



**CITY OF BLOOMINGTON
parks and recreation**

AGENDA

City of Bloomington Board of Park Commissioners
Regular Meeting: Tuesday May 24, 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 April 26, 2011 Meeting
- A-2. Approval of Claims Submitted April 27, 2011 – May 23, 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 - Ann Edmonds (Elizabeth Tompkins)
- B-3. Staff Introductions -
- B-4. Staff Recognition -
- B-5. Public Comment on Citizen Attitude and Interest Survey (Mick Renneisen/Ron Vine)

C. OTHER BUSINESS

- C-1. Review/Approval of Partnership Agreement with Bloomington Junior League Baseball Association (Dee Tuttle)
- C-2. Review/Approval of Concession Agreement for Winslow North Concession (Dee Tuttle)
- C-3. Review/Approval of Partnership Agreement with Bloomington Babe Ruth Baseball Association (Dee Tuttle)
- C-4. Review/Approval of Concession Agreement for Winslow South Concession (Dee Tuttle)
- C-5. Review/Approval of Disclosure of Potential Conflict of Interest (Mick Renneisen)
- C-6. Review/Approval of Partnership Agreement with Downtown Bloomington Inc. For the 4th of July Parade (Bill Ream)
- C-7. Review/Approval of Partnership Agreement with White River Co-op for Drool in the Pool Event (Bill Ream)

D. REPORTS

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

ADJOURNMENT



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Board of Park Commissioners
Regular Meeting
Minutes

Tuesday, May 24, 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, Joe Hoffmann, Jane St. John

Staff Present: Mick Renneisen, Judy Seigle, Becky Higgins, Bill Ream, Dee Tuttle, Kim Ecenbarger, Elizabeth Tompkins, Dave Williams, Paula McDevitt, Julie Ramey, Cheryl Elmore

Consultant: Ron Vine

City Legal: Barbara McKinney

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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

No public comment at this time.

B-2. Bravo Award

Ms. Tompkins addressed the Board and presented the May Bravo Award to Ms. Ann Edmonds for her volunteer service with the Leonard Springs Nature Days program. Ms. Edmonds has lived in Bloomington for almost 33 years. She has a bachelor and masters degree in math and currently works as a computer systems administrator for UITS at Indiana University. She has been a volunteer for Girl Scouts for many years and has also worked on Habitat Women Builds. When her children were younger she volunteered as chaperone for many outdoor education field trips. Now that her children are grown, she saw volunteering at the Leonard Springs Nature Days as a perfect fit for her. She has volunteered 38.5 hours this season and a total of 89 hours since 2008. Her regular role is a facilitator of the creek station during the program.

Ms. Edmonds addressed the Board and thanked them for this opportunity and said she feels like it's cheating; being rewarded for something she loves!

B-3. Staff Introductions – None for May

B-4. Staff Recognition – Kim Ecenbarger 10 year anniversary

Ms. Ramey addressed the Board and acknowledged Ms. Ecenbarger for her 10 year anniversary with the Department. She read a poem that she had written honoring Ms. Ecenbarger's 10 years!

Ms. Ecenbarger addressed the Board and stated she really enjoys her job. She works with wonderful volunteers, fantastic businesses and inspiring colleagues.

B-5. Public Comment on Citizen Attitude and Interest Survey

Mr. Renneisen addressed the Board and stated that the department reviews its comprehensive plan every five years. The process involves many steps including surveying user groups, stakeholders and the general population of Bloomington and Monroe County. These surveys help guide the department in financial and human resource allocations. The department has worked in the past with Ron Vine with ETC Leisure Vision Institute. His firm conducts the surveys and assimilates the results. The department is once again working with Mr. Vine. Mr. Renneisen stated that the benchmarking that their firm is able to provide is valuable as well as the analysis of the survey results. He introduced Mr. Vine to the Board.

