



**CITY OF BLOOMINGTON
parks and recreation**

AGENDA

City of Bloomington Board of Park Commissioners
Regular Meeting: Tuesday, June 23, 2015 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, 2015
- A-2. Approval of Claims Submitted May 27, 2015 – June 22, 2015
- 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 - Jennifer Perry (Banneker – Evans-Porter Library) (Leslie Brinson)
- B-3. Parks Partner Award -
- B-4. Staff Introductions -

C. OTHER BUSINESS

- C-1. Review/Approval of Partnership Agreement with White River Co-op for Drool in the Pool Event (Bill Ream)
- C-2. Review/Approval of Partnership Agreement with IU Health for 90 Degree Pool Days (John Turnbull)
- C-3. Review/Approval of Request to Place Public Art on Clear Creek Trail (Miah Michaelson)

D. REPORTS

- D-1. Operations Division - TIF Bond Project Updates (Dave Williams)
- D-2. Recreation Division - Playful City USA Recognition (Paula McDevitt)
- D-3. Sports Division -
- D-4. Administration Division -

ADJOURNMENT



Board of Park Commissioners
Regular Meeting
Minutes

Tuesday, June 23, 2015
4:00 – 6:00 p.m.

City Hall Council Chambers
401 N. Morton St.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Less Coyne at 4:04 p.m.

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

Staff Present: Mick Renneisen, Kim Clapp, John Turnbull, Kim Ecenbarger, Dave Williams, Paula McDevitt, Leslie Brinson, Bill Ream

A. CONSENT CALENDAR

- A-1. Approval of Minutes of May 26, 2015 Meeting
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- A-3. Approval of Non-Reverting Budget Amendments
- A-4. Review of Business Report

Ms. Jane St. John made a motion to approve the Consent Calendar. Mr. John Carter seconded the motion. Motion unanimously carried.

B. PUBLIC HEARINGS/APPEARANCES

B-1. Public Comment Period – None

B-2. Bravo Award – Jennifer Perry

Leslie Brinson, Facility-Program Coordinator of Banneker Community Center, presented the June Bravo Award to Ms. Jennifer Perry. Ms. Brinson stated Ms. Perry is a native of Bloomington and a two-time graduate of Indiana University, most recently with a Masters in Library Science. After some time away from the school system Jennifer began looking for a place to continue her work with children and books and reached out to BBCC. Over the last year Ms. Perry has volunteered her time revitalizing the Evans-Porter Memorial Library. During this time she has created a computerized cataloging system, purchased new books with her own funds, updated and cataloged library materials and helped increase the literacy programs. Ms. Perry volunteers weekly. While taking a leading role in many of the reading programs, she still manages to keep the library an organized and vibrant place to visit. Ms. Perry has stated, "Librarians live for those moments when we connect people with just the right book, provide a safe place to explore new ideas encourage new ways of looking at the world, or help a disinterested reader become a passionate one." Ms. Brinson called Ms. Perry to the podium and presented her with the June 2015 Bravo Award.

Ms. Perry thanked Ms. Brinson and the Banneker staff for allowing her to come and exercise her passion for what she does, to work in their space and to work with the kids at Banneker and the community.

Mr. Coyne thanked Ms. Perry.

B-3. Parks Partner Award – None this month

B-4. Staff Introductions - None

C. OTHER BUSINESS

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

Mr. Bill Ream, Community Events Coordinator, recommended the approval of the 2015 Partnership Agreement for Drool in the Pool with White River Co-Op (WRC). This is the 11th year for the event and the ninth year in partnership with WRC. Last year's event was a success with 240 dogs and 400 humans participating from the Bloomington community and surrounding areas. WRC secures judges and prizes and recruits volunteers from their company to assist the days of the event. This year's event is scheduled for August 12th and 13th.

The Board inquired on the early date of the event.

Mr. Ream stated this event is held at the closing of Mills Pool which coincides with students returning to school.

Ms. St. John made a motion to approve the Partnership Agreement with White River Co-op for Drool in the Pool.

Mr. Carter seconded the motion. Motion unanimously carried.

C-2. Review/Approval of Partnership Agreement with Indiana University Health- Bloomington for 90 Degree Pool Days

Mr. John Turnbull, Division Director Sports, recommended the approval of the proposed 2015 Partnership Agreement for 90 Degree Days between BPRD and IU Health Bloomington. IU Health will offer free pool admission to the community between the hours of 4pm and 6pm on days which are forecasted to be 90 degrees or above. This program will be offered at Mills Pool and Bryan Park Pool (water slides will not be included at Bryan Park Pool). Attendance will be tracked through the summer with IU Health being invoiced for payment at the end of the season. Maximum anticipated revenue is \$9,100.

The Board inquired how the program would be promoted.

Mr. Turnbull stated the community will be informed through social media along with sandwich boards displayed at the pools.

