



**CITY OF BLOOMINGTON  
parks and recreation**

**AGENDA**

City of Bloomington Board of Park Commissioners  
Regular Meeting: Tuesday, June 16, 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 May 26, 2009 meeting
- A-2. Approval of Claims Submitted May 27, 2009– June 15, 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
- B-3. Staff Recognition - 35 year Milestone – Mark Thrasher – Golf Course Superintendent
- B-4. Staff Introductions - Elizabeth Tompkins – Natural Resources Coordinator  
- Tim Pritchett – Facility/Program Coordinator

**C. OTHER BUSINESS**

- C-1. Review/Approval of Partnership Agreement with YMCA (Lindsay Buuck)
- C-2. Review/Approval of Memorandum of Understanding with FC Tucker to Plant 20 Trees on the B-Line Trail (Mick Renneisen)
- C-3. Review/Approval of Amendment to Lease Agreement with The Project School (Mick Renneisen)
- C-4. Review/Approval of Nine-Hole Rate for Cascades Golf Course (Jason Calhoun)
- C-5. Review/Approval of Additions to the Price Schedule at the SportsPlex (Mark Sterner)

**D. REPORTS**

- D-1. Operations Division - No Report
- D-2. Sports Division - No Report
- D-3. Recreation Division - Jared Jeffries Camp Report (Leslie Brinson)
- D-4. Administration Division - Strategic Action Plan Update (Cheryll Elmore)

**ADJOURNMENT**



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Board of Park Commissioners  
Regular Meeting  
Minutes

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4:00 – 5:30 p.m.

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401 N. Morton St.

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Carter at 4:10 p.m.

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

**Staff Present:** Mick Renneisen, Judy Seigle, Rob Gilchrist, Bev Johnson, Tim Pritchett, Becky Barrick, Sarah Nix, Leslie Brinson, Lysie Buton, Elizabeth Tompkins, Mick Renneisen, Julie Ramey, Jason Calhoun, Steve Cotter, Daren Eads, Dave Williams, Cheryl Elmore,

**Interns:** Joseph Marquez, Jenny Kearney

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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**

Mr. Hoffmann reminded the Board members that he will be out of town during the month of July.

**B-2. Bravo Award – None for June**

**B-3. Staff Recognition – 35 year milestone – Mark Thrasher**

Mr. Renneisen addressed the Board, stating that Mr. Thrasher was unable to attend this evening's meeting. Mr. Thrasher grew up on the golf course as his father was the Golf Course Superintendent before him and he lived in the house located at the golf course. He continued to live in that house until two years ago when he moved out of it. During his 35 years he has witnessed many changes to the course, from new irrigation to new nine holes added a few years ago. He is a certified pesticide applicator and can fix just about anything that breaks! Thanks for 35 great years and many more!

#### B-4. Staff Introductions – Elizabeth Tompkins, Tim Pritchett

Ms. Tompkins addressed the Board and stated that she is very excited to introduce herself to the Board as the new Natural Resources Coordinator. She began working with the department in the Natural Resources Department four years ago while she was a student at Indiana University. She has a degree in Outdoor Recreation and Resource Management and has worked at McCormick's Creek State Park as a naturalist and has provided environmental education programs at Hilltop Garden and Nature Center and the US Forest Service. She has developed award winning programs such as Leonard Springs Nature Day and she is starting to develop the 4<sup>th</sup> grade nature day programs for Griffy Lake.

Mr. Pritchett introduced himself to the Board, stating that he is the new Program/Facility Coordinator with the Allison-Jukebox Community Center and Kid City Camps. He moved to Bloomington in May 2002 and began working at a camp with Stonebelt through a partnership with Parks and Recreation. That partnership dissolved after that first year and the following summer he began working with Kid City. He has worked in some capacity with the department since that time. During his time in Bloomington he received his BA and MA from Indiana University's Department of Communication and Culture. He is surprised at how much goes on "behind the scenes" within the department to make things happen.

#### C. OTHER BUSINESS

##### C-1. Review/Approval of Partnership Agreement with YMCA

Mr. Gilchrist addressed the Board seeking approval of the partnership agreement with YMCA. The purpose of the partnership is to provide quality health and wellness programs for the community by combining available resources from each organization. This is the third year for this partnership agreement.

Mr. Hoffmann made a motion to approve the partnership agreement with YMCA. Ms. St. John seconded the motion. Motion unanimously carried.

##### C-2. Review/Approval of Memorandum of Understanding with FC Tucker to Plant 20 Trees on the B-Line Trail

Mr. Renneisen addressed the Board seeking approval of the memorandum of understanding with FC Tucker to plant 20 trees on the B-Line Trail. He stated that FC Tucker owner, John West, approached staff recently stating that he would like to fund a community program to help commemorate the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his business. After several conversations, it was agreed that Mr. West would fund the planting of 20 trees on B-Line Phase II. The amount agreed on was \$3,000 to be paid over the course of three years. A ceremonial tree will be planted on Phase I of the B-Line Trail in July 2009 to honor the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Mr. West's FC Tucker business. The remaining 19 trees will be planted when construction of B-Line Phase II is in progress.

