



**CITY OF BLOOMINGTON
parks and recreation**

AGENDA

City of Bloomington Board of Park Commissioners
Regular Meeting: Monday March 23, 2009 4:00 – 5:30 p.m.

Council Chambers
401 North Morton

CALL TO ORDER - ROLL CALL

A. CONSENT CALENDAR

- A-1. Approval of Minutes of February 24, 2009 Meeting
- A-2. Approval of Claims Submitted February 25, 2009– March 23, 2009
- A-3. Approval of Non-Reverting Budget Amendments
- A-4. Review of Business Report

B. PUBLIC HEARINGS/APPEARANCES

- B-1. Public Comment Period
- B-2. Bravo Award - none in March
- B-3. Staff Recognition - Chris Lamb-10 years (John Turnbull)
Todd Fleener-5 years (John Turnbull)

C. OTHER BUSINESS

- C-1. Review/Approval of Bond Resolution 09-04 of the Board of Park Commissioners to Issue Bonds in the Name of the City for Purchase of the Bloomington SportsPlex (Mick Renneisen)
- C-2. Review/Approval of Additional Appropriation Resolution 09-05 of the Board of Park Commissioners to Issue Bonds in the Name of the City for Purchase of the Bloomington SportsPlex (Mick Renneisen)
- C-3. Review/Approval of Lease Agreement for BACC Building (Mick Renneisen)
- C-4. Review/Approval of Public Art Proposal for B-Line Trail (Mick Renneisen)
- C-5. Review/Approval of Equipment Purchase Recommendation (JD Boruff)
- C-6. Review/Approval of Bid to Replace Frank Southern Ice Arena Dasher Boards (Jim Roach)
- C-7. Review/Approval of Appointment to the Environmental Resources Advisory Council (Angie Smith)

D. REPORTS

- D-1. Operations Division - ERAC 2008 Annual Report (Angie Smith)
- D-2. Sports Division - Relocation of Recognition Sign (John Turnbull)
- D-3. Recreation Division - Wellness Challenge (Lindsay Buuck)
Community Events Update (Becky Barrick)
Farmers' Market Advisory Council Annual Report (Marcia Veldman)
- D-4. Administration Division - No Report

ADJOURNMENT



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04/28/09

Board of Park Commissioners
Regular Meeting
Minutes

Tuesday, March 23, 2009
4:00 – 5:30 p.m.

Council Chambers
401 N. Morton St.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Carter at 4:05 p.m.

Board Present: John Carter, Jane St. John, Joe Hoffmann

Staff Present: Mick Renneisen, Judy Seigle, Becky Barrick, Leslie Brinson, Lindsay Buuck, Angie Smith, Todd Fleener, Dave Williams, Jason Calhoun, Daren Eads, Bev Johnson, Julie Ramey, Cheryll Elmore, Sarah Nix, Paula McDevitt, Marcia Veldman, John Turnbull, JD Boruff, Steve Cotter, Jim Roach, Kim Ecenbarger

Interns: Kate Immens, Lysie Burton

Consultants: Tom Guevara, Hans Steck

City Admin: Miah Michaelson, Mayor's Office

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Mr. Hoffmann made a motion to approve the Consent Calendar as presented. Ms. St. John seconded the motion. Motion unanimously carried.

B. PUBLIC HEARINGS/APPEARANCES

B-1. Public Comment Period

No public comment at this time.

B-2. Bravo Award – None in March

B-3. Staff Recognition – Chris Lamb, Todd Fleener

Mr. Turnbull addressed the Board and acknowledged Chris Lamb for 10 years of service with the department. Mr. Lamb works as a Working Foreman in the Sports Division and oversees the field maintenance at all youth and adult softball and baseball fields, in addition to providing maintenance support for Frank Southern Ice Arena.

Mr. Calhoun addressed the Board and acknowledged Todd Fleener for five years of service to the department.

Mr. Fleener addressed the Board and stated that it has been a great five years and he looks forward to changes and improvements with the upcoming season.

