



**CITY OF BLOOMINGTON
parks and recreation**

AGENDA

City of Bloomington Board of Park Commissioners
Regular Meeting: Tuesday, October 27, 2015 4:00 – 5:30 p.m.

Council Chambers
401 N. Morton St.

CALL TO ORDER - ROLL CALL

A. CONSENT CALENDAR

- A-1. Approval of Minutes of September 22, 2015
- A-2. Approval of Claims Submitted September 23, 2015 – October 26, 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 -
- B-3. Parks Partner Award -
- B-4. Staff Introductions - Hsuing Marler – Sports Facilities Supervisor (Hsuing Marler)
- James Richardson – MEO Golf Course (John Turnbull)

C. OTHER BUSINESS

- C-1. Review/Approval of Disbandment of Inclusive Recreation Advisory Council (Amy Shrake)
- C-2. Review/Approval of Partnership Agreement with Chris Doran/B-Town Soccer (Mark Miller)
- C-3. Review/Approval of Partnership Agreement with Summer Star Foundation (Elizabeth Tompkins)
- C-4. Review/Approval of Boating Regulations at Griffy Lake to Allow Stand-up Paddle Boarding (Elizabeth Tompkins)
- C-5. Review/Approval of Partnership Agreement with Bloomington Blades Youth Hockey Association (Dee Tuttle)
- C-6. Review/Approval of Partnership Agreement with Bloomington Blades High School Hockey Association (Dee Tuttle)
- C-7. Review/Approval of Partnership Agreement with Bloomington Figure Skating Club (Dee Tuttle)
- C-8. Review/Approval of 2016 Price Schedule (Division Directors)

D. REPORTS

- D-1. Operations Division - No Report
- D-2. Recreation Division - No Report
- D-3. Sports Division - No Report
- D-4. Administration Division - No Report

ADJOURNMENT



Board of Park Commissioners
Regular Meeting
Minutes

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CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Les Coyne at 4:02 p.m.

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

Staff Present: Mick Renneisen, Paula McDevitt, Dave Williams, John Turnbull, Kim Clapp, Becky Higgins, Julie Ramey, Leslie Brinson, Dee Tuttle, Amy Shrake, Mark Miller, Ellen Campbell, Hsiung Marler and James Richardson

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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

At the end of the meeting the Board recognized a citizen who missed the public comment period. The Board allowed the citizen to approach the podium, granting two minutes for comments.

Mr. Dave Schleibaum approached the podium and stated he appreciated the Board allowing him the opportunity to follow up from last month's meeting. Mr. Schleibaum stated he is still concerned with the continued bad behavior in the parks. The reason we are here is to request some new guidelines and new regulations. He presented suggestions to the Board on how to improve the situation, making Seminary Square and old fashion theme park for the kids and smoke free, Peoples Park could also be a smoke free park and a place where good behavior is encouraged. The park at Upper Cascades could be used as a good behavior place where citizens would be allowed to pitch tents and use the park as a camp ground. Mr. Schleibaum thank the park staff for their response following the September meeting.

The Board thanked Mr. Schleibaum for his time and concerns. This is a topic the Board and other City Departments are well aware of and they continually work on this issue. It is a challenging situation with no easy solution.

B-2. Bravo Award – None this month

B-3. Parks Partner Award – None this month

B-4. Staff Introductions

Mr. Hsiung Marler has accepted the position of Sports Facilities Program Manager with BPRD. Mr. Marler has worked the last twelve years for the Champaign Park District in Champaign, IL in a variety of roles. Mr. Marler has twenty years' experience coaching soccer. Mr. Marler stated he is happy to be here, John and Dee have been extremely helpful.

The Board thanked Mr. Marler.

James Richardson has accepted the position of Master Equipment Operator, Cascades Golf Course. Mr. Richardson has worked part time for the golf course since 2008, during that time acquiring the skills necessary for this position. Mr. Richardson has a Chemical Applicators License.

The Board thanked Mr. Richardson

C. OTHER BUSINESS

C-1. Review/Approval of to Disband the Inclusive Recreation Advisory Council.

Ms. Amy Shrake, Inclusive Recreation Coordinator, stated the council was formed thirteen years ago to assist PBRD with the development of a new inclusive model. Since that time a successful process has been established that serves individuals with disabilities in park programs. The inclusion services area has been both consistent and stable, resulting in the dwindling need of the council. The program is effective and maintains good relationships with community experts. Collaborations with Indiana University, MCCSC and the partnership with Special Olympics continue to be strong. The former council members will continue to be available in the need of future consultation.

Ms. St. John made a motion to approve to Disband the Inclusive Recreation Advisory Council. Mr. Carter seconded the motion. Motion was unanimously carried

C-2. Review/Approval of Partnership Agreement with Bloomington Soccer, LLC.

