



# CITY OF LAWRENCE **PARKS AND RECREATION**

City of Lawrence Board of Parks and Recreation – Regular Meeting  
Wednesday, August 9, 2023 – 5:30 pm  
Lawrence Government Center Public Assembly Room

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

**Staff:** Eric Martin and Cori Korn

**Guest:** Liz Masur, Scooter Carey, and Michael Ault

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

**Minutes:**

Minutes of the July 12, 2023 meeting were distributed for review and clarification. Jeff Vest entertained a motion to accept the minutes as submitted with the change of date to July 12, 2023. Motion was made by Tom Burns to accept the minutes, seconded by Helen Taylor. Motion carried 4-0.

**Board Comments:** Jeff Vest informed the Board that the City has partnered with Indy Parks to apply for the Next Level Trail grant final round. Cori will give further details. He also told the Board that the rain gardens at Civic Plaza will be covered by this winter and that the FHRA will be paying for those improvements. Tom Burns asked about the International Drum Corp using the fields at Burns Park. Eric Martin told him that the group was from the State of Washington and are here to compete at Lucus Oil Stadium this weekend. Tom also commented on the LC boys and girls soccer practicing at Community Park. Jeff commented on the trash left behind each weekend by the Sunday Men's teams and the need to express the Boards displeasure with the grounds.

**Directors Report:** Eric informed the Board that the Department's 2024 budget has been submitted to the Controller's office and that a Town Hall type meeting is scheduled for August 15, 2023 at 6:00pm in the General Assembly Room and that all members of the Common Council and Parks Board are encouraged to attend.

**Old Business: - None**

**New Business: -**

**a. Next Level Trail – Fall Creek Trail:**

Cori Korn addressed the Board to inform them that the City did successful submit an application for the NLT Phase Four on time with the assistance of several partners, including Indy Parks, Indy DPW, Indy's Urban Wilderness, Central Indiana Community Foundation, Fort Harrison Reuse Authority and Fort Harrison State Park. The City is asking for the maximum level allowed within the Regional application levels at \$5,000,000. Along with CICF and our other list of donors, we will provide an additional \$2,000,000 dollars bring the total just over Seven Million Dollars. We hope to hear from the grants review committee late this year and hopefully we can begin

construction in 2024 with completion in the summer of 2025. Adding an additional 1.83 miles to the Fall Creek Greenway, making it the longest continues trail in Central Indiana.

**b. Heartland Film Festival Inc. – Addendum #2 to Lease Agreement**

Addendum #2 was presented to the Board and discussion was had with Michael Ault, Executive Director of Heartland. Michael discussed the many public interactions that Heartland has had with the Lawrence Community and the positive reception from local businesses and the Greater Lawrence Chamber of Commerce. With the additional influx of funds to retrofit the interior of the building, the City has renegotiated the original lease agreement to extend until October, 2032. A motion was made by Tom Burns to accept Addendum #2, seconded by Crystal Puckett. Motion carried 4 – 0.

**c. Heartland Film Festival Inc – Resolution #2, 2023.**

Resolution #2, 2023 was presented to the Board with regards to the reduction of rent for the months of September and October, 2023. Heartland has repaired the windows at the west end of the building along with the repairs of the exterior kitchen door and molding. Resolution #2, 2023 will allow for an offset to the rent in the sum of \$7,477.50 dollars over the two month period indicated. A motion was made by Tom Burns to accept Resolution #2, 2023, seconded by Helen Taylor. Motion carried 4 – 0.

**d. Acceptance of Quote – K and K Fence**

Eric provided to the Board an estimate from K and K fencing to install 400 linear feet of four foot ornamental aluminum fence and 400 feet of six foot ornamental aluminum fence to surround Oaklandon Playpark. The total quote provided by K and K was \$59,880.00 dollars. A second quote was provided by Capital City Fence at a total of \$64,500.00 dollars. A motion was made by Helen Taylor to accept the quote from K and K Fencing, seconded by Tom. Motion carried 4 – 0. Eric stated the work should begin in 10 weeks with construction completed by years end.

**e. DORA – Designated Outdoor Refreshment Areas**

Cori provided a handout to the Board regarding two DORAs within the City of Lawrence which are being evaluated and discussed. Maps detailing the Civic Plaza DORA and Cultural Campus DORA were provided within the handout. Discussion was had on the benefits these DORAs could provide to the events and programming at the Cultural Campus and Civic Plaza. Much discussion was had and Cori will keep the Board informed as these DORA progress through the appropriate legislative bodies.

**Public Comments:** Liz Masur addressed the Board to discuss her and her husband’s wish to donate funds to further the pollinator habitat at Jenn Park. Mrs. Masur wishes to make a donation to the Lawrence Park Foundation which will hold the funds and then purchase seed which will be planted by the Parks Department staff. The donation as it stands now is \$1,250.00, but additional donations can be made to the Lawrence Parks Foundation.

**Adjournment:** Jeff Vest adjourned the meeting at 6:40pm.

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