



**CITY OF BLOOMINGTON
parks and recreation**

AGENDA

City of Bloomington Board of Park Commissioners
Regular Meeting: Tuesday, August 25, 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 July 21, 2009 Meeting
- A-2. Approval of Claims Submitted July 22, 2009– August 24, 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 - Kevin Marzahl (Steve Cotter)
- B-3. Staff Recognition - Amy Shrake (Paula McDevitt)
- B-4. Staff Introduction - Andre Prawira, Sports Intern

C. OTHER BUSINESS

- C-1. Review/Approval of Partnership Agreement with White River Co-op for Drool in the Pool Event (Becky Barrick)
- C-2. Review/Approval of Partnership Agreement with Hoosier Heights LLC (Tim Pritchett)
- C-3. Review/Approval of Incentive Program for Twin Lakes Recreation Center Marketing and Promotion Request (Julie Ramey)
- C-4. Review/Approval of Partnership Agreement with Mother Hubbard's Cupboard for Community Gardens at Rev. Ernest D. Butler Park (Bradley Drake)
- C-5. Review/Approval of Amendment to Lease Agreement with The Project School For Bloomington Adult Community Center (Mick Renneisen)

D. REPORTS

- D-1. Operations Division - ERAC Presentation of Top Priorities from Griffy Master Plan (Angie Shelton)
- D-2. Sports Division - Twin Lakes Recreation Center Grand Opening (John Turnbull)
- D-3. Recreation Division - No Report
- D-4. Administration Division - No Report

ADJOURNMENT



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Minutes

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CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Carter at 4:00 p.m.

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

Staff Present: Mick Renneisen, Judy Seigle, Tim Pritchett, Becky Barrick, Paula McDevitt, Dave Williams, July Ramey, Cheryll Elmore, Amy Shrake, John Turnbull, Steve Cotter, Bradley Drake, Lindsay Buuck, Marcia Veldman

Intern: Andre Prawira, Joel Grant

City Administration: Margie Rice, Legal

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

Mr. Renneisen stated that he is requesting to add agenda item C-5 to this evening's meeting. This item pertains to the amendment to the Project School lease of the former BACC building.

Mr. Hoffmann made a motion to approve the addition of item C-5 amending the Project School lease. 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 – Kevin Marzahl

Mr. Cotter addressed the Board recognizing Kevin Marzahl as the August Bravo Award winner. Mr. Marzahl contacted the city early in the summer to request information about Wapehani and to make some management

recommendations for the park. Since that time he has donated many hours of labor, organized work days and he set up a meeting with Parks staff and the Hoosier Mountain Biking Association to assess the trails. He has also been communicating with the IU Mountain Biking Club, which has adopted some of the bike trails to help coordinate volunteer efforts at the park this fall. Mr. Marzahl is a long-time user of Wapehani, having started riding there in 1987 and has seen many changes around the park over the past 22 years.

Mr. Marzahl addressed the Board and stated that it has been a real pleasure working with Mr. Cotter and his staff. He stated that the park is a real “gem in the rough” and he hopes to help slow down some of the impact on the park from the surrounding developments.

B-3. Staff Recognition – Amy Shrake

Ms. McDevitt addressed the Board and stated that she is recognizing Ms. Shrake, Inclusive Recreation Coordinator, for her five years of service with the department. As the Inclusive Recreation Coordinator and a Certified Therapeutic Recreation Specialist, Ms. Shrake serves as an in-house expert to the program staff and Operations staff providing input on ADA and accessibility issues. She provides input on new playground projects, parks, and facilities and most recently, provided assistance with the newly acquired Twin Lakes Recreation Center. Prior to coming to work for the city, she worked at the National Center for Accessibility here in Bloomington and brought with her invaluable experience. In addition to providing this resource to the department, Ms. Shrake provides reasonable accommodations for children participating in recreational programs with the department, having about 24-25 inclusive participants per summer in Kid City camps. She has received grant funding to cover the costs for providing one on one counselors at camp. She also runs many of the inclusive programs for the department including a specialized music program and the leisure companion program.

Ms. Shrake addressed the Board and said her time here has flown by very quickly and very proud to be a part of this department.