C. OTHER BUSINESS

C-1. Review/Approval of Bond Resolution 09-04 of the Board of Park Commissioners to Issue Bonds in the Name of the City for Purchase of the Bloomington SportsPlex

Mr. Renneisen addressed the Board seeking approval of Bond Resolution 09-04 to issue bonds for the purchase of the Bloomington SportsPlex. He stated that this is the final step in the bond resolution process. If this resolution is approved, the next agenda item is an appropriation resolution to appropriate the funds for the purchase of the facility. He stated that a Declaratory Resolution (09-02) was approved by the Board in February. On March 11 the Board approved a Confirmatory Resolution (09-03) following a publicly advertised public hearing. If resolutions 09-04 and 09-05 are approved, City Council will meet on March 25 for the first discussion with the final vote scheduled for April 1. He introduced Hans Steck, bond counsel with Bingham McHale.

Mr. Steck addressed the Board and provided them with a summary of the Resolution 0904:

- Sections 1&2 authorizes the issuance of Bonds for the Project to a maximum of \$6.5million, payable from “legally available revenues” of the Park District, including those from the Project. These sections also authorize “back up tax,” but only if legally available revenues are insufficient.
- Section 3 – authorizes Bond Anticipation Notes (BAN’s) – this is not expected to be used, but provides market timing flexibility.
- Section 4 – authorizes the Controller to appoint a registrar and paying agent to keep track of bond holders and make payments to them (usually a bank or financial institution). This also provides for Book-Entry Bonds to be held electronically by DTC.
- Section 5 – allows for early redemption (pre-payment) of Bonds after 10 years without premium (penalty).
- Sections 6 & 7 – provides mechanics of how Bonds are executed and the basic form of the Bonds. (The final terms of the Bonds will be filled in after the sale process.)
- Section 8 – provides that Bonds can be “defeased” by depositing US Government Securities in an escrow. This allows for a “refunding” if interest rates make it advantageous, at a later date, to refinance the Bonds. The old Bondholders look to the escrow for payment thus freeing up the revenues to pay the new refunding bonds.
- Section 9 – directs the Mayor and Controller to execute and sell the Bonds and provides for the competitive bid process for selling the Bonds.
- Section 10 – provides for the proceeds of the sale of the Bonds to be deposited into a separate account of the Parks Non-Reverting Fund to be known as the “Project Account” and to be used for the costs of the Project and costs of issuance of the Bonds.
- Section 11 – creates separate accounts and sub-accounts within the Parks Non-Reverting Fund to hold 1) capitalized interest, 2) Project revenues and 3) reserve fund, all for payment of principal and interest on the Bonds.
- Section 12 – authorizes various officers of the City and Parks District to execute documents required to issue the Bonds.
- Section 13 – describes the security for the Bonds (being the Revenues of the Park District and the back up tax in the Revenues are insufficient).
- Section 14 – allows for later amendments to the terms of the Bond Resolution. If such an amendment would have a material adverse effect on the bondholders, such amendment would require consent of the Bondholders.
- Section 15 – requires the Controller to keep accurate records of Bond funds and accounts.
- Section 16 – contains various covenants and agreements by the Parks District as to the use of the Bond funds and the Project to preserve the tax-exempt status of the Bonds. These will not impair the intended use of the Project.
- Section 17 – authorizes the Controller and Board President to comply with SEC rules requiring continuing

- disclosure of financial information on the Project to the market on an annual basis.
- Sections 18-21 – miscellaneous standard provisions (additional authority, severability, effective date and confliction resolutions).

He reiterated that this is the last step for this Board prior to being presented to the City Council for approval. The Bond sale process will begin following Council approval.

Mr. Hoffmann asked if purchasing the SportsPlex is a good arrangement given the current economy?

Mr. Renneisen stated that the current economic climate puts us in a position to purchase the facility at a better price point. He added that there's no indication that the facility is going to go under; however, should it close for whatever reason, the facility would sell on the open market and the City could be among many bidders in a more competitive manner. Staff feels the facility meets many recreational needs now and if it should close, many people would lose those recreational opportunities. In addition, the City is proposing to buy, not only the facility and land, but also the business. If the business goes away, that user base would need to be re-created. For those reasons, staff feels this is the right time to consider this purchase.