Mr. West addressed the Board and stated that he is really excited about doing this. He wanted to do something that is "non-conventional" to celebrate their 20 years. As a company, they share the philosophy of giving back to the community, so this seemed like a good fit.

Ms. St. John added that this is a great gesture and thanked Mr. West for his service to the Bloomington community.

Mr. Carter stated that he thinks this might give other businesses the idea to give back to the community as well.

Mr. Hoffmann made a motion to approve the memorandum of understanding with FC Tucker. Ms. St. John seconded the motion. Motion unanimously carried.

##### C-3. Review/Approval of Amendment to Lease Agreement with the Project School

Mr. Renneisen addressed the Board seeking approval of the amendment to the lease agreement with the Project

School. He stated that after the initial lease agreement was approved, the Project School approached staff requesting that the lease agreement be amended as follows: Section 7.2 Letter of Credit – The original agreement called for the Project School to provide a letter of credit in the amount of \$750,000 to the landlord in order to complete the tenant's improvements. The proposed amendment calls for the improvements to be completed in two phases. Phase I calls for approximately \$468,774 of improvements to be made for the 2009 school year. Phase II calls for the balance of the improvements, at an amount to be determined to the satisfaction of the landlord, to be complete by the 2010 school year. This change is due to the Project School's capacity to raise the needed funds for the renovations. The balance of the terms of the original Lease Agreement will remain the same. The Legal Department has reviewed this and feels it is the appropriate thing to do.

Mr. Hoffmann stated that he feels that the improvement schedule is not important to him and feels the expansion of the building is a bonus to renting the facility. He cautioned staff to make sure the department is not liable for any bills that may not be covered by the tenants.

Mr. Renneisen stated that the Legal Department has reviewed this and is confident that the department is not at a financial risk by lowering the tenant's letter of credit. He added that the Project School is strongly motivated to complete their proposed renovations.

Ms. St. John stated that she is pleased to see that the Project School is completing their project with two phases and acknowledges that phase two may not occur and she's okay with that!

Mr. Hoffmann made a motion to approve the amendment to the lease agreement to the Project School. Ms. St. John seconded the motion. Motion unanimously carried. He cautioned staff to keep an eye on the work to make sure there are minimal overruns.

#### C-4. Review/Approval of Nine-Hole Rate for Cascades Golf Course

Mr. Calhoun addressed the Board seeking approval of a nine-hole rate for the Cascades Golf Course. He stated that for many years the golf market in Bloomington only offered a daily fee for a typical 18-hole game. A daily fee meant you could play as many holes, up to 18, as you liked for the fee. Those players that didn't want to play 18 or more holes, or wanted a discount on the fee, were offered a twilight rate with a starting time restriction. The twilight rate drove the less than 18-hole players to later in the day. Staff is proposing the allowance of 9-hole play rates for Mondays-Thursdays.

Mr. Renneisen stated that customer retention is very important to the Golf Course staff and they feel this compromise is good for customer relations.

Mr. Hoffmann made a motion to approve the nine-hole rate for Cascades Golf Course. Ms. St. John seconded the motion. Motion unanimously carried.

#### C-5. Review/Approval of Additions to the Price Schedule at the SportsPlex

Mr. Gilchrist approached the Board seeking approval of the additions to the price schedule for the SportsPlex. He stated that staff has observed a demand for seasonal use of half-basketball courts at the SportsPlex by renter groups and individuals. Staff also feels that a non-prime time use (5am – 4pm) of the synthetic turf field year-round would be beneficial. The full-court rental is \$22 and staff is proposing a fee of \$15 per hour for half-court rental during the months of June, July and August. The prime time rate for synthetic turf is \$70 per hour and staff is proposing a \$40 per hour non-prime time rate for synthetic turf use from 5am – 4pm only. Staff feels these price adjustments will increase usage during non-prime times and increase revenue to the facility.

Mr. Renneisen added that the renovation to the synthetic turf is occurring now. The turf will be out of use until installation of the new turf is complete on July 13.

Mr. Hoffmann made a motion to approve the additions to the price schedule at the SportsPlex. Ms. St. John seconded the motion. Motion unanimously carried.

