

**CITY OF BLOOMINGTON  
parks and recreation**

**AGENDA**

City of Bloomington Board of Park Commissioners  
Regular Meeting: Tuesday April 26, 2011 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 8, 2011 Meeting
- A-2. Approval of Claims Submitted March 9, 2011 – April 25, 2011
- 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 - Dr. Kate Reck/G201 Class (Kriste Lindberg)
- B-3. Staff Introductions -
- B-4. Staff Recognition -

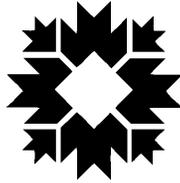
**C. OTHER BUSINESS**

- C-1. Review/Approval of Partnership Agreement with Jazzercise (Lindsay Buuck)
- C-2. Review/Approval of Request to Declare Surplus Property (Mick Renneisen)
- C-3. Review/Approval of Partnership Agreement with Lake Monroe Sailing Association (Michael Simmons)
- C-4. Review/Approval of Appointment to Banneker Community Center Advisory Council (Leslie Brinson)
- C-5. Review/Approval of Nutrition and Physical Activity Policy (Paula McDevitt)

**D. REPORTS**

- D-1. Recreation Division - Farmers' Market Advisory Council Annual Report (Bruce McCallister)  
Community Events Update (Becky Barrick-Higgins)
- D-2. Sports Division -
- D-3. Operations Division -
- D-4. Administration Division -

**ADJOURNMENT**



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**05/24/11**

Board of Park Commissioners  
Regular Meeting  
Minutes

Tuesday, April 26, 2011  
4:00 – 5:30 p.m.

Council Chambers  
401 N. Morton St.

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Carter at 4:05 p.m.

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

**Staff Present:** Mick Renneisen, Judy Seigle, Becky Higgins, Leslie Brinson, Julie Ramey, Kriste Lindberg, Kim Ecenbarger, Michael Simmons, Paula McDevitt, Elizabeth Tompkins, Marcia Veldman, Bev Johnson, Dave Williams

**BCT Partner:** Danielle McClelland, Jacob Lisch

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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. Renneisen reported that he, along with Ms. Elmore and Mr. Carter, attended the CAPRA accreditation hearing in Washington, DC in March. Staff learned at that meeting that the department passed its second 5-year accreditation process. The department will go through the reaccreditation process again in five years. He stated that the department passed all but three of the 144 standards and all of the 36 required standards.

Mr. Williams stated that the Indiana University Health/Project School/KaBOOM! Playground project build will take place at the Waldron, Hill, Buskirk (3<sup>rd</sup> Street) Park on Friday, May 20. This project will involve several hundred volunteers within the community to build the playground. Anyone interested in volunteering should contact Kim Ecenbarger at 349-3739.

**B-2. Bravo Award**

Ms. Lindberg addressed the Board and presented the April Bravo Award to the IU Chemistry class G201. This is a Service Learning in Chemistry class that was formed to provide students with an opportunity to do some hands on projects that would benefit the students and the community. This first class had 21 students that signed up to participate. During March a Hoosier Riverwatch workshop was held and all students signed up to participate in the Citizen Scientist Certification Program. They used their skills to monitor the water quality in Clear Creek. As the semester progressed, more interest developed in the various aspects of the project. A three-hour cleanup was held in cooperation with Monroe County Solid Waste Management District on Thursday, April 21. Several pounds of trash were removed from the

property, much of which was recyclable. This class will soon begin Storm Drain Marking in the individual subwatersheds that comprise the Clear Creek watershed. Ms. Lindberg introduced Dr. Kate Reck and her students – Robert Akdrige, Katherine Allen, Luke Berghoff, Andrew Brouger, John Bryant, Hannah Cox, Kara Drey, Katie Drudge, Richard Elias, Tom Gallmeyer, Kent Griffith, Jacobh Hercamp, Alexa Krainer, Tim McBride, Andrew Rusch, Shivani Patel, Sarah Posey, Alex Torline, Luke Umana, Laura Wetzels, and Eric Wockman.

Dr. Reck addressed the Board and stated that she and the Department of Chemistry are very pleased to receive this award. She stated that service learning in the Department of Chemistry is evolving and was non-existent 10 years ago when she started in her position. The Department is really making an effort to improve funding in this area. She feels the students learn valuable skills participating in service learning projects. She hopes to continue working with the City on future projects such as the B-Line Trail development.

The students stated that this class was a great opportunity to learn data gathering skills and practical skills that they can't learn in the classroom.

### B-3. Staff Introductions – None for March

### B-4. Staff Recognition

Ms. Ramey addressed the Board and acknowledged the 30 year anniversary of Mr. Renneisen. She read a poem that she had written in his honor!