Mr. Hoffmann clarified that the appraised value of the SporsPlex is \$10 million and the purchase price is \$5.5 million with an additional \$1 million built in for building improvements, capitalized interest and a reserve fund. He added that it makes sense to him to purchase the business now and assume the current business activities rather than wait and potentially see that business go away and have to start from scratch. He also asked about the financial analysis and asked for some assurance that revenue producing activities are not being displaced from other areas within the department.

Mr. Renneisen stated that the programs and facilities considered for moving are not the primary revenue producers for the facility. The current activities at the facility will remain the primary revenue producers (memberships, tournaments, and other programs.) Those activities will be enhanced and augmented with current department activities. He added that revenue projections are very conservative (the first year being 27% below what the 2008 actual revenue collection was). This was done intentionally to provide some buffer with revenue and expenses.

Mr. Guevara addressed the Board and stated that the amortization rate includes excess coverage up to 110% coverage. This means the revenues available for debt service will exceed the debt service by at least 110% (actually, more like 113 – 114%). This number won't be confirmed until the bonds are sold. A capitalized interest fund is being established to allow reserves to accumulate. A portion of the bond sales will be used to make payments to bond holders for about 18 months – until January 2011. The Department will not be responsible for making bond payments until July 2011 which will allow the reserve fund to build up. This reserve fund can also be used in future years should revenue fall short in any given year.

Ms. St. John asked if other user groups, specifically the YMCA, see this as direct competition?

Mr. Renneisen stated that the YMCA supports this acquisition, adding that the Department has an existing partnership with the YMCA and the two facilities are very different. He added that location is an important factor in determining what facility people choose to use for fitness activities. With the distance between the two facilities, and the different demographics being served, there is less competition. In addition, other community partners have been approached to collaborate and share space. He added that the Department will make this facility as financially accessible as possible.

Mr. Carter asked about the infrastructure and traffic safety. He added that exiting the facility during peak times can be very difficult and dangerous.

Mr. Renneisen acknowledged that it is difficult during peak times to make a left hand turn back toward town. A traffic study has been completed and based on this study an additional stoplight is not indicated. However, a light can be voluntarily added and must be paid for by the Department and could only be activated during peak times of the day. It is not something being considered with bond funding at this time.

Jack Caan, with the Active Living Coalition, addressed the Board. He stated that many of his questions were answered during the Board/staff discussion. He remains unclear of the impact to the taxpayer with the SportsPlex removed from the tax rolls.

Mr. Renneisen stated that with a static calculation, the impact to a person with a \$250,000 home is \$3.51. This assumes that nothing changes today with no new homes or businesses being built within the City limits.

Mr. Caan stated that he is in favor of this acquisition and hopes to use it in the future.

Mr. Hoffmann stated that this is a major decision for the City and the department. He asked about City Council feedback.

Mr. Renneisen stated that City Council members have been very inquisitive and have asked very good questions. He has taken all of them on tours of the facility.

Mr. Hoffmann stated that he feels this is the right decision because of citizen feedback stating that the need for indoor recreation facilities is at the top of the list and has been for several years. The cost of building a new facility would be cost prohibitive and he never thought he would see it occur during his time on the Board. But this opportunity presented itself, with an existing business/user base, good revenue, and the facility is located next to a facility that is owned by the department. With very conservative revenue assumptions and a good financial analysis, he feels this is an opportunity that can not be passed up and hopes to see it approved at the City Council level as well. He stated that the Cascades Golf Course revenue bond re-payment has been very successful in its ten years with escalating payments.

Mr. Carter stated that he, too, feels this is an opportunity that the department can not afford to pass up.

Ms. St. John echoed Mr. Hoffmann's and Mr. Carter's comments. She stated that, while there is some risk to this, it is an acceptable risk considering the conservative revenue projections. She also supports the acquisition.

Mr. Hoffmann made a motion to approved Resolution 09-04 to issue bonds in the name of the city for the purchase of a recreation center. Ms. St. John seconded the motion. Motion unanimously carried.

