



**CITY OF BLOOMINGTON
parks and recreation**

AGENDA

City of Bloomington Board of Park Commissioners
Regular Meeting: Tuesday, April 28, 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 March 23 meeting and April 7, 2009 Special Meeting
- A-2. Approval of Claims Submitted March 24, 2009– April 27, 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 - B401 Human Biology Class (Kriste Lindberg)
- B-3. Staff Recognition - None in April

C. OTHER BUSINESS

- C-1. Review/Approval of Appropriation Resolution 09-07 of the Board of Park Commissioners to Refund the 1999 Cascades Golf Course Revenue Bonds (Mick Renneisen)
- C-2. Review/Approval of Partnership Agreement with Indiana University School of HPER and Department of Recreation, Parks and Tourism Studies (Mick Renneisen)
- C-3. Review of Preliminary Price Schedule Proposal for the SportsPlex (Mick Renneisen + Staff)

D. REPORTS

- D-1. Operations Division - No Report
- D-2. Sports Division - No Report
- D-3. Recreation Division - Baneker at the View (Leslie Brinson)
- Playful City USA Award (Sarah Nix)
- D-4. Administration Division - No Report

ADJOURNMENT



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Board of Park Commissioners
Regular Meeting
Minutes

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401 N. Morton St.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Ms. St. John at 4:00 p.m.

Board Present: Les Coyne, Jane St. John, Joe Hoffmann

Board Absent: John Carter

Staff Present: Mick Renneisen, Judy Seigle, Cheryl Elmore, Kim Ecenbarger, Becky Barrick, Lindsay Buuck, Leslie Brinson, Kriste Lindberg, Sarah Nix, Julie Ramey, Daren Eads, John Turnbull, Steve Cotter, Bev Johnson

City Admin: Vickie Renfrow, City Legal Department

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Mr. Coyne made a motion to approve the Consent Calendar as presented. Mr. Hoffmann 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 – B401 Human Biology Class

Ms. Lindberg addressed the Board and stated that the April Bravo Award is being presented to an Indiana University class B401 Human Biology Class for their water quality project at Cascades Creek Watershed. She was approached in January by the Office of Service Learning regarding the class project entitled “The Complex Problems of Humanity.” The focus of the project became the Cascade Creek Watershed north of town including Cascades and Miller-Showers Parks. They divided the watershed into six subwatersheds to be studied by teams of 3-4 persons each of the 19 students in the class. Each student was trained and certified in Hoosier Riverwatch, a water quality monitoring program offered through the state and each received the title of “Citizen Scientist.” Each student involved in the project volunteered more than 10 hours of time to the city for a total of over 200 hours of service. They also assisted with a public tour of Miller-Showers Park on Earth Day. Ms. Lindberg presented Dr. Schlegel and her class with the Bravo certificate.

Dr. Schlegel addressed the Board and stated that his project was a great learning experience for the students involved to have an “authentic” experience and she hopes to see it continue. One of the students, Dina Transfer, addressed the Board and stated that this experience was very enriching and this participation has caused an increased awareness in each of the students. The class was encouraged to implement similar programs in each of the communities they head off to as they graduate this year.

B-3. Staff Recognition – None in April

C. OTHER BUSINESS

C-1. Review/Approval of Appropriation Resolution 09-07 of the Board of Park Commissioners to Refund the 1999 Cascades Golf Course Revenue Bonds

Ms. Renfrow addressed the Board seeking approval of Resolution 09-07 to refund the 1999 Cascades Golf Course Revenue Bonds. This resolution is the second step in this process of refunding the bonds as the first step was approved by the Board on April 7. She stated that new bonds will be sold for the purpose of paying off the old bonds. The new bonds are sold at a lower rate than the old bonds. The payment structure will also be modified to better allow for budgeting as the payment amount will be the same amount each year as opposed to an escalating payment schedule under the old bond payment schedule. The payments are made with revenues generated from the Cascades Golf Course with a property tax back up. This resolution authorizes the refunding and appropriation of the funds from the bond sale for the purpose of paying off the old bonds. Ms. Renfrow stated that this meeting is considered the public hearing and notice of this meeting was published on April 17 as required by law. She added, in the process of refunding these bonds and coordinating with the SportsPlex bonds, it was discovered that bonds sold under \$30 million are considered as “bank qualified” bonds which gets as much as a ¼ point lower interest rate.