Mr. Vine addressed the Board and stated that today is his first day in Bloomington and he will be conducting interviews with stakeholders and focus groups through Thursday of this week. Results of these meetings and interviews will help determine what questions will be asked on a survey that will be mailed in the fall. The surveys will be mailed to a random sample of 3,000 households with a guaranteed minimum of 600 completed surveys. His firm will be able to compare responses to similar questions that were asked 5 years ago in addition to being able to compare responses to their database of approximately 600 agencies across the country. He will be on-site for three days this week to conduct interviews with the purpose to determine how the public uses the parks system, and what types of questions the public would like to see on the survey. A series of one-on-one meetings will be held with stakeholders, in addition to meetings with the Park Board and staff to get their feedback as well. He stated that the survey will be administered in September as most folks will be back from vacations and have just experienced the summer season. The survey will be developed in a manner that best addresses the issues that are most important to the community. The survey will take about 5-6 weeks to administer and a draft report will be delivered and presented to the Board around October or November.

Mr. Renneisen stated that the focus groups consist of individuals from the community that have expressed interest in the department, or have e-mailed, called or otherwise contacted staff with concerns or questions. These group meetings will consist of about 10-12 individuals in each meeting. The stakeholder meetings are held one-on-one with the consultant and they consist of individuals that have a vested interest or strong partnership with the department. These individuals include representatives from the Chamber of Commerce, Convention and Visitor's Bureau, Bloomington Hospital, Mayor's Office, Parks Foundation, etc.

Mr. Renneisen stated that many members of the community may ask to receive the survey. He stated that they are welcome to complete the survey, but their information will not be included in the randomly selected survey data because it would skew the final results.

C. OTHER BUSINESS

C-1. Review/Approval of Partnership Agreement with Bloomington Junior League Baseball Association

Ms. Tuttle approached the Board seeking approval of the partnership agreement with Bloomington Junior League Baseball Association. This group provides baseball programs for youth ages 5-12. They serve about 700 players on about 43 teams. In addition, they also serve 18 buddy ball players. Practices are held at Bryan Park and Winslow ballfields Monday-Sunday during the summer, in addition to a fall season. She added that this group is a very strong group and run successful programs and are holding steady with their participation numbers.

Mr. Hoffmann made a motion to approve the partnership agreement with Bloomington Junior League Baseball Association. Ms. St. John seconded the motion. Motion unanimously carried.

C-2. Review/Approval of Concession Agreement for Winslow North Concession

Ms. Tuttle addressed the Board seeking approval of the concession agreement for Winslow North Concession. This stand is run by the Bloomington Junior League Baseball Association. Revenue generated from the concession sales is used to offset program costs and other related expenditures.

Mr. Hoffmann made a motion to approve the concession agreement with Bloomington Junior League Baseball Association for the Winslow North Concession. Ms. St. John seconded the motion. Motion unanimously carried.

C-3. Review/Approval of Partnership Agreement with Bloomington Babe Ruth Baseball Association

Ms. Tuttle addressed the Board seeking approval of the partnership agreement with Bloomington Babe Ruth Baseball Association. This group provides youth baseball for children ages 13-18. The program serves over 200 players and about 13 teams. Practices and games are conducted at the Winslow Sports Complex Monday – Sunday during the summer, in addition to a fall season, travel play and tournaments.

Mr. Hoffmann made a motion to approve the partnership agreement with Bloomington Babe Ruth Baseball Association. Ms. St. John seconded the motion. Motion unanimously carried.

C-4. Review/Approval of Concession Agreement for Winslow South Concession

Ms. Tuttle addressed the Board seeking approval of the concession agreement for Winslow South Concession. This stand is run by the Bloomington Babe Ruth Baseball Association. Revenues generated from the concession sales are used to offset program costs and other related expenditures.

Mr. Hoffmann made a motion to approve the concession agreement with Bloomington Babe Ruth Baseball Association for the Winslow South Concession. Ms. St. John seconded the motion. Motion unanimously carried.