C-2. Review/Approval of Additional Appropriation Resolution 09-05 of the Board of Park Commissioners to Issue Bonds in the Name of the City for Purchase of the Bloomington SportsPlex

Mr. Renneisen addressed the Board seeking approval of Resolution 09-05 approving an additional appropriation to issue bonds for the purchase of the Bloomington SportsPlex. He stated that the actual purchase price is \$5.5 million and \$1 million is for improvements, technology upgrades, repairs, consultant fees, and a capitalized interest fund. This resolution determines how to allocate and spend the funds from the bond proceeds. This is the final step before going to City Council on March 25 and April 1.

Mr. Carter stated that a SportsPlex vendor recently told him that this building is a lot more "finished" than many other facilities that he services and is in really good shape and seems structurally sound.

Mr. Hoffmann made a motion to approve Resolution 09-05 to appropriate funds from the issuance of bonds in the name of the City for the purchase of a recreation center. Ms. St. John seconded the motion. Motion unanimously carried.

C-3. Review/Approval of Lease Agreement for BACC Building

Mr. Renneisen addressed the Board seeking approval to negotiate a lease agreement for the BACC building. This lease is pending approval of the City Council approval of the acquisition of the SportsPlex facility. He stated that the

BACC is a building that has served the needs of adults 50 and over since around 1980. Some improvements have been made to the building; however, the most recent Senior Survey indicates that there is a lack of indoor recreation space for activities that seniors would like to participate in such as an indoor walking/running track. Staff saw this as an opportunity to relocate the BACC programs and activities, some to the SportsPlex and others to other facilities throughout town. This would allow the BACC facility to be re-used in a different way. Meetings are currently being held with user groups to determine the best facilities to relocate programs. He stated that he would like approval to continue lease discussions should the SportsPlex acquisition be approved by City Council with the final lease agreement presented to the Board at a later date for approval.

Ms. St. John stated that, if this purchase is approved, it will mean a lot of changes for people that have become accustomed to using the current facilities and the department will be as accommodating as possible.

Mr. Hoffmann added that all Board members have received comments regarding the use of the BACC and tough decisions will need to be made. He expressed some concerns regarding transportation issues.

Mr. Carter expressed his thanks to everyone that sent comments through e-mail or phone calls, or other means. The Board will take into consideration this public feedback.

Mr. Renneisen added that all services currently being provided at the BACC will continue and the user groups will determine the best place for those programs to go. Many of the activities may remain at the facility.

Ms. St. John made a motion to authorize the Administrator to negotiate a lease agreement for the BACC facility. Mr. Hoffmann seconded the motion. Motion unanimously carried.

Cheri Adada with Area 10 Agency on Aging asked if alternatives are being given for all programs currently housed at the BACC.

Mr. Renneisen stated that options are being presented to all user groups. He added that Spring Break week made it difficult to contact some user groups. But all will be contacted.

Kathleen Weber – Active Living Coalition – asked if the lease would be negotiated only after the SportsPlex was approved for purchase? If the SportsPlex purchase is not approved by City Council, would the BACC not be available for lease?

Mr. Renneisen stated that the BACC lease is contingent upon the purchase of the SportsPlex; however, the City does retain ownership of the BACC facility.

Ms. Weber added that it is extremely important that the department work really hard to ensure ongoing programs that the BACC offers. So many things are offered that engage the seniors socially, educationally, and emphasized the importance of the nutrition site.

Mr. Renneisen stated that staff sees more options available with the purchase of the SportPlex. The staff envision even greater opportunities/options.

C-4. Review/Approval of Public Art for B-Line Trail

Mr. Renneisen addressed the Board seeking approval of a proposal for public art for the B-Line Trail. He stated that Phase I of the B-Line Trail is nearing completion and will be opening soon. Ten locations for public art have been identified, including some sites that already have art placed such as Animal Island. With the help of Joe LaMantia the signature art piece, Bloomington Banquet, has been identified and will be installed in August by Dale (name???)

A local artist would like to offer a sculpture for the site west of the City Hall. He introduced Miah Michaelson, Assistant Director of Economic Development for the Arts.

Ms. Michaelson addressed the Board and said the City was approached by Cem Basman (a professor at Indiana University) last summer regarding the donation of a sculpture by artist Mark Wallace in memory of Evan Farrell. Mr. Farrell was a local musician that passed away recently. She presented an image of the sculpture planned for placement. She and Mr. Renneisen walked the trail to determine the most appropriate placement and they selected "art pad" #1 which is close to 8th Street behind the CFC portion of the Showers Building. Staff feels this is a beautiful piece and an appropriate thing to do. The City's Community Art Commission has reviewed and approved this proposal. If approved today, a gift agreement will be negotiated with Mr. Basman and a timeline will be established for the installation of the sculpture.