Mr. Coyne asked if this changes the timeline for the pay off of the bonds.

Ms. Renfrow stated that this does not change the timeline; it only lowers the interest rate and levels out the payments and saves the department about \$84,000.

Mr. Renneisen stated that the department is currently in year 11 of 20 years in the repayment schedule with escalating payments. This refunding will allow the payments to flatten out which means the next couple of years will be slightly higher, but the remaining eight years will be less than the previous payment schedule.

Mr. Coyne made a motion to approve Resolution 09-07 to refund the revenue bonds associated with the 1999 Cascades Golf Course improvements. Mr. Hoffmann seconded the motion. Motion unanimously carried.

C-2. Review/Approval of Partnership Agreement with Indiana University School of HPER and Department of Recreation, Parks and Tourism Studies

Mr. Renneisen addressed the Board seeking approval of the partnership agreement with Indiana University School of HPER and Department of Recreation, Parks and Tourism Studies. This is the second year to formalize this long standing partnership. He introduced Dr. David Compton, Chair of the Department of Recreation, Parks and Tourism Studies. Key points include the internship arrangements, research opportunities, opportunities for students to participate in R100 classes, teaching opportunities for staff, travel opportunities, and a collaboration of many opportunities. He also acknowledged Dr. Robert Goodman, Dean of the School of HPER, for his continued support of the department.

Dr. Compton addressed the Board and stated that he is very excited and he is pleased to be back at Indiana University after having been a student here many years ago. He has been very involved in public parks and recreation departments throughout the years. In recent years his interests have evolved to include active living and the increasing obesity rate in the United States. He feels public parks and recreation is the front line in addressing lifestyle and active living issues. He congratulated the department staff for attaining both the Gold Medal Award and

National Accreditation. These two designations are very impressive and an indication of high quality programs and staff. An advisory committee is being established to address all facets of parks and recreation. Undergraduate and graduate advisory committees have also been established to address their needs as well.

Mr. Coyne stated that this partnership is very exciting and he is pleased to see the focus and the vision of the Department of Recreation, Parks and Tourism Studies evolve under Dr. Compton's leadership.

Mr. Coyne made a motion to approve the partnership agreement with Indiana University School of HPER and Department of Recreation, Parks and Tourism Studies. Mr. Hoffmann seconded the motion. Motion unanimously carried.

C-3. Review of Preliminary Price Schedule Proposal for the SportsPlex

Mr. Renneisen addressed the Board and stated that staff is presenting a draft of the price schedule at this meeting and a final schedule will be presented in May for approval. This allows the public, staff and Board one month to review the proposed price schedule and provide input and comments.

Mr. Turnbull addressed the Board stating that his portion of the document covers the memberships and sports-related areas. The proposed rates are based on past practices of the current management, the local market, and the regional market for similar services. Membership rates are very close to current rates at the SportsPlex and are somewhat lower than similar local facilities. He added that the sports courts rates are the most complicated and there are three options.

Court rentals:

Option 1. \$40 hour per hour per court rate if the event director is bringing an event to the SportsPlex and the department will not see part of the gate/admissions.

Option 2. \$32 per hour per court and ½ split of the gate/admissions.

Option 3. \$22 per hour per court per hour per court for practice time.

Turf Field is \$70 per hour.

Tournament admissions will be added at a later date and will include a range as that will be negotiated with the user group.

Memberships:

Daily: 6 and under free, \$6 per individual adults, \$5 for youth 7-17

Student rates: \$22 bank draft, \$25 monthly, \$125 6 months, \$225 annual

Adult rates: \$32 bank draft, \$35 monthly, \$175 6 months, \$325 annual

2 Adults: \$50 monthly, \$250, 6 months, \$475 annual

Family: \$55 bank draft, \$60 monthly, \$300 6 months, \$575 annual

Capital Fee: \$20 per person on all memberships

The current rates at the SportsPlex are:

Students: \$324 annual, Single Adult: \$456 annual. The current management also offers several discounts to local businesses and user groups.

Mr. Hoffmann asked if admissions will be charged for regular tournament league play.

Mr. Turnbull stated that admissions will not be charged for league play.

Mr. Renneisen added that this price structure is in the middle between what the YMCA charges and what the SRSC (Student Recreational Sports Center) charges.