Ms. St. John made a motion to approve the Partnership Agreement with Indiana University Health - Bloomington for 90 Degree Pool Days. Mr. Carter second the motion. Motion unanimously carried.

C-3. Review/Approval of Placement of Public Artwork at Trailhead of Clear Creek Trail

Miah Michaelsen, Assistant Economic Development Director for the Arts, stated that Deb Wehman, a frequent biker on the trails, contacted Kim Ecenbarger, Special Service Coordinator with BPRD, to inquire about the possibility of public art being placed on Park's tails. Ms. Ecenbarger referred Ms. Wehman to Ms. Michaelsen. This began a conversation regarding commissioning a sculpture by artist Dale Enochs. Ms. Wehman and Mr. Enochs met with the Arts Commission who agreed to support the project by matching Ms. Wehman's donation of \$6,000. This contribution would be issued from the Municipal Arts Fund.

The proposed sculpture design has been approved by the Arts Commission who is now petitioning the BPRD to allow the sculpture to be placed at the Clear Creek Trail trailhead near Tapp Road. Exact location will be subject to BPRD staff approval. BPRD will provide a base for the artwork with the Arts Commission being responsible for project management as well as the upkeep of the sculpture. Ms. Michaelsen introduced Ms. Wehman and Mr. Enochs.

Mr. Enochs stated this art work is constructed of steel and Indiana Limestone. There will be a few minor changes made to the final sculpture design which have been approved by Ms. Wehman and Ms. Michaelsen. Mr. Enochs views this as an entry way to the main part of the trail. The piece is entitled "Jog" and will contain a variety of small carvings and words pertaining to the area. Mr. Enochs stated he wishes there were more people like Ms. Wehman who has generously contributed to this project. Mr. Enochs feels very fortunate to be able to be part of this plan and appreciates the support he has received from the City of Bloomington over the years.

Ms. Michaelsen stated the name of the trail will be carved into the sculpture.

Ms. Wehman stated she is thankful Mr. Enochs has agreed to create this sculpture and to BPRD for considering allowing the sculpture to be located on the trail. Ms. Wehman hopes this will let the public know how easy it is to have a sculpture commissioned and placed on public property. She hopes residents will continue to assist in providing art to the community.

The Board thanked everyone for their efforts with this project.

Ms. Michaelsen stated some of Mr. Enoch's work can be seen on the Bloomington City's website along with other art work owned by the city.

The Board questioned if an acknowledgement will be placed at the sculpture. They also inquired what the anticipated time line is for completion of this project.

Ms. Michaelsen stated there will be a plaque located at the site acknowledging both Ms. Wehman and Mr. Enochs. The sculpture is scheduled to be installed late spring of 2016.

Ms. St. John made a motion to approve the Placement of Public Artwork at Trailhead of Clear Creek Trail. Mr. Carter second the motion. Motion unanimously carried.

D. REPORTS

D-1. Operations Division - TIF Bond Project Updates

Mr. William presented the project list funded by the TIF Bond and how these funds will be utilized for renovations of existing BPRD facilities and parks as well as for future projects. The Board will periodically be updated on the progress of these projects as their completion will be staggered over a three year period, with the exception of the Switchyard Park project which will be completed over a five year period. Due to these proposals being financed by TIF funds all scheduled projects are located within the TIF boundary area.

Allison-Jukebox Center

- Upgrade electrical service
- Renovation of existing restrooms
- Sidewalk reconstruction and entrance accessibility improvements
- Interior floor covering replacement

B-Line Trail

- Seal concrete bridge deck at Grimes Lane
- Repaint 3rd Street bridge
- 2nd St. to Rogers St. metal halide lighting fixture replacement to energy efficient LED

Bloomington Rail Trail

- Crossing pavement markings and signage

Building & Trades Park

- Rehabilitate existing facility to create unisex and family restrooms
- Replace basketball court surface
- Convert playfield to turf grass with irrigation
- Resurface drive and parking lot

Buskirk-Chumley Theater

- HVAC temperature control system replacement
- LED lighting upgrades
- Movie theater quality 4k projector

Crestmont Park

Rehab playground and add attractions
Install lighting

Farmers' Market

Waterline installation with frost-free hydrants

Miller-Showers Park

Second phase of metal halide lighting fixture replacement to energy efficient LED

RCA Park

Rehabilitation of existing walking trails and new hiking trail development

Waldron, Hill and Buskirk Park

Upgrade parking lot lighting to energy efficient LED

Switchyard Park Development

Land acquisition

Park development per the 2012 Master Plan

Mr. Mick Renneisen stated these projects are being presented to the Board because, unlike a typical Parks project, these are funded by the Redevelopment Commission through the Consolidated Tax Increment Finance District. The protocol for project approval requires approval of each individual project; approval of the funds for the project; approval of a contract for each project with all steps being approved by the Redevelopment Commission. Staff's intention is to provide the Board with a monthly report of the projects going through the Redevelopment Commission process. These projects will occur over a three year period. The design of the Switchyard Park has already gone before the Redevelopment Commission for approval with the contract for the design phase to be presented at their July 13, 2015 meeting. Staff will routinely be bringing design phases of the larger projects to the Board to ask for guidance on how the Board would like to be engaged in the smaller projects.

