



CITY OF LAWRENCE **PARKS AND RECREATION**

City of Lawrence Board of Parks and Recreation – Regular Meeting
Wednesday, September 13, 2023 – 5:30 pm
Lawrence Government Center Public Assembly Room

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

Staff: Eric Martin, Cori Korn and Dina Gee

Guest: Scooter Carey

Meeting was called to order by Jeff Vest at 5:33 pm.

Minutes:

Minutes of the August 9, 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 Tom Burns. Motion carried 4-0.

Board Comments: Jeff Vest informed the Board that the rain gardens altering started last Friday. Jeff inquired about the fencing for Oaklandon Play Park. Eric stated that we had money in the budget to precede with the installation. It will take 8-10 weeks for materials to come in. The doors for the restrooms should be in by the end of the week. Jeff told the board that he and Joe Murphy are going to layout the placement of the exercise equipment for Lee Road Trails.

Directors Report: Eric informed the Board that the 2024 budget has been entered into Gateway and it is on the agenda for the Finance Committee for September 20th. Eric estimates that the City of Lawrence pays Indy Parks close to a million dollars per year. Eric stated that Explorer Park and Community Park had been vandalized with graffiti and the vents at the Community Center had been torn off. Cori informed the board of all the upcoming events for the rest of the year. She also stated that she has been talking to Heartland Films about doing an outdoor film fest at Jenn Park.

Old Business: - None

New Business: -

- a. **FC Pride Agreement – Tabled**
- b. **Introduce Change in Facility Rental Fees:**

Eric stated that we are not seeing the income we thought we would see from using a caterer. He will get some numbers to present at the October meeting and implement the new rates in November.

Public Comments: Scooter Carey informed the Board that the seed has been purchased for the expansion of the Butterfly Garden at Jenn Park.

Adjournment: Jeff Vest adjourned the meeting at 6:03pm.

Secretary Signature: _____ Date: _____