



City of Lawrence Board of Parks and Recreation - Regular Meeting
Tuesday, June 7, 2016 - 6:00 pm
Lawrence Government Center
Public Assembly Room

Members present: Jeff Vest, Tom Burns and Carol Helmus

Staff: Maura Hoff and Eric Martin

Other: None

Guest: Ed Richardson, Todd Coulter, Derrick Harris and Dee Smith

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

Minutes:

Minutes of the May 11, 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 Carol Helmus. Motion carried 3-0.

Reports from Parks Director:

Eric provided the board a summary of the scheduled events for this year's July 4th celebration. Specifically he discussed the application process for the parade, the proposed events of the day including a classic car show, fish fry, live music and fireworks program. He also mentioned the first annual chicken wing eating contest between the city's Police and Fire Departments scheduled for July 1st at the Sterrett Center.

Board Comment:

Jeff asked Eric to have the fallen tree at Lee Road Park removed.

Tom mentioned that during his walk through Lee Road Park he noticed new signage which states the park rules and he wanted to know if it was in compliance with city ordinances regarding city owned property. Eric will look into the language and get back with him.

Tom mentioned the erosion of soil along the parking lot at Community Park and asked that material be installed to fill the hole. He also mentioned the recent patching of pot holes along Harmon Way and asked if the City Street Department had the repaving of the street on its schedule for this year. Eric will check with the Department of Public Works and let the Board know.

Committee Meeting:

Jeff informed the Board that with the conclusion of the school year and other health issues, that he was unable to call a meeting of the Soccer Committee. He will check with Carol and other invitees to see if a meeting can be called for later on in the month. After discussion a meeting of the committee will be held on June 17, 2016 at 4pm in the Sterrett Center.

Old Business:

- a. Facility Usage Agreement for FC Pride Soccer Club – Motion to table the agreement made by Carol Helmus and seconded by Tom Burns, motion carried 3-0.
- b. Facility Usage Agreement for Lawrence Soccer Club - Motion to table the agreement made by Carol Helmus and seconded by Tom Burns, motion carried 3-0.
- c. Facility Usage agreement for Fall Creek Little League - Motion to table the agreement made by Carol Helmus and seconded by Tom Burns, motion carried 3-0.

New Business:

No new business.

Upcoming Calendar of Events:

Discussion was had on the need to formulate a specific process for dealing with annual facility usage agreements. After much discussion, Maura Hoff will formulate an application process with specific dates and pertinent information which must be include in each application. She will present to the Board a proposed application and predetermined dates at an upcoming meeting of the Board.

Eric mentioned to the Board various tournament and park activity dates scheduled throughout the summer months.

Public Comments:

Past President of the Lawrence Soccer Club (LSC) Derrick Harris provided a brief summation of the 2016 spring soccer season to the Board (attachment). He stated that Ms. Dee Smith was voted in as President for the fall 2016 and spring 2017 season. He outlined the general operations of the spring league and provided an income breakdown and budget for the spring 2016 season. Derrick emphasized that nearly 42 percent of the 649 players were provided with a discounted entry fee. Discussion was had regarding the past payments and cooperation with the Lawrence Soccer Complex Inc. and FC Pride. Derrick went on to discuss the elimination of the recreational travel league within LSC for the fall season and the

reasons. LSC will offer a fall program for recreational player between the ages of five to nineteen years old.

A motion was made by Carol Helmus to adjourn the meeting at 7:00 p.m., seconded by Tom Burns. Motion carried 3-0.

Secretary Signature: _____ Date: _____