## **D. REPORTS**

### **D-1. Operations Division – No Report**

### **D-2. Sports Division – No Report**

### **D-3. Recreation Division – Jared Jeffries Camp Report**

Ms. Brinson addressed the Board and provided them with a review of the Jared Jeffries Camp. She stated that this is the second year that Chris Ward has provided basketball instruction at the camp. Mr. Ward is a former NBA player and is currently a trainer at IMG Academy and co-creator of the skills center in Tampa, Florida. Also coaching with the camp was Tommy Weakley, Edgewood graduate now playing for DePauw University; Whitney Thomas, and Lydia Serfling, recent graduates of the IU Women's Basketball Team; and Derrick Cross, BHSN graduate, Miami of Ohio star, and current Bloomington basketball instructor. She stated that participation numbers were up significantly with 105 participants in 2008 and 165 in 2009. There were 39 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade participants, 48 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade participants, and 78 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade participants. The daily schedule included stretching/warm up, skill development (dribbling in place, full court dribbling/relays, moves to the basket, lay-ups, dribbling, catch and shoot, shooting moves, left/right stop and shoot, 1-1 drills, and scrimmage games. Participants received shirts (donated and made by Jordan), Knicks gear, NBA merchandise, Coke products, and Jared's autographed picture with each participant. The Jared Jeffries Scholarship Fund was created to help offset costs to the Parks and Recreation Foundation scholarship fund for the youth basketball programs. During season 1 of the 2008-09 youth basketball season \$1,116.50 in scholarship funds were awarded to 19 families and 31 children. In Season 2 \$1,180 in scholarship funds were awarded to 22 families and 34 children. A website has been created that is available to all camp participants that will be updated with training tips from Chris Ward. The website will also be updated with information from Jared with on-line chats and season information. This will be a way for campers to be connected to Jared and camp throughout the year. Campers can upload pictures and ask questions of Chris and talk to other campers.

### **D-4. Administration Division – Strategic Action Plan Update**

Ms. Elmore addressed the Board and provided them with an update to the Strategic Action Plan. Significant accomplishments for this period of 2009 include:

- The 5-year Comprehensive Plan for years 2008-2012 was approved by the Park Board
- Annual staff retreat was held on December 12, 2008. Scheduled for December 11, 2009.
- The department's comprehensive plan goals were incorporated into the City's Strategic Action Plan. The City's plan was presented by Mayor Mark Kruzan at the State of the City address in May 2009.
- The department worked with City administration to sustain adequate operating and maintenance funding to parks and recreation in order to sustain the level of service currently provided to the community. General Fund budget for 2008 was \$7,257,109. General Fund budget for 2009 was \$6,916,322.
- Investigate capital asset sales potential for BACC. Charter School leased the BACC for 10 years in April 2009. Will improve facility and allow parks department to use it on nights and weekends. All BACC programs have been relocated.
- Consider utilizing revenue for renovation of an existing facility or construction of a new multi-generational community center. SportsPlex was purchased on May 2009 through revenue bonds. Took possession of facility on May 15, 2009.
- Cost recovery goals were calculated for 2008, analyzed by staff and Park Board and cost recovery goals were established for all program areas for 2009.
- Eliminated membership fees at the BACC. No longer an issue with the purchase of the SportsPlex.

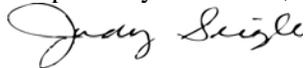
- Established a partnership with IU's HB (Human Biology) 401 class. The class focused on the Cascade creek watershed, including Miller-Showers Park and Lower Cascades Park, dividing the watershed into six subwatersheds to be studied by teams of three to four persons each. Each student was trained and certified in Hoosier Riverwatch, followed by storm drain marking. It was the first wide-scale watershed protection project in to take place in town.
- Hill family approved use of funds held by the Community Foundation to purchase new dasher boards.
- B-Line Backers and Adopt-a-Median programs are in place.
- The 5-year Capital Improvement Plan was updated in May 2009 for the years 2010 through 2014.
- Phase I of the B-Line Trail ribbon cutting ceremonies scheduled for May 29<sup>th</sup>.
- The Trailer Park and Stone Mill sites at Lower Cascades Park were purchased in October 2008.
- The Butler Park garden site was approved by the Park Board in February 2009. Project includes a partnership with Mother Hubbard's Cupboard.
- The Willie Streeter gardens sites were expanded by 74 plots in spring 2009.
- More adult lap swim offered at pools
- Administrative procedures training held in March 2009
- Community Events accomplishments:
  - Purchased a 9' x 16' movie screen for summer movie series
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Hoosier Hustle was held on April 18<sup>th</sup>, with 63 participants
  - Winter Wii tournament
  - Suesspicious Behavior at MCPL
  - Egg Scramble
  - Bloomington named Playful City USA. City-wide play date done in 2008, scheduled for 2009

This working document drives our department's planning decisions and serves as our report card to the community. There are eight goals in the Strategic Action Plan, 20 objectives, and 251 strategies. To date in 2009, staff has completed 23% of tasks identified for completion in 2009. An additional 6% are considered annual tasks, 8% are on hold, 24% are in progress, 2% have been deemed not feasible, 23% are considered on-going, and 14% have not yet been started. Changes in the community's needs or the department's resources could result in a change of priorities in the strategic action plan in coming years. Staff encourages the community and board to regularly review and comment on the strategic action plan.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,




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Judy Seigle, Secretary Board of Park Commissioners