B-4. Staff Introduction – Andre Prawira, Sports Intern

Mr. Prawira addressed the Board and stated that he is an international student from Jakarta, Indonesia who transferred from Cuyahoga Community College to Indiana University. He is majoring in Sports Marketing Management and will graduate in December. He is an active volunteer for organizations on campus and off campus such as the Indiana University Indonesian Student Association, Bloomington Parks and Recreation, and Indiana University Recreational Sports.

C. OTHER BUSINESS

C-1. Review/Approval of Partnership Agreement with White River Co-op for Drool in the Pool Event

Ms. Barrick addressed the Board seeking approval of the partnership agreement with White River Co-Op for Drool in the Pool. She stated that this is the fifth year for this event and the third year for this partnership. This event will be held on September 10 and 11 from 5-7 p.m. each day. In 2008 over 300 dogs and 900 humans participated in this event. White River Co-Op helps by providing judges and volunteers for dog contests, securing vendors, securing prizes, and assisting with set-up and tear-down.

Mr. Coyne made a motion to approve the partnership agreement with White River Co-Op. Ms. St. John seconded the motion. Motion unanimously carried.

C-2. Review/Approval of Partnership Agreement with Hoosier Heights LLC

Mr. Pritchett addressed the Board seeking approval of the partnership agreement with Hoosier Heights LLC. The purpose of this partnership agreement is to revive a partnership for youth rock-climbing opportunities. This amendment to the old partnership changes the program focus from an evening gym climbing club to specialized

weekend climbing trips to the Red River Gorge in Western Kentucky. In addition, the amendment changes the revenue split from 75/25 to 50/50 percent between BPRD and Hoosier Heights. The partnership will be evaluated after the first set of trips in the fall of 2009 with the possibility for more collaboration throughout 2009-2010.

Mr. Coyne made a motion to approve the partnership agreement with Hoosier Heights LLC. Ms. St. John seconded the motion. Motion unanimously carried.

C-3. Review/Approval of Incentive Program for Twin Lakes Recreation Center Marketing and Promotion Request

Ms. Ramey addressed the Board seeking approval of an incentive program for Twin Lakes Recreation Center for marketing and promotion. She stated that promotional campaigns such as day passes allow prospective customers to visit and inspect the facility and speak with staff, and is the first step in the purchase of a long-term membership. Periodic distribution of complimentary annual membership packages as a promotional tool are valuable as they encourage prospective members to provide their contact information in order to be considered for the package as a prize or reward.

Mr. Coyne made a motion to approve the TLRC promotion request. Ms. St. John seconded the motion. Motion unanimously carried.

C-4. Review/Approval of Partnership Agreement with Mother Hubbard's Cupboard for Community Gardens at Rev. Ernest D. Butler Park

Mr. Drake addressed the Board seeking approval of a partnership agreement with Mother Hubbard's Cupboard for Community Gardens at Rev. Ernest D. Butler Park. He stated that this is a follow up to a report that was made to the Board in February regarding the expansion of the community garden program to Rev. Ernest D. Butler Park. This agreement provides for the department to provide the initial site assessment and soil testing, installation of a waterline and spigots, deer fencing, storage shed, compost bins, a garden sign, and soil amendments. The department will provide on-going maintenance of these items as well. Mother Hubbard's Cupboard will oversee, coordinate and pay for the installation of a 20' x 30' greenhouse and initial soil amendments. Mother Hubbard's Cupboard will serve as the site steward including mowing the fence perimeter and grass paths within, maintenance and general orderliness of the site, repairs to the greenhouse, assisting gardeners in maintenance of their plots and gardening questions. The gardens will use an area approximately 10,000 square feet located west of the ballfield. Approximately one third of the garden will be divided into 10' x 10' plots (about 30) available for rent through the department. Another third made available for Mother Hubbard's Cupboard growing area and greenhouse, and the remaining area would provide for a community gathering space, compost bins, storage shed and perennial food forest demonstration area.

Mr. Coyne made a motion to approve the partnership agreement with Mother Hubbard's Cupboard for a community garden at Rev. Ernest D. Butler Park. Ms. St. John seconded the motion. Motion unanimously carried.