Mr. Eads addressed the Board and covered the facility rental fees. Category A includes City Departments, Parks and Recreation Department, MCCSC and Category B includes private use. The following prices apply only to Category B rentals as there is no charge for Category A.

Facility Rental Fees:

Fitness Room: \$50/hour
Program Room: \$30/hour
Conference Room: \$40/hour
Whole Lower Level: \$120/hour
Rental of Entire Facility: Negotiated

Mr. Eads added that meeting space will be made available on a first come first served basis at no charge to local groups for meetings. These prices are based on current charges at other department facilities and market rates.

Mr. Coyne cautioned staff to be specific with groups wanting to use the space for free.

Ms. Buuck addressed the Board and presented the Health/Wellness proposed fee structure. She added that these fees are based on local facility charges, current SportsPlex charges, and other fitness facilities.

Health/Wellness Fees:

Personal Training: Package 1 \$150-\$475; Package 2 \$55-665
Group Fitness Classes: \$10-\$100 (fitness classes, dance, youth)
Punch Passes: \$6-\$50 (choose from a list of current group fitness classes to attend. One punch pass per program.)
Fitness Assessments: \$10-\$50 (body composition, strength, cardio, flexibility, or full assessment)
Health/Wellness Services: \$5-\$60 (includes speaker series and massage)

Mr. Hoffmann asked if these fees are on top of the membership fees.

Ms. Buuck stated that yes, only members can take part in these programs.

Mr. Renneisen asked if a daily membership could count as a member to do an assessment.

Ms. Buuck stated that a daily membership would count as a membership category.

Mr. Renneisen stated that all current memberships will be honored.

Mr. Coyne encouraged the public to help with this document by offering feedback.

Mr. Renneisen added that the affordability issue was mentioned by City Council during the approval process. Staff realizes that not everyone will be able to afford all of these prices. The Parks Foundation is assisting with fundraising for the programs at the SportsPlex and hopes to increase scholarship availability.

Mr. Hoffmann reiterated to the staff and the public that this facility has no tax subsidy and must recover all expenses (minus full-time staff payroll) through fees and charges.

The Board and staff agreed that this is a working document as changes will likely occur as staff becomes more accustomed to the business and day to day activities.

Mr. Hoffmann stated that he mentioned to the director of the Convention Center, in passing, the idea of “re-centralizing” some of the BACC programs to the Convention Center. She expressed an interest in partnering with the city to relocate some of those programs downtown.

D. REPORTS

D-1. Operations Division – No Report

D-2. Sports Division – No Report

D-3. Recreation Division – Banneker at the View/Playful City USA Award

Ms. Brinson addressed the Board and provided them with an update on the Banneker at the View program. This is a free afterschool program run at Fairview Elementary School by the Banneker Community Center staff. Afterschool programming at the Banneker has been going on for several years. In addition, the MCCSC Grant funded Bell and Beyond Program was held at Fairview Elementary School for four years and concluded in 2008. At the conclusion of this grant, the two agencies partnered to continue offering this program at Fairview Elementary School. The participants are divided into two groups: K-2 grade and 3-6 grade. Each group has a staff assistant, program staff and volunteers. Snacks are provided by MCCSC and transportation is provided by the Parks and Recreation department. The K-2 program averages 20 students per day with four different activities including: homework help, arts & crafts, gym games, field trip Wednesdays/French club Fridays, nutrition education, math games, computer lab/library. The 3-6 grade program averages 20-25 students per day and is part of the Afterschool EdVentures Program, with three staff plus staff assistant, two Fairview teachers, two Fairview teacher's aides, and a community partner. This age group has access to ballroom dancing, garden program, jewelry/weaving, field trips on Friday, chess club, gym games/park play, and a community partner.

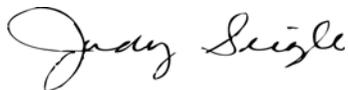
Ms. Nix addressed the Board and stated that the department that the department was selected as a Playful City USA department in the fall 2008. Bloomington was given this award to celebrate the staff's commitment to play. In addition to the award, two Playful City street signs will be placed in Bloomington: one on the north side of town by Miller-Showers Park and the other one south of downtown near Seminary Park. To celebrate this accomplishment staff will be hosting the 2nd Annual Neighborhood Play Day on August 5, 2009 from 1-3 at local neighborhood parks.

D-4. Administration Division – No Report

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 5:22 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Judy Seigle, Secretary Board of Park Commissioners