Mr. Hoffmann made a motion to approve the public art proposal for the B-Line Trail. Ms. St. Jane seconded the motion. Motion unanimously carried.

C-5. Review/Approval of Equipment Purchase Recommendation

Mr. Boruff addressed the Board seeking approval of the 2009 equipment purchases for the Operations Division. A replacement tractor and grooming mower, a replacement garden tractor for mowing rough areas, a replacement for the John Deere gator, and a new zero turn mower for Olcott Park are all being proposed. Three competitive bids were solicited and the low bidder was Indy Tractor, LLC (formerly White River Co-Op). Staff recommends awarding the purchase of a 2009 John Deere 5065E tractor, 2009 John Deere X720 garden tractor, John Deere GATOR HPX, and two JS25 large self propelled push mowers for \$27,659.40. In addition, a SCAG Z850A 72" zero turn mower for \$7,595 from Harrington's Power Equipment of Stanford (this price includes a \$3,200 trade-in for three John Deere garden tractors and a 1982 John Deere 850 tractor). It is also recommended that a Land Pride FDR 3590 5 foot grooming mower be purchased for \$4,500 from Lawrence County Tractor of Bedford. The total equipment purchased is \$39,745.49 and all equipment is budgeted in 2009 general fund capital/equipment line.

Mr. Hoffmann made a motion to approve the 2009 equipment purchases for the Operations Division. Ms. St. John seconded the motion. Motion unanimously carried.

C-6. Review/Approval of Bid to Replace Frank Southern Ice Arena Dasher Boards

Mr. Turnbull approached the Board seeking approval of the bid to replace the Frank Southern Ice Arena dasher boards. He stated that this purchase is being funded by funds from the Parks Foundation, specifically from the Hill Family donation. Staff submitted a request for quotes to complete the replacement of the dasher board system to three vendors. Those vendors included: Becker Arena Products, Ice Rink Events, and Ice Rink Solutions. Two vendors responded with Becker Arena Products being the low bidder at \$125,500. This price excludes demolition that will be mostly completed in house. Staff recommends awarding the bid to Becker Area Products. This project would be started in the summer and complete by August 1 for the fall opening.

Mr. Renneisen added that the dasher boards are the materials that surrounds the ice, keeps the puck in play, and protects spectators and players. The donation for the funding is from Phil and Nat Hill who also helped purchase the ice resurfacers a few years ago.

Ms. St. John expressed her thanks to the Foundation and the Hill family for allowing this transaction to happen.

Mr. Hoffmann made a motion to approve the bid to replace the dasher boards at Frank Southern Ice Arena paid for with funding from the Parks Foundation and the Hill Family. Ms. St. John seconded the motion. Motion unanimously carried.

C-7. Review/Approval of Appointment to the Environmental Resources Advisory Council

Ms. Smith addressed the Board seeking approval of the appointment to the Environmental Resources Advisory Council (ERAC). There is currently one vacancy on this council and staff recommends appointing Barbara Restle to fill this vacancy. Five applications were received and the review committee feels Ms. Restle will be a great addition

to ERAC. She is past president of the Sassafras Audubon Society, a former member of the Bloomington Environmental Commission and the Monroe County Soil and Water Conservation Board.