Mr. Mark Miller, Aquatic and Fitness Coordinator, stated Chris Doran, has operated a successful and well respected youth and adult Soccer program at the Twin Lakes Recreation Center since 1999. This partnership is to assist Mr. Doran in continuing to offer developmental programs for youth as well as recreation and competitive soccer leagues for both youth and adults in the Bloomington Community. This program provides quality soccer programs to the community and generates rental revenue for the TLRC.

Ms. St. John made a motion to approve the Partnership Agreement with Bloomington Soccer, LLC. Mr. Carter seconded the motion. Motion was unanimously carried

C-3. Review/Approval of Partnership Agreement with Summer Star Memorandum of Understanding – Griffy Lake Nature Day.

Ms. Elizabeth Tompkins, Natural Resources Coordinator, stated Griffy Lake Nature Day, funded by the Summer Star, is currently in its eighth year. This program reaches approximately 800 fourth grades in the Monroe County Community School Corporation. It is modeled after the Leonard Spring Nature Day program providing an experiential environmental education program for children. During this nine day period the program incorporates hands on activities, meets state education standards and is a guided exploration in the natural environment. This program is not only a learning experience but is also a first time outdoor experience for many children. PBRD has developed many outdoor educational experiences for children with nature day programs offered through Griffy Lake, Bradford Woods, Leonard Springs and Banneker Community Center.

The Board inquired how the Summer Star foundation is connected with BPRD when it is based out of Boston.

Ms. Tompkins stated the head of the Summer Star Foundation is a graduate of Indiana University and developed connection with the community at that time. Her interests are in art, music and nature and how they connect. She sought out our Department because of what we do in those areas. She remains linked to the community.

Ms. St. John made a motion to approve the Partnership Agreement with Summer Star Memorandum of Understanding – Griffy Lake Nature Day. Mr. Carter seconded the motion. Motion was unanimously carried

C-4 Review/Approval of Changes to Griffy Lake Boating Regulations

Ms. Tompkins stated paddle boarding is a sport that has increased in popularity over the last five years and the community has shown interest in this activity. Due to the fact this is a quiet sport and it's similarity to canoeing and kayaking it would be a suitable addition to Griffy Lake. With the U.S. Coast Guard designating paddle boards as vessels the same rules and regulations for other Griffy watercraft may be used with only slight modifications. Regulations for the paddle boards would include the users wear an ankle leash while on the water and have Coast Guard approved PFD accessible. The staff will expand its fleet to include paddle boards creating the opportunity to increase revenue.

Ms. St. John made a motion to approve the Changes to Griffy Lake Boating Regulations. Mr. Carter seconded the motion.

Motion was unanimously carried

C-5 Review/Approval of Partnership Agreement with Bloomington Blades Youth Hockey Program

Dee Tuttle, Sports Coordination stated the Bloomington Blades Youth Hockey Associations' travel program is designed for the more serious hockey player between the ages of 7 and 12 years old. The association schedules approximately 72 hours of practice time a season at the arena and will play a minimum of 44 home games. The program is open to all Blades/House players. Ms. Tuttle introduced Mr. Allen Stribe, BBYHA President.

Mr. Stribe approached the podium and stated they are a non-for-profit organization whose mission is to provide the community with a competitive youth ice hockey program, qualified coaching, and to help the players develop athletic skills, a sense of citizenship, sportsmanship and fair play. Travel hockey is offered to four age divisions with the addition of the fifth division of girls 12 and under. This division is still in the development stages.

Mr. Stribe stated they are a member of the USA Hockey which is the national governing body for amateur ice hockey. Our instruction model is based on the USA Hockey model, which provides a standard blueprint for skill development of youth ice hockey players. We participate in the Buckeye Travel Hockey league which is based out of Ohio. This season we will host approximately 300 families in Bloomington for home games coming from Indiana, Ohio, Kentucky and Tennessee.

Mr. Stribe stated in addition to the travel program, coaches and our association supports the BPRD house hockey program at all age levels. We offer equipment rental for the house players who do not want to make the investment of a full set of hockey gear. Last season our ice rentals totaled approximately \$32,000 at Frank Southern Center. We have also solicited sponsors to advertise at the ice arena and have brought in approximately \$6500 in additional sales through that program.

The Board inquired what type of financial assistance is available for participants.

Mr. Stribe stated the program fees do not fully cover the expenses of operation. The organization seeks other fund raising sponsorships to help support the program cost. They also facilitate the sale and trade of equipment participants have outgrown. Scholarships are available for individual with financial needs.

The Board thanked Mr. Stribe.

Ms. St. John made a motion to approve the Approval the Partnership Agreement with Bloomington Blades Youth Hockey Program. Mr. Carter seconded the motion. Motion was unanimously carried

C-6 Review/Approval of Partnership Agreement with Bloomington Blades High School Hockey Program

Ms. Tuttle stated the Bloomington Blades High School Hockey program competes against other team's around the state. They practice three days a week for twenty weeks at the FSC. They also will play 11 home games. Membership is open to all Bloomington community players and surrounding areas. Ms. Tuttle introduced Nick Lightfoot head coach.