Mr. Renneisen addressed the Board and stated time has gone by quickly and he feels that's a sign that he enjoys what he's doing. He acknowledged the Board and the staff for making his job so enjoyable.

Mr. Coyne stated that there was something special when Mr. Renneisen became Director and it has worked incredibly well. The accomplishments of the department reflect not only a dedicated and hard working staff, but good leadership that knows how to direct good people. The community should be grateful to Mr. Renneisen for his leadership abilities.

Mr. Hoffmann stated that he agrees with Mr. Coyne's statement. He stated it is a pleasure to be around an organization that is such a special place to work.

Mr. Carter also feels the accomplishments of the staff and department can be directly attributed to Mr. Renneisen's guidance.

Ms. St. John stated that longevity and success is attributed to great leadership. She acknowledged Mr. Renneisen's ability to make all employees within the department feel valued and welcome.

## **C. OTHER BUSINESS**

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

Ms. Buuck addressed the Board seeking approval of the partnership agreement with Jazzercise. She stated that the department advertises the Jazzercise program in the Program Guide. Participation fees are collected by the franchise holder who pays 10% of gross receipts to the department in exchange for advertising in the Program Guide. This partnership has been in place since 1997 and there are no changes to this year's agreement.

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

### C-2. Review/Approval of Request to Declare Surplus Property

Mr. Renneisen addressed the Board seeking approval to declare surplus property at the Buskirk-Chumley Theater (BCT). He stated that staff at the BCT has identified some equipment, owned by the City, to be no longer in usable condition. Park staff agrees with the request to designate the following equipment as surplus:

<b>QTY</b>	<b>Item</b>	<b>Estimated Value</b>	<b>Total</b>
5	Mackie 1400i power amplifiers	\$100	\$500
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3	Carver 1200 power amplifiers	\$100	\$300
4	DBX 166XL compressor/gate	\$100	\$400
1	Deringer MDX4406 4 channel compressor	\$75	\$75
1	Lexicon MPX1 effects processor	\$50	\$50
1	DDA CS3 32 channel soundboard	\$350	\$350
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>\$1675</b>

He stated that City Legal has reviewed the law (IC 5-22-22-6) pertaining to dispensing of City owned property and states that public or private sale or transfer of property can occur without advertising if the following applies:

If the property to be sold is:

- 1) one item with an estimated value of less than \$1,000; or
- 2) more than one item with an estimated total value of less than \$5,000

The list has more than one item with total value of less than \$5,000. With Board approval, staff can negotiate a private sale and transfer the property without advertising. Proceeds of the sale would be deposited with the City but could be reallocated for other equipment purchases upon approval.

Mr. Hoffman made motion to approve the request to declare surplus property at the Buskirk-Chumley Theater. Ms. St. John seconded the motion. Motion unanimously carried.

### C-3. Review/Approval of Partnership Agreement with Lake Monroe Sailing Association

Mr. Simmons addressed the Board seeking approval of the partnership agreement with Lake Monroe Sailing Association (LMSA). He stated that this partnership has been in place since 1996. This partnership provides an opportunity for the Bloomington community to participate in a diverse sailing program, designed to introduce beginner participants to the sport, as well as to provide for skill advancement. In 2010, the adult sailing classes served a record 24 participants with two on the wait list in the eight sessions offered in 2010. In 2011, LMSA will offer 18 adult classes and eight youth camps. Walt Johnson will once again serve as the Youth Sailing Camp Director.

The following changes are proposed in the partnership agreement for 2011:

- 2.0. The agreement is to remain in effect for two years.
- 3.2.4. BPRD will provide rosters to coordinators prior to start of each course.
- 3.2.5. BPRD will provide reports of fees collected to coordinators prior to start of each course.
- 3.2.6. b. There is an increase of registration fees from \$100 to \$200 per participant in adult sailing classes (from \$90 to \$180 for members of LMSA), with the exception of four sections for which LMSA offers a discounted rate of \$175 per participant (\$158 for LMSA members).
- 3.2.6. c. BPRD will pay LMSA the fee collected less \$26 for each participant registered.
- 3.2.6. d. BPRD will retain \$25 for each participant registered plus the \$1 transaction fee.
- 3.2.6. e. BPRD will pay LMSA on receipt of invoice following the completion of each group of four youth sailing camps and each group of six adult sailing classes. Thus there will be two payments total for youth sailing camps and three payments total for adult sailing classes.
- 4.2.4. LMSA will provide invoices to BPRD as detailed in section 3.2.6. e.
- 4.2.5. b, c, d. The phrase "in Youth Sailing Camps" is added to clarify that these sections do not apply to adult sailing classes.

Mr. Coyne asked Mr. Simmons if he is comfortable with the staffing levels to ensure safety of the participants.