D. REPORTS

D-1. Operations Division – ERAC 2008 Annual Report

Ms. Smith introduced Environmental Recourses Advisory Council (ERAC) member, Angie Shelton. Ms. Shelton addressed the Board and provided them with an update on the 2008 ERAC activities. At the beginning of 2008 the council determined a set of goals on which to focus: the Griffy Lake Master Plan, the Griffy Lake aquatic invasive species control, trail development update, terrestrial invasive species management, and volunteer opportunities. The Griffy Lake Master Plan was a big topic with many of the ERAC members on the steering plan. The plan was finalized in June. The council continues to work on the Master Plan by prioritizing projects to focus on over the next couple of years. Griffy Lake weed treatment has also been a topic of interest. The lake was treated for two years to eradicate the Brazilian Elodea infestation. It has been surveyed following that treatment and no re-infestation has been found. There are still some infestations of curlyleaf pondweed and Eurasian Watermilfoil and non-chemical treatment options are being considered to treat those. An application for a Griffy Creek watershed implementation grant was submitted and is still being reviewed. Implementation projects are also being considered for Bean Blossom Creek shed and staff hopes to get LAIR funding for this project. The B-Line Trail, McDoel Switchyards, and the Jackson Creek Trail were also highly discussed with site visits by the council members. A meeting was held at Miller Showers Park during the peak of the algae season to discuss invasive plants and removal of those plants. The algae will be treated in 2009 and increased public education about the function of algae will occur in 2009. An invasive species work day was held in Cascades Park to remove bush honeysuckle and more work days will be scheduled in 2009. The Leonard Springs Natures Day environmental education program has been highly successful. The goal is to get all MMCSC sixth grade classes to attend this environmental education program. Several topics have been identified to focus on in 2009: prioritize the recommendations in the Griffy Lake Master Plan, provide input on the new dog park design, discuss a terrestrial invasive management plan, and consult on Bloomington in Bloom. ERAC hopes to become more proactive rather than reactive which may mean more information being provided to the Park Board in the future.

D-2. Sports Division – Relocation of Recognition Sign

Mr. Renneisen addressed the Board and stated that the sign the Park Board approved a few years ago to acknowledge Don Shiflet is currently located at Lower North Cascades. During the flood of 2008, the fencing at Lower Cascades was destroyed and in the process of repairing the fencing, staff realized that these fields are used primarily for youth softball now with adult softball being played at Twin Lakes. Mr. Shiflet's grandson, Tim Cross, suggested that the sign be moved to Twin Lakes in recognition of Mr. Shiflet's years of contributions to adult softball. Staff agreed that this would be appropriate.

Mr. Carter acknowledged Mr. Shiflet's many contributions to the adult softball program.

Mr. Shiflet addressed the Board and stated that he spent many years out at the softball fields and he really misses it. He still watches the games. He stated that the Sports staff is the finest staff he has ever worked with. He thanked the Board for this recognition.

Mr. Hoffmann made a motion to approve the relocation of the recognition sign for Don Shiflet from Lower Cascades softball fields to Twin Lakes. Ms. St. John seconded the motion. Motion unanimously carried.

D-3. Recreation Division – Wellness Challenge/Community Events Update/Farmers' Market Advisory Council Annual Report

Ms. Veldman introduced Bruce McCallister, president of the Farmers' Market Advisory Council.

Mr. McCallister addressed the Board and provided them with the 2008 Farmers' Market Advisory Council annual report. He stated that the mission of the Farmers' Market is to support small farmers and growers and create a local food source. As a grower, that mission is very important and without this Market several small farms could not survive. The Market has experienced dramatic growth during the past few years, both in vendors, customers, and offerings. This growth has contributed to the complexity of the Market and the roll of the advisory council. In 2008 about 90 vendors sold at Market but the customer based grew by about 22%. Staff recommended changes to enhance movement and safety of customers. These recommended changes include: closing 8th Street west of the B-Line Trail and moving the "information alley" to that spot, closing one vehicle vending space to improve movement on the south side, changing the focus of the performers to the north toward the plaza and not allowing buskers or musicians perform in the center of the Market, and moving the prepared food vendors to the B-Line Trail when it is open. The Incubator Kitchen is scheduled to open this year and a committee has been formed to study the impact of that. The 2008 Homegrown Indiana Farm Tour was highly successful and sold out in the first week it was advertised. Because of the high interest, this year there will be three tours – one in the spring, the summer, and the fall. The relocation of the Tuesday Market was a great success, doubling the customer count. The advisory council feels strongly that the Market builds a "sense of community" and will strive to keep their focus on that.

