours posted or in the rules, the police could enforce citations for people being in there after hours. Once we get a list together, we will have the Board and the attorney look at them. We are checking on signage for littering in the Parks as well.

**c. Parks Foundation:**

Scooter is the President of the Park's Foundation. She addressed the Board by introducing her self along with several other members. She informed the Board that the Butterfly group was ready to start phase 2 which includes eco tourism. She stated that they would like for the Board to approve September 7, 2024 as the Eco Tourism Monarch Upcycle Art Festival at Lee Road Park. Jeff entertained a motion to approve the usage of Lee Road Park for September 7, 2024 for the Eco Tourism Monarch Upcycle Art Festival. Motion was made by Tom Burns to approve the festival for 2024, seconded by Crystal Puckett. Motion carried 5-0.

**d. 4<sup>th</sup> Fest Update:**

All festivities will be done on July 4<sup>th</sup> starting with the parade at 10am and ending with fireworks at 10pm.

**e. MPLT – Work Day:**

Work Day is June 26<sup>th</sup>. We have over 190 students participating.

**f. Trails Update:**

The land acquisition is finishing up and we should be ready to start December 12<sup>th</sup>.

**g. Approval of 5-year Mower Rotation Purchase:**

Eric informed the Board that they gave the approval in December 2022 to purchase the mower, but wanted to let the Board know the exact purchase price. The mower is \$23,578.34 and with a trade in of \$7,500 the purchase price is \$16,078.34. Jeff entertained a motion to proceed with the purchase of the new mower. Motion was made by Helen Taylor to approve the mower purchase, seconded by Karen Taylor. Motion carried 5-0.

**Public Comments:** None

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

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