C-5. Review/Approval of Disclosure of Potential Conflict of Interest

Mr. Renneisen addressed the Board seeking approval of a disclosure of his potential conflict of interest. He stated that this is a new endeavor as he has recently been appointed as the Amateur Softball Association (ASA) Temporary Commissioner of Indiana. He has volunteered for the ASA for more than 25 years. In March, Mr. Renneisen's friend and the late Commissioner of Indiana ASA, Dave Nolan, passed away. Mr. Renneisen had been assisting Mr. Nolan in this role during the 2010-11 season and upon Mr. Nolan's passing, was appointed to Temporary Commissioner until November 2011 at which time he has the option of applying for the position. The Commissioner position serves as a liaison to adult and youth teams, players, coaches and umpires for the state of Indiana. The Commissioner position receives some compensation for managing the services offered through the Indiana ASA which is a 501 c-4 non-profit corporation. The position is part-time with duties that can be performed on nights and weekends. The potential for conflict arises because he will have final say over the selection of tournament locations. While he will not typically select the location of the tournaments, as Commissioner, he will have the authority under appropriate circumstances to overturn the decision made by others. Although he feels it is unlikely that any city will consider his decisions suggest any impropriety, he felt it was important to be upfront about the position. The Conflict of Interest has been prepared by Legal, and reviewed and approved by the Mayor.

Ms. McKinney addressed the Board and stated that she has reviewed the disclosure and wrote up the report and states that it does not violate any State law involving conflict of interest and does not appear to be inappropriate in any way.

Mr. Hoffmann made a motion to approve the disclosure of the potential for conflict of interest for Mr. Renneisen. Ms. St. John seconded the motion. Motion unanimously carried.

C-6. Review/Approval of Partnership Agreement with Downtown Bloomington Inc. for the 4th of July Parade

Mr. Ream addressed the Board seeking approval of the partnership agreement with Downtown Bloomington Inc. (DBI) for the 4th of July Parade. He stated that this is the fifth year for this partnership. The goal is to combine resources from BPRD and DBI to provide Fourth of July festivities for the Bloomington community including a parade, performances by the Bloomington Community Band and The Counterfeiters band and awards ceremonies on the courthouse lawn. The

event is scheduled for Monday July 4, 2011 from 9am – 1pm. The theme of this year’s parade is “Uniquely Bloomington” and entries, businesses, and citizens are encouraged to show their community’s uniqueness and be part of this year’s event. This year’s parade route is the same as last year and starts at 7th Street and Indiana Avenue heads west on 7th Street turns right (north) on Walnut Ave then turns left (west) on 8th Street then turns left (south) on College Ave. It will head down College Ave. and turn left (east) on Kirkwood Ave. past the courthouse and end at Sample Gates.

Mr. Hoffmann made a motion to approve the partnership agreement with Downtown Bloomington Inc for the 4th of July Parade. Ms. St. John seconded the motion. Motion unanimously carried.

C-7. Review/Approval of Partnership Agreement with White River Co-op for Drool in the Pool Event

Mr. Ream addressed the Board seeking approval of the partnership agreement with White River Co-Op for the Drool in the Pool Event. He stated that this is the fifth year for this partnership agreement and White River Co-Op has been a major sponsor and integral part of the event since its inception. Last year the event was a very successful 2-day event, held at Bryan Park Pool, with 450 dogs and over 900 humans participating. White River Co-Op secures vendors, judges, and prizes as well as recruits volunteers to assist the day of the event. In addition, they are in the process of once again securing PMI Nutrition as an event sponsor. Highlights include: The event will be two days on Wednesday and Thursday, August 24 and 25 from 5-8pm at Mills Pool, after the pool has closed for the season. The first day will be for swimming only. The second day will be for contests, giveaways and activities. Dog vendors will also be present to hand out samples, interact with the public and promote their dog specialty. The zero depth entrance of Mills Pool will allow dogs easy access in and out of the pool. Dogs will be allowed to swim in the main pool up to five feet, but will not be allowed in the diving well. No humans will be allowed in the water! Dog guards will be on duty to oversee all “dogs gone wild.” Rabies tags and written proof of vaccination must be provided. The cost is \$5 per dog; humans are free!

Mr. Hoffmann made a motion to approve the partnership agreement with White River Co-Op for Drool in the Pool. Ms. St. John seconded the motion. Motion unanimously carried.

D. REPORTS

D-1. Recreation Division – No Report

D-2. Sports Division – No Report

D-3. Operations Division – No Report

D-4. Administrative Division – No Report

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 4:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Judy Seigle, Secretary Board of Park Commissioners