



**CITY OF BLOOMINGTON
parks and recreation**

AGENDA

City of Bloomington Board of Park Commissioners
Regular Meeting: Tuesday July 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 June 21, 2011 Meeting
- A-2. Approval of Claims Submitted June 22, 2011 – July 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 -
- B-3. Staff Introductions -
- B-4. Staff Recognition -

C. OTHER BUSINESS

- C-1. Review/Approval of Proposed Fee Changes for Twin Lakes Recreation Center (Mark Sterner)
- C-2. Review/Approval of Informational Report on Agreement with the Bicycle Project (Steve Cotter)
- C-3. Review/Approval of Resolution 11-02 to Support the Indiana Children's Outdoor Bill of Rights (Elizabeth Tompkins)

D. REPORTS

- D-1. Recreation Division - George Archer Foundation Gift (Mick Renneisen)
- D-2. Sports Division -
- D-3. Operations Division -
- D-4. Administration Division -

ADJOURNMENT



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Board of Park Commissioners
Regular Meeting
Minutes

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

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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

Board Absent: Les Coyne

Staff Present: Mick Renneisen, Judy Seigle, John Turnbull, Elizabeth Tompkins, Becky Barrick-Higgins

A. CONSENT CALENDAR

- A-1. Approval of Minutes of June 21, 2011 Meeting
- A-1a. Approval of Minutes of June 21, 2011 Budget Retreat Meeting
- A-2. Approval of Claims Submitted June 22 – July 25, 2011
- A-3. Approval of Non-Reverting Budget Amendments
- A-4. Review of Business Report

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

Ms. Eldonna Reed, 904 W. RCA Park Drive, addressed the Board stating that she uses RCA Park regularly, at least twice a day with her dogs and her grandchildren. She loves the park and is appreciative of everything the department does. She had a couple of requests. She stated that she has seen several people using the tennis courts to play pickleball. She also sees a lot of tennis players using the courts as well. She is happy to see the courts used so heavily! She was told by staff that there are plans to paint some permanent pickleball lines on the courts. Her request to the Board is not to have the permanent lines put on the two best tennis courts. She also commented that there are some large tree branches down over part of the trail that leads from the park to Summitt Elementary School. She thinks the trees fell during the recent round of storms, and staff may not be aware as it is far back on the trail close to the school.

Mr. Renneisen stated that the City Council gave a preliminary approval of 9-0 to the City's proposed 2012 budget. The final approval will be presented in September.

Mr. Renneisen reminded the Board and the public that the Girls 16U Fastpitch Class B and 18U Fastpitch Gold Northern National Softball Tournament will be hosted by the Department August 3-7.

B-2. Bravo Award (none this month)

B-3. Staff Introductions (none this month)

B-4. Staff Recognition (none this month)

C. OTHER BUSINESS

C-1. Review/Approval of Proposed Fee Changes for Twin Lakes Recreation Center

Mr. Turnbull addressed the Board seeking approval of the proposed fee changes for the Twin Lakes Recreation Center. He stated the facility was purchased in May of 2009 and has not adjusted fees since inception. The proposed changes are as follows:

NON-REVERTING FUND		
	Current	Proposed
PROGRAMS/CLASSES/	2010/2011	2011/2012
Basketball Leagues		
Season I	\$65.00/player	\$75.00/player
Season II	\$75.00/player	\$85.00/player
Season III	\$75.00/player	\$85.00/player
COURT/FIELD RENTAL - PER HOUR	2010/2011	2011/2012
Basketball Practice - full court	\$22/court	\$25/court
Basketball Practice - 1/2 court	\$15/court	Eliminate
Turf Field - Summer	\$40/hour	\$70/hour
Regular (Oct - March)	\$70/hour	\$100/hour
PARTIES	2010-2011	2011-2012
Party Room	\$30/per hour	\$35/per hour
Party Room Rental w/court use	\$50/per hour	\$55/per hour
Party Room Rental w/turf	\$80/per hour	\$85/per hour
Party Room Rental w/fitness room (NEW OPTION)	No previous rate	\$70/per hour
ROOM RENTALS	2010-2011	2011-2012
Entire Lower Level	\$120/per hour	\$130/per hour
Conference Room	\$40/per hour	\$45/per hour
Program Room	\$30/per hour	\$35/per hour
Fitness Room	\$50/per hour	\$55/per hour
FITNESS SERVICES	2010-2011	2011-2012
Personal Training	\$125-\$725	\$130-\$775
Fitness Merchandise	No previous rate	\$5-\$30

The Board asked for some statistics to determine how much the revenue might increase if participation remains the same. Staff will run some numbers and present them to the Board at a later meeting.