Mr. Lightfoot approached the podium and stated they are very similar to the youth hockey association with the differences being games are played mostly in state competition with very limited exceptions and they have a different state association.

Mr. Lightfoot stated this is his fifth year of coaching and it has been a pleasure to coach the kids. He can see the wonderful things it does for the players' self-esteem development, confidence, compromising and behavior modification. It is a significant responsibility by is more of a pleasure.

Mr. Lightfoot thanked the Board for the opportunity of this program.

The Board thanked Mr. Lightfoot.

Ms. St. John made a motion to approve the Partnership Agreement with Bloomington Blades High School Hockey Program. Mr. Carter seconded the motion. Motion was unanimously carried

C-7 Review/Approval of Partnership Agreement with Bloomington Figure Skating Club Partnership Agreement

Ms. Tuttle stated the Bloomington Figure Skating Club aims to provide opportunities for the Bloomington community to participate in a diverse figure skating program for individual interest in enhancing his/her skills in the sport. The Bloomington Figure Skating Club promotes the growth of the figure skating as a healthy, beneficial and excellent

recreational activity for individual interest in an enhanced competitive figure skating experience. Ms. Tuttle introduced Ms. Jennifer Yates, Figure Skating Club Board Member.

Ms. Yates approached the podium and stated this partnership has been in existence for ten years. We enjoy the same schedule year after year and the partnership with BPRD has been strong. We encourage kids who have graduated from the Learn to Skate program to continue their skating by joining the Figure Skating Club. We also partner with BPRD for Skate and Scare as well as Skate with Santa by providing skaters and adults who donate their time and expertise to the public. Some of the Learn to Skate instructors are members of the Figure Skating Club. We would appreciate your continued support.

The Board thanked Ms. Yates

Ms. St. John made a motion to approve the Partnership Agreement with Bloomington Figure Skating Club. Mr. Carter seconded the motion. Motion was unanimously carried

C-8 Review/Approval of Partnership Agreement with Bloomington Figure Skating Club Partnership Agreement

Ms. Paula McDevitt, Recreation Division Director, stated staff recommends an increase in price to the Farmer's Market Saturdays in April. This is due to the fact there will be five Saturdays in April instead of the normal four Saturdays.

The staff is seeking a five dollar increase to the Holiday Market Arts Fair booth space due to the number of crafters submitting applications. This is a popular event that does very well and has a high demand for booth space.

The staff is proposing a price increase of ten dollars to Kid City Original and the Kid City CIT programs. Going back in history fees have not been increased since 2013. Taking into consideration the 2016 increase in seasonal staff wages and the significant increase in bank fees due to higher credit card usage the staff feels there is justification in these price increases.

The Board requested in future the PBRD provide percentage recovery for the prior year to be used for comparison.

Mr. Renneisen stated this will be provided to the Board.

John Turnbull, Sports Division Director, stated there will be fewer price changes for the sports division this year.

The staff is proposing adding a new product of a 9-hole/10 play pass for \$120.00 at Cascades Golf Course. The staff is suggesting the 18 hole/10 play pass be increased from \$153.00 to \$165.00.

The staff recommends at Twin Lakes Recreation Center, changing the party room with turf rental from one fee of \$90.00 per hour throughout the year to a low demand/high demand fee. Rental rates of \$100.00 per hour during the off season months of April thru September. Establish the prime season rates of \$125.00 per hour during the months of October thru March. The price increase is due to the high demand of this item.

Dave Williams – Operations and Development Director, the staff recommends a three dollar increase across the board for the reserved rental of shelter houses. To clarify, park shelters are free of charge unless an individual or organization wants to reserve a shelter for a specific date and for all day use. These fees have not been raised since 2013.

The staff is seeking to increase prices at Rose Hill Cemetery and White Oak Cemetery to align our services and fees with that of the private sector. Particularly when it comes to late afternoon or weekend burial due to the cost of overtime and compensatory time. We are making a very concerted effort to discourage mortuaries from scheduling burials late afternoon or on weekends obviously in some cases that is out of their control due to family matters.

In Natural Resources at Lake Griffy, as previously stated paddle, boats will be added to the fleet. Staff proposes the increase of the annual launch permits from \$60.00 to \$70.00. Other suggested price increases are moving hourly boat rental from \$7.00 to \$8.00 and the 10 pass boat rental from \$60.00 to \$70.00. All other fees will remain unchanged for 2016.

Mick Renneisen reminded the Board the proposed changes presented at tonight meeting are for review only. This will provide the public the opportunity to evaluate the changes before they are finalized. During the November Board meeting we will seek final approval, giving the community and Board Members ample time for questions and comments.

REPORTS

D-1. Operations Division – None

D-2. Receptions Division – None

D-3. Sports Division – None

D-4. Administration Division – None

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 4:48p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Kim Clapp, Secretary Board of Park Commissioners