Mr. Simmons stated that he is quite comfortable with staffing, especially, given the Walt Johnson is the director. He communicates with Mr. Simmons several times weekly during the season. He added that the increased adult class fees are recommended by the LMSA Board to more accurately reflect the value of the lessons.

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

#### C-4. Review/Approval of Appointments to Banneker Community Center Advisory Council

Ms. Brinson addressed the Board seeking approval of an appointment to the Banneker Community Center Advisory Council. Staff recommends the appointment of Pastor Andre' Love. Pastor Dre' has been in the Bloomington community for a little more than two years and has been very active since his arrival. He is the founder and Pastor at I Care Ministries on 11<sup>th</sup> Street. He also works with the Bloomington High School South Track Team and within MCCSC as a substitute teacher. Pastor Dre' works closely with students at Fairview Elementary School and in the Crestmont Housing Development. The Banneker staff and advisory council looks forward to his energy, ideas and connections. Ms. Brinson added that the advisory council has had one less member than allowed for the past year. The position has been posted since it became vacant, but no other applications have been received.

Mr. Hoffmann made a motion to approve the appointment to the Banneker Community Center Advisory Council. Ms. St. John seconded the motion. Motion unanimously carried.

#### C-5. Review/Approval of Nutrition and Physical Activity Policy

Ms. McDevitt addressed the Board seeking approval of a new departmental policy for nutrition and physical activity. She stated that in 2002 the department was designated a magnet site for the National Parks and Recreation Association's Hearts N' Parks initiative. This initiative focused on communicating the benefits of physical activity and heart healthy behaviors through participating in programs and using park facilities and services. It was this initiative and the national focus on the obesity epidemic and the role parks and recreation departments play in promoting healthy lifestyles the department hired the Health/Wellness Coordinator, Lindsay Buuck. In 2009 the Bloomington/Monroe County community was awarded a CDC funded grant through the YMCA of the USA to become an ACHIEVE (Action Community for Health, Innovation & EnVironmental ChangE) Community. Ms. McDevitt serves as the Community Coach in partnership with Nancy Parker from the Monroe County YMCA. The ACHIEVE Mission is "to empower individuals and catalyze organizations to be a model community that values and embraces the healthy choice through collaborative education, policy and initiatives." The Nutrition and Physical Activity Policy is the next step in formalizing the department's actions, decisions, and purchases as it relates to promoting an active healthy lifestyle for staff and participants. Staff members were included in the draft of this policy.

The policy is as follows:

#### **POLICY RE: Nutrition and Physical Activity Policy**

**Purpose:** The City of Bloomington Parks Department Mission Statement states:  
"Bloomington Parks and Recreation Department will provide essential services, facilities, and programs necessary for the positive development and well being of the community."

It is in this spirit of well being that the department has developed the following Nutrition and Physical Activity Policy:

It is department policy that activities and events sponsored or supported by the department whenever possible will include opportunities for physical activity. This should include physical activity breaks at programs/events and at staff functions/meetings/trainings.

The department shall support directors and supervisors to encourage employees to use flex-time work schedules and authorized break times to engage in physical activities during the workday as long as it does not interfere with their work duties.

For ½ day department sponsored programs and events, a minimum of 45 minutes of physical activity will be implemented, which can be broken in no less than 15 minute segments.

For full day department sponsored programs and events, a minimum of 75 minutes of physical activity will be implemented, which can be broken in no less than 15 minutes segments.

The department will offer 50% healthy food options at department sponsored events and programs, and at staff functions/meetings/trainings where food is provided. Healthier food options can include fruits, vegetables, whole grain products, baked rather than fried foods, low-fat dairy products and water.

The department will provide healthy options at a minimum of 25% of choices in vending machines and at concession stands.

Healthy food options shall be identified to employees by the Health and Wellness Coordinator to assist them in making healthier food selections.

Mr. Hoffmann made a motion to approve the Nutrition and Physical Activity Policy. Ms. St. John seconded the motion. Motion unanimously carried.

## **D. REPORTS**

### **D-1. Recreation Division – Farmers’ Market Advisory Council Annual Report/Community Events Update**

Bruce McCallister, President of the Farmers’ Market Advisory Council (FMAC), addressed the Board and provided them with an update on the 2010 activities of the FMAC. He stated that Market continued to grow and prosper in 2010 despite less than ideal weather conditions. A few changes have been made for the 2011 season:

- He stated that two lines will now be formed for vendors loading and unloading their vehicles. One line will be for trucks only and one line for trucks towing a trailer. The trucks will be able to enter first and the trucks pulling trailers can enter after the trucks are finished. This should prevent bottleneaking and congestion.
- The spaces along the “D” row, nearest the B-Line Trail, have been reconfigured to make more of an aisle way.
- The space rental fees was increased in order to help meet the 95% cost recovery goal established by the Board. In addition, non-reserved spaces will be available based on points. The FMAC is trying to be creative in establishing fees in order to meet the cost recovery goals.