Mr. Hoffmann made a motion to approve the proposed fee changes to the Twin Lakes Recreation Center. Ms. St. John seconded the motion. Motion unanimously carried.

C-2. Review/Approval of Informational Report on Agreement with the Bicycle Project

Mr. Cotter addressed the Board seeking approval to negotiate on a Bicycle Project for a building at the north end of the McDoel Switchyard for a bike repair station. The Bicycle Project currently has a successful project on 7th Street (Boomerang) and they have outgrown that space. Staff is interested in having a presence at the Switchyard when the trail opens later in the fall. Staff has been working closely with the Bicycle Project to work out details of the partnership. They would begin by offering three hours on Saturday and Sunday afternoons. This project would allow participants the

opportunity to build and repair bicycles affordably with the help of volunteer mechanics. The partnership may also provide bike rentals or loans, and bike storage. In addition, they can refer cyclists to local shops for other needs. Their presence at the north end of the trail would benefit trail users, the department and the community. It would also help Bloomington achieve its goal of earning a Platinum level designation through the League of American Bicyclists' Bicycle Friendly Community program. The Bicycle Project is entirely run by volunteers. The proposed agreement will be presented for approval at the August Board meeting.

Mr. Hoffmann and Ms. St. John stated that they have both been to other cities that have projects similar to this and it works quite well in those areas.

Mr. Renneisen stated that there is no vote required today as staff wanted to present the idea to the Board so staff can negotiate during the next few weeks.

C-3. Review/Approval of Resolution 11-02 to Support the Indiana Children's Outdoor Bill of Rights

Ms. Tompkins addressed the Board seeking approval of Resolution 11-02 to support the Indiana Children's Outdoor Bill of Rights. She stated that as concerns grow about youth detachment from outdoor activities, lack of physical exercise, and increased health risks, Indiana State Parks and Reservoirs and the National Association of State Park Directors has drafted The Indiana Children's Outdoor Bill of Rights. Indiana Children's Outdoor Bill of Rights states:

We believe that all Indiana children are entitled to experience these activities in the outdoors, regardless of ability:

1. Explore and play outdoors in a safe place.
2. Follow a trail and discover native plants, wildlife and history.
3. Splash and swim in clean streams, lakes and ponds.
4. Enjoy traditional outdoor activities like fishing or hunting.
5. Discover and celebrate Indiana's past.
6. Camp out under the stars.
7. Climb a tree, for real or pretend.
8. Visit a farm, and plant a seed or a tree and watch it grow.
9. Experience the outdoors using all the senses.
10. Ask lots of questions, find answers, and share nature with a friend.

Mr. Hoffmann made a motion to approve Resolution 11-02 to support the Indiana Children's Outdoor Bill of Rights. Ms. St. John seconded the motion. Motion unanimously carried.

D. REPORTS

D-1. Recreation Division – George Archer Foundation Gift

Mr. Renneisen addressed the Board and updated them on a recent generous scholarship donation to the Bloomington Parks Foundation. The Board of The George E. Archer Foundation will fund scholarships for participants in the Kid City at Hilltop Gardens program. Funds will be available up to the amount of \$7,500 for the remainder of the 2011 camp season and through the 2012 camp season. The intent is to get children into the program that would otherwise not be able to participate. To date, 40 children have attended the half-day camps, and 70 children have attended the full-day camps. Participants are tending garden plots, learning from a variety of guest speakers on topics such as making bird feeders, bug identification, Plant A Row, and bees and honey. In addition camp participants have enjoyed fieldtrips, swimming, crafts and games. The staff and Board offered their sincere thanks to The George E. Archer Foundation for the generous gift.

D-2. Sports Division – No Report

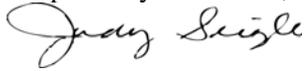
D-3. Operations Division – No Report

D-4. Administrative Division – No Report

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 4:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Judy Seigle, Secretary Board of Park Commissioners