C-5. Review/Approval of Amendment to Project School Lease

Mr. Renneisen addressed the Board seeking approval of the amendment to the Project School lease. He stated that the Project School recently learned of the opportunity to seek a Department of Education 0% interest loan to help complete the renovation to the BACC facility and the expansion and purchase of additional property. He stated that the timing was critical and could not wait until the September meeting because the money is available through a stimulus grant and will quickly dissipate. He stated that two amendments are being presented for approval so whichever one is better suited for the grant application will be submitted. He introduced Cathy Diersing representing the Project School and Margie Rice with the City Legal Department.

Ms. Diersing addressed the Board and stated that the grant application is for a 0% interest bond sale and will be used to fund the \$500,000 renovations that are already completed, but will also allow funding for the expansion and will allow the school to extend grades K-8 and beyond the 2010 school year and increasing the capacity of students by about 60 students. It will allow the school to consider purchasing property that is almost adjacent to the current site

for expanding outdoor education opportunities.

Ms. Rice addressed the Board and stated that two amendments are being presented for approval this evening with the knowledge that only one will be forward to the Mayor for approval depending on which one better meets the needs of the Department of Education's (DOE) grant proposal. She stated that the DOE is reluctant to offer these 0% interest loans to schools that do not own their own building. The first option allows for the school to have four 5-year renewal options rather than the current two 5-year renewal options, in addition to the initial 10-year lease. This provides for a total of a potential 30-year lease option. The other option is to allow the Project School to negotiate an option to purchase with the City of Bloomington within 14 months prior to the conclusion of the initial 10-year lease and again with each 5-year lease renewal. Both amendments have a contingency amendment upon receipt of the grant funding.

Mr. Coyne expressed some concerns about the city assuming financial responsibility for re-payment of the loan should the Project School default on its obligation to pay. He asked Ms. Rice to ensure that the city be protected against financial responsibility for the loan.

Mr. Hoffmann expressed similar concerns should a lien be placed on the facility.

Ms. Diersing stated that should not be a concern as the loan is to the Project School and the city serves only as the landlord for the school.

Mr. Hoffmann also expressed concerns about the 2nd document, specifically section 2.6. The phrase currently reads "...tenant and landlord shall negotiate an option to purchase..." He suggests the phrase the read "...tenant and landlord shall negotiate *concerning* an option to purchase..."

Mr. Hoffmann made a motion to approve both amendments to the Project School lease with the following two conditions: 1) The language in the 2nd alternative amendment will be modified to reflect the Board's discussion regarding the options to purchase. 2) City Legal staff will resolve Board concerns regarding any lien or encumbrance on the building/property. Ms. St. John seconded the motion. Motion unanimously carried.

D. REPORTS

D-1. Operations Division – ERAC Presentation of Top Priorities from Griffy Master Plan

Angie Shelton, Chair of the Environmental Resources Advisory Council (ERAC), addressed the Board and presented them with what they consider to be the top six priorities from the Griffy Lake Management Plan (GLMP) out of the 70 total recommendations. The list has been organized into several key categories:

1. Erosion and sedimentation control
 - Pursue opportunities for design-based funding to address erosion.
 - Pursue funding to implement shoreline and streambed and bank stabilization.
 - Encourage efforts to reduce soil erosion in order to reduce the transport of mercury and to limit sediment and nutrient loading to the lake.
 - Redesign and rebuild sections of trail presenting severe erosion .

2. Bicycle and pedestrian access and safety issues.
 - Reduce speed limit across the causeway.
 - Install traffic calming devices near the entrance of the boathouse parking lot.
 - Place large limestone blocks or guardrails in the curve at the boathouse and install bike racks behind the blocks or guardrails.
 - Construct a boardwalk and accessible fishing pier along the south side of the causeway.

