



# CITY OF LAWRENCE **PARKS AND RECREATION**

City of Lawrence Board of Parks and Recreation - Regular Meeting  
Wednesday, September 8, 2021 – 5:30 pm  
Lawrence Government Center  
Public Assembly Room

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

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

**Guest:** Trace Yates, Liz Masur and Judy Byron

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

**Minutes:**

Minutes of the August 11, 2021 meeting were distributed for review and clarification. Jeff Vest entertained a motion to accept the minutes as submitted. Motion was made by Amy Norman to accept the minutes, seconded by Helen Taylor. Motion carried 5-0.

**Board Comment:**

Jeff reminded the Board that there will be an unveiling of General Brooks monument October 1<sup>st</sup> at 10 am. October 2<sup>nd</sup> is the Indy Half Marathon and October 15<sup>th</sup> is Indy Do Day. Also, September 18<sup>th</sup> the Lagers in Lawrence will be at the Cultural Campus and the Fort Ben BBQ and Blues will be at the Fort Harrison State Park.

The picnic tables at Lee Road Park are damaged and Eric will rotate them out with new ones.

In October, Jeff would like to open the catering RFP to allow 3 more caterers for Jenn Park and the Sterrett Center.

**Director Comments - Budget Update:**

At the September 7<sup>th</sup> Common Council meeting, the Council sent the 2022 Budget to the Finance Committee. The Council will hear about it at the meeting on September 15<sup>th</sup>.

**Old Business:**

**a. Lawrence Community Park Foundation Update:**

Trace Yates informed the Board about the Inaugural Fundraising Fall Festival October 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Community Park. The event will be from 1pm – 5pm with live music, food trucks, balloon rides and games and activities. He also stated that they are continuing the park bench and tree fundraiser.

**b. Butterfly Garden Update:**

Liz Masur informed the Board that the Common Council passed Resolution #12, 2021. The Resolution consisted of giving the Butterfly Garden \$15,000, which will fund the first phase of the start of the garden.

**c. Art for Lawrence Update:**

Judy Byron stated that the project is coming to a close. Envoy is working through a final punch list and is still having issues with the Theater’s HVAC. They have 2 main projects to complete, being the amphitheater and Indy Stage for the Sterrett Center. Ski Landscape has a punch list to be completed in the Spring of 2022. After that, the Park’s Department will be responsible for the maintenance of the Cultural Campus. The Theater will have live drama, free line dancing every Tuesday and poetry readings every 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday evening.

**New Business:**

**a. Contract with Charles C Brandt Construction CO – Lee Road Park Pickleball Court Construction:**

The contract consists of building a 136’ x 128’ pickleball complex with 8 courts and lights. Once the contract is in place, they will start doing marking and core sampling. The projected completion date is December 2, 2021. After some discussion, Jeff Vest entertained a motion to enter into an agreement with Charles C Brandt Construction to build a pickleball court at Lee Road Park. Motion was made by Amy Norman to accept the agreement, seconded by Helen Taylor. Motion carried 5-0.

**b. United Consulting – Professional Service Agreement – 2021 IDNR “Next Level Trails” Application:**

The agreement consists of United Consulting to do a scope of survey for the IDNR trail grant along Lee Road. The scope of survey needs to be completed by the second week of November and then send to DNR for approval. The deadline for the grant is December 1, 2021 and will cost around \$13,000. Jeff Vest entertained a motion to enter into an agreement with United Consulting for developing a trails application. Motion made by Tom Burns to accept the agreement, seconded by Karen Taylor. Motion carried 5-0.

**c. Preferred Asphalt – Paving of Lee Road Park Trails agreement:**

The agreement consist of the paving Lee Road Park trail from the parking lot, through all trails that will connect with the sidewalk. The trails will be 10’ wide. It will take at least 6 weeks to get materials and then another 2 weeks to complete the project. The original cost was \$119,000 but with the City using some of their equipment to assist, it should be around \$112,000. Jeff Vest entertained a motion to enter into an agreement with Preferred Asphalt for the paving of the trails at Lee Road Park. Motion was made by Helen Taylor to accept the agreement, seconded by Karen Taylor. Motion carried 5-0.

**Public Comment:**

**Adjournment:** Jeff adjourned the meeting at 6:19.

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