Ms. Higgins addressed the Board and provided them with an update on Community Events and programs for 2011:

- Seusspicious Behavior was held on Saturday, March 5 at the Monroe County Public Library. More than 857 participants attended this free event in honor of Sr. Seuss’s birthday. Bloomington High School North provided live entertainment.
- The Egg Scramble was held on Friday, April 8 at Bryan Park. This nighttime egg hunt for adults features prizes worth over \$6,000 with 3,000 purple eggs and is open to 350 participants.
- The Community Gardening program offers garden plots at Willie Streeter Gardens and Butler Park Gardens, making available 207 total garden plots for the 2011 season. They currently have 5 spots available at Willie Streeter Gardens and one left at Butler.
- The Hoosier Hustle will be held on April 30. In its fifth year, this one day race around town is based on reality television, adding a healthy twist. Registration is limited to 33 teams of three.
- The Performing Arts Series features the following programs:
  - Peoples Park Concerts May 3-September 27 (Tuesdays) from 11:30am–1:00pm
  - Thursday’s in Third Street Park – June 16-July 28 6:30-8:30pm
  - Monroe County Civic Theatre (3<sup>rd</sup> Street Park) June 9,10,11, and 12 6:30pm
  - Movies in the (Bryan) Park August 19-September 16 (Fridays) 9:00pm
  - Bryan Park Concerts July 10-August 28 (Sundays) 6:30-8:00pm
  - Strawberry Shortcake Festival on the Courthouse Lawn May 12 11:30am-1:00pm
  - Fourth of July Concert on the Courthouse Lawn 11:30-1:00pm (following the parade)
- Bloomington Community Farmers’ Market features:
  - Saturday Market April-November 8:00am-1:00pm

- Tuesday Market June-September 4:00-7:00pm
- Holiday Market November 26 10:00am-3:00pm
- A Fair of the Arts in conjunction with the Saturday Market on May 14, June 11, July 9, August 13, September 10, and October 8
- Bloomington Farmers' Market Home Grown Indiana Farm Tours
- 60 Seconds to Win! This program is based on the popular game show craze and features contestants chosen randomly from the audience that will compete in 60 second games to win prizes. Scheduled for Friday, May 20 at 7:30pm at the Buskirk-Chumley Theater, this program is \$5/person or \$7/for two people.
- Touch a Truck will be held on Wednesday, June 15 10:00am-2:00pm at the Twin Lakes Parking Lot. This event features a variety of trucks and other vehicles for kids to look at, explore and touch and the cost is \$1/person. Rain date: June 16
- Fourth of July Festivities – 9:00am Community Band; 10:00am Parade; 11:30am Awards and Concert
- June in the Trunk will be held on Saturday, August 20 in the Bryan Park Woodlawn Parking Lot from 8:00am – Noon, rain or shine. Now in its fourth year, this community yard sale is a great way to reduce, reuse and recycle. Vendors can reserve a space for \$15 and is free to all shoppers. In 2010 this event had 47 vendors.
- Drool in the Pool is scheduled for Wednesday and Thursday, August 24-25 at Mills Pool (after the pool closes to humans for the season!) and is \$5 per dog. This is the 7<sup>th</sup> year for this doggy paddle pool event and White River Co-Op is once again a major partner for this event that hosted 453 dogs and 905 humans in 2010!
- Dock Dogs is a new event scheduled for Saturday and Sunday, October 1-2. Dock Dogs (ABC, ESPN, CBS) is a national event that will bring their Big Air Dog Event to Bloomington for distance jumping competitions. More details to come.
- Trick or Treat Trail will be held on Saturday, October 22 in RCA Park, Trick or Tweet will be the week of October 24, and the Festival of Ghost Stories will be Friday, October 28 in Bryan Park.
- The Pumpkin Launch will be held on Saturday, November 5 and is a great way to reuse old pumpkins and jack-o-lanterns from Halloween. More information about these fun fall programs to come.
- The Holiday Market will be held on Saturday, November 27 in the Showers Common from 10:00am-3:00pm. This annual event marks the beginning of the holiday season and features local farm vendors, arts and crafts, carriage rides, live reindeer, and live entertainment.

D-2. Sports Division – No Report

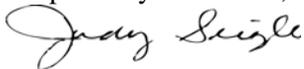
D-3. Operations Division – No Report

D-4. Administrative Division – No Report

**ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned at 5:07 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,




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Judy Seigle, Secretary Board of Park Commissioners