- Open dialogue between BPRD and Bloomington Transit to provide public transportation to Griffy Lake Nature Preserve (GLNP).
 - Designate a safe route for visitors arriving at GLNP on foot or bicycle.
 - Ensure collaborative planning for alternative transportation connections by improving infrastructure.
3. Deer population control
 - Initiate a study to determine the effects of deer population on the native plant community and enact a course of action according to the results.
 4. Water quality
 - Monitor water quality impacts of areas within the Griffy Lake watershed where septic systems are used to treat residential wastewater.
 - Work with the county planning department to determine need to address water quality and/or water quantity assessment.
 5. Invasive species
 - Control exotic, invasive species using the best-possible method, typically herbicide-based treatments.
 - Continue exotic, invasive aquatic plant monitoring and control methods to limit the negative impacts of exotic species on Griffy Lake.
 - Implement an education program to inform area residents about the issues associated with exotic, invasive aquatics species and their impact to Griffy Lake as a backup water supply.
 6. Acquisition of adjacent properties
 - Determine, on a case by case basis, the desirability to purchase properties in the GLNP watershed.
 - Purchase identified properties in the GLNP watershed from willing landowners.

The Board expressed their thanks to the ERAC members for their many hours of dedication and hard work put in to their roles with the natural resources functions within the department.

D-2. Sports Division – Twin Lakes Recreation Center Grand Opening

Ms. McDevitt addressed the Board and stated that she, Mr. Turnbull, and Ms. Ramey will all be reporting on the Twin Lakes Recreation Center (TLRC) grand opening. She presented some before and after pictures of the exterior and interior of the facility. Ms. McDevitt stated that has worked with Dr. Barb Hawkins, a professor at Indiana University, who did an assessment of the facility to improve the “usability” and promote “active engagement.” The assessment was completed with the staff and started in the parking lot and continued through the welcoming area and throughout the entire facility. She thanked the Operations staff for all of their hard work and the many hours they put in to this facility!

Mr. Turnbull addressed the Board and stated that the soccer turf has been replaced at the cost of \$75,000 and an additional \$6,000 for removal of the old turf. The new turf is very similar to the turf at the Indiana University football field. Staff plans to get at least 10 years out of this new turf.

Ms. McDevitt continued with pictures of the concessions area and stated that Daren Eads oversees the concessions area and staff. This room is also used for party rentals, and other functions. The restrooms on the middle floor were completely gutted with new flooring, walls, and counters installed. New fitness equipment has been purchased and installed, and a maintenance agreement was approved. The downstairs has been cleaned up, tables added, and a staff member is housed there to greet guests and assist with programs and questions.

Ms. Ramey addressed the Board and announced the grand opening and ribbon cutting event to be held on Saturday, August 29 from 1:30 – 5:00 p.m. The ribbon cutting is at 1:30 and from 2-5 staff is hosting a free open house with facility tours, class demos, fall sports league registrations, free fitness assessments, and health screenings. The

Jared Jeffries “Hoop it Up” event will also be held starting Thursday, August 27 and he will host various events through the 29th. More information about his foundation and activities can be found on his web site www.jaredjeffries20.com. Upcoming programs at the facility include: Bloomington Youth Basketball Skills Clinic, Developmental League for all skills levels, Skilled League, Derrick Cross, Basketball Clinic, High School Basketball, Flag Football, Adult Volleyball, Adult Basketball with competitive and recreational leagues, Women’s Basketball, Indoor Soccer Leagues are run by www.bloomingtonsoccer.net, Sport Shorties Fall Ball, Sport Shorties Soccer, Basketball Future Stars, Kid City Fall and Winter Break Days, Kindermusik, adult group fitness classes/dance classes/fitness classes. In addition, free on-going drop-in classes are available for adults, including aerobics, volleyball, lap quilting, bridge, euchre, etc. Several partnered programs continue such as free legal counseling, blood pressure screenings, hearing screenings, life line screening and flu shot clinic.

Mr. Turnbull addressed the Board and provided the Board with some financial updates. The gross revenue this first quarter is \$189,863. If this pace is continued it would translate to about \$750,000 on an annual basis. The goal is around \$1 million annually. Since the facility was acquired during the slowest quarter for this industry, staff anticipates revenue will continue to grow and staff is “cautiously optimistic” that the revenue projections will be met.

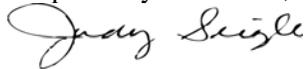
D-3. Recreation Division – No Report

D-4. Administration Division – No Report

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 5:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Judy Seigle, Secretary Board of Park Commissioners