Mr. Renneisen stated that the Redevelopment Commission projects are intended to assist in the redevelopment of a geographic area of the City. Staff believes that any Department project on the list accomplishes that objective by increasing the property value of businesses and residential property in those areas which encourages private and public investment around those sites. This is the reason for some of these projects that have been on the Parks capital improvement list rising to the top of the TIF Bond funded projects. The list includes park sites that geographically fit the location and meet the definition of a redevelopment type project. The Switchyard will influence a section of Bloomington that is a mile and two tenths long and contains a huge geographical area. The Master Plan has studied this area and moving forward it is anticipated the investment of public dollars will create private investment similar to what occurred with the B-Line Trail.

Ms. St. John verified this is a totality of the projects that will be receiving TIF Funds. Over time, the Board will be hearing more about these projects as they progress on their time line. These projects are fantastic. The Board is always concerned when looking at the addition of a new site of how it will be maintained in the future. The Department is fortunate to be the beneficiary of these funds and have the ability to not only use them to renovate existing facilities but to also use them for development of the Switchyard Park.

Mr. Carter questioned if more efficient plumbing and lighting fixtures will be installed with these renovations. He inquired if these upgrades would lower the consumption of water and power providing future savings in utility cost.

Mr. Williams stated future savings are anticipated to begin accruing once these projects are completed.

Mr. Coyne stated he is pleased to see where the funds have been allocated. Some of these tasks have been on the Capital Improvement list for an extended period of time. Completion of these projects will enhance existing parks and facilities.

Mr. Renneisen stated the Redevelopment Commission is familiar with and supportive of the Switchyard Park project. They understand the project is a great opportunity to influence and redevelop the area for many decades to come.

D-2. Recreations Division - KaBoom 2015 Playful City USA Designation

Ms. Paula McDevitt, Recreation Services Division Director, informed the Board the City of Bloomington has been honored with the 2015 Playful City USA designation. This is the eighth time this honor has been received. KaBOOM is a national non-profit program that honors cities and towns across the country for making their cities more playable. This program is dedicated to giving all children - particularly those growing up in poverty - a childhood filled with balance and active play so they may thrive. The City of Bloomington Playful City USA Committee is comprised of representatives from many of the City's Departments and their partners. Programs and initiatives highlighted in the 2015 application included the GOAL program, two Open Streets events and play initiatives in all five sections of the program including schools, worksite, community at-large, community organizations and healthcare.

D-3. Sports Division – No Report

D-4. Administration Division – Master Plan Survey

Mr. Renneisen briefed the Board on the community wide survey that is taking place. This process occurs every five years in conjunction with the Master Plan update. The Eppley Institute is assisting with the survey process as well as the Master Plan. Due to mailing issues and vacation schedules conflicting with the initial mailing of survey cards, the survey deadline was extended to Friday, June 26th. As of June 19th an additional 80 random surveys were completed for a total of 317 surveys returned. The target number is 382 for the random survey in order to have a statistically valid result. Staff is confident that this goal will be obtained. Residents who did not receive an invitation to complete a survey, but still wish to share their opinions, may do so by completing an open survey. The numbers for open surveys have increased from 93 completed surveys to a total of 215 surveys returned as of June 19th. The open surveys and random surveys will be compiled separately resulting in two banks of data. Separating the survey results guarantees the responses from the random surveys have not been manipulated. In speaking with our consultants, the trends in both surveys are very similar. Staff will be sharing the survey results with the Board at an upcoming Board meeting with the results being available to the public at that time.

The survey can be taken on a kiosk located in City Hall or a link to the survey may be found on the Bloomington City website under the Parks Department's page.

The Steering Committee and Technical Review Committee meeting scheduled for June 30th has been rescheduled to July 13th in deference to make sure there is time to analyze the survey data. The meeting will be from 11:30am to 1:00pm in the McCloskey Room at City Hall.

Due to the renovation of the City Council Chambers, the July Park Board meeting will be held in the City Utilities Board Room located at South Henderson Street.

Mr. Renneisen informed the Board a girls AAU 5th Grade National Basketball Tournament is being held at Twin Lakes Recreation Center this week. The championship game will be at Bloomington North High School where they have the capacity to seat a larger crowd. Staff is serving as facility managers for this event with Visit Bloomington staff having the role of tournament director. Our staff is working hand in hand with them to help accommodate the 47 participating teams.

ADJOURNMENT

Ms. St. John motioned to adjourn Mr. Carter second the motion. Meeting adjourned at 5:02 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Kim Clapp, Secretary Board of Park Commissioners