Ms. Buuck addressed the Board and updated them on the first annual Wellness Challenge of Bloomington and provided them with the web site for the program: www.bloomingtonhospital.org/wellnesschallenge. This is a team-based initiative aimed at improving the wellness of the Bloomington community through activities, seminars and screenings. The program will run from June 1 – August 22 and each of the 12 weeks will focus on a healthy theme that provides a holistic approach to health and wellness. Participants can form groups of 4-10 folks, register by April 13 on-line or in-person at Parks and Recreation. Cost is \$10/person. Kick off events will be held May 9 from 9-11 and May 13 from 6-8 at BHSS. For the finale, a celebration will be held on August 29 at Bryan Park.

Ms. Barrick addressed the Board and provided them with a preview of 2009 community events. The first Get "Wii"inter Active was scheduled for January 31. This event was canceled due to low numbers; however, staff plans to tweak the program and offer it again this summer. She added that the Wii is used during the movie series program by using it on the big screen prior to each movie and it is highly popular. *Seusspicious Behavior* was held on Saturday, March 7 at the Monroe County Library. Over 350 participants attended this free event. The Adult Egg Scramble will be Friday, April 3 at Bryan Park at 9:00. Over 3,000 purple eggs contain \$7,148 worth of prizes. Many thanks to the Golden Egg Sponsors: Hoosier Tire and Arthur Murray. The community gardening program is flourishing with gardens scheduled to open on April 1. Garden plots are more than 60% rented which includes the expansion of 74 additional plots at Willie Streeter Gardens. The 3rd annual Hoosier Hustle is scheduled for April 18 with seven teams already signed up. This is a one day challenge throughout Bloomington and is limited to 33 teams of three. The Performing Arts Series begins on May 2 with the following schedule: Peoples Park (Tuesdays) 11:30am-1pm May 2-September 29; Third Street Park (Fridays) 6:30-8:30pm June 5 – July 24; Monroe County Civic Theatre June 5, 6, 12, and 13 (*Cymbeline*) and September 11, 12, 18, and 20 (*Othello, the Moore of Venice*); Bryan Park Evening with the Stars (Fridays) August 14 – September 18 and (Sundays) July 12 – August 23 from 7-8:30pm. Special Events include the Strawberry Shortcake Festival on the Courthouse Lawn May 14 from 11:30am-1pm, the Fresh & New Opening Concert (3rd Street Park) June 15 4-7:30pm and the 4th of July Concert (Courthouse Lawn) July 4 11:30am-1pm. The Evening with the Stars movie series runs Fridays from August 14-September 18 at various City parks. The Farmers' Market Saturday Market runs April-September from 8am-1pm, the Tuesday Market is open June-September from 4-7pm, the October and November Market is Saturdays 9am-1pm and the Holiday Market is November 29 from 10am-1pm. A Fair of the Arts will be May 9, June 13, July 11, August 8, and September adjacent to the Farmers' Market 8am-1pm, and October 10 9am-1pm. Touch a Truck is scheduled for Wednesday, June 3 10am-2pm at the Twin Lakes Parking Lot and the cost is \$1/person. The July 4 Parade starts at 10am, with the community band starting at 9am and the awards ceremony at 11:30am. The parade will follow a different route this year due to conflicts with the Farmers' Market. Junk in the Trunk will be August 22 at the Bryan Park Woodlawn Parking Lot from 8-11am. In 2008 this event had 27 vendors and over 200 shoppers. Vendors can reserve a space for \$15. Drool in the Pool will be September 10 and 11 from 5-8pm on both days and is \$5/dog. In 2008 over 300 dogs played in the pool and 912 humans watched! White River Co-Op is a major partner for this event. Festival of the Falls will be the weekend of October 23-25 with a weekend of

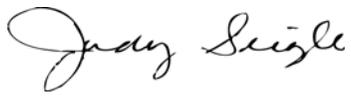
activities: Live entertainment, hayrides, art and craft vendors, children activities, concessions, contests, Festival of Ghost Stories. This event is held in Lower Cascades. The Holiday Market will be Saturday, November 28 at Showers Common from 10am-3pm. New in 2010: Bloomington Idol on January 15 at the Buskirk-Chumley with opening rounds to be held at the Convention Center. The overall winner could possibly win an opportunity to perform at an upcoming concert.

D-4. Administration Division – No Report

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 6:05 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Judy Seigle, Secretary Board of Park Commissioners