



**CITY OF BLOOMINGTON  
parks and recreation**

**AGENDA**

City of Bloomington Board of Park Commissioners  
Regular Meeting: Tuesday, September 23, 2014 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 August 26, 2014
- A-2. Approval of Claims Submitted August 27, 2014 – September 22, 2014
- 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 -
  - Mark Miller, Aquatics/Fitness Coordinator
  - Eric Roberts, ACE
  - Katie Lay - SPEA Fellow
  - Lacie Davis, Customer Service Representative

**C. OTHER BUSINESS**

- C-1. Review/Approval of Partnership Agreement with Monroe County Fairgrounds and WonderLab for the Pumpkin Launch Event (Becky Higgins)
- C-2. Review/Approval of Concession Agreement for the Pumpkin Launch Event (Becky Higgins)
- C-3. Review/Approval of Partnership Agreement with Chris Doran/Youth Soccer Program (Mark Miller)

**D. REPORTS**

- D-1. Operation Division - No Report
- D-2. Recreation Division - Banneker Summer Program Review (Leslie Brinson)
- D-3. Sports Division - No Report
- D-4. Administration Division - No Report

**ADJOURNMENT**



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Board of Park Commissioners  
Regular Meeting  
Minutes

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4:00 – 5:30 p.m.

City Hall Council Chambers  
401 N. Morton St.

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Coyne at 4:00 p.m.

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

**Staff Present:** Mick Renneisen, Judy Seigle, John Turnbull, Becky Higgins, Mark Miller, Kim Ecenbarger, Lacie Davis, Leslie Brinson, Ellen Campbell, Julie Ramey, Dave Williams, Marcia Veldman, Paula McDevitt, Elizabeth Tompkins

**Interns:** Eric Roberts (ACE), Katie Lay

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

**B. PUBLIC HEARINGS/APPEARANCES**

**B-1. Public Comment Period**

Antonia Matthew – South Grimes, addressed the Board and expressed her appreciation for the Silver Sneakers program at TLRC. She stated that there are three different types of programs and all three are very well attended. The teachers are amazing (especially Catherine Gossett). She just wanted the Board to know how important the Silver Sneakers program is to the seniors in the community and thank them for supporting the program.

Mr. Coyne stated that the Silver Sneakers program is a health membership program that is available at no charge to seniors through many supplemental insurance programs. It really is an excellent program that helps to keep seniors active.

**B-2. Bravo Award – None this month**

**B-3. Parks Partner Award – None this month**

**B-4. Staff Introductions – Mark Miller, Eric Roberts, Katie Lay, Lacie Davis**

Mr. Miller addressed the Board and stated that he is the new Aquatics/Fitness Coordinator. He actually started in May and hit the ground running with both pools open by May 24. He graduated from Indiana University with a BAS in Park and Recreation Management and James Madison University with an MS in Recreation Leadership. He has a good knowledge of aquatic experience from IU, JMU, and Coastal Carolina University. He also worked several seasons as a pool manager with Bloomington Parks and Recreation.

Mr. Roberts addressed the Board and stated that he is the Advocate for Community Engagement (ACE) for the Parks Department and the Banneker Community Center. He is a freshman at IU, from Westfield, Indiana and is majoring in Speech and Hearing. He has prior work experience in a recreation community center, similar to Banneker, and has volunteered as a coach for youth basketball and football. He received the ACE position through the Cox Scholars Program

and is very appreciative of the award he was given. As the ACE volunteer, he will be the liaison for service learning and promote the program to volunteers to give them and children a positive experience.

Ms. Lay addressed the Board and stated that she is a first year master's student in the dual Public Affairs and Environmental Science program through SPEA. She recently relocated to Bloomington from South Bend where she worked for Saint Mary's College as an Admission Counselor. Ms. Lay also served with AmeriCorps, teaching nutrition education and managing school gardens in Northeast Iowa. She completed her undergraduate degree in Biology at Saint Mary's and her community involvement focused on connecting low-income residents with access to local, healthy food. She is excited to continue these efforts in the Bloomington community.

Ms. Davis addressed the Board and stated that she is the new Customer Service Representative for the Parks Department. She has previously worked for Jackson Hewitt Tax Service, both as Tax Preparer and in the phone center. She also worked as the Income Coordinator for a local podiatrist. Originally from Greene County, she has also lived in Knoxville, Tennessee before settling in Bloomington. She and her husband and two children enjoy visiting several of the parks. She hopes to be working in the department for a long time!

### **C. OTHER BUSINESS**

#### **C-1. Review/Approval of Partnership Agreement with Monroe County Fairgrounds and WonderLab for the Pumpkin Launch Event**

Ms. Higgins addressed the Board seeking approval of the partnership agreement with Monroe County Fairgrounds and WonderLab for the Pumpkin Launch Event. She stated that this is the ninth year for this event, the fourth year for the partnership with WonderLab and the second year for the partnership with the Fairgrounds. This year WonderLab will again coordinate children's activities during the event and the Monroe County Fairgrounds will be the site host, while BPRD will coordinate all of the logistics. The event will be held on Saturday, November 1 at the Monroe County Fairgrounds. Gates open at 11am and the launching starts at noon. This year's event will include pumpkin launching competitions in distance and accuracy, an expanded children's area including pumpkins and science related activities, a bounce house, live musical entertainment, and food vendors.

Ms. St. John made a motion to approve the partnership agreement with Monroe County Fairgrounds and WonderLab. Mr. Carter seconded the motion. Motion unanimously carried.

#### **C-2. Review/Approval of Concession Agreement for the Pumpkin Launch Event**

Ms. Higgins addressed the Board seeking approval of the concessionaire contract for the 2014 Bloomington Pumpkin Launch. Now in its ninth year for this event, this is the second year that concessionaires will be invited to participate. Food vendors and other concessionaires, including a face painter, were very popular at last year's event and staff anticipates having even more vendors this year.

Ms. St. John made a motion to approve the concession agreement for the Pumpkin Launch Event. Mr. Carter seconded the motion. Motion unanimously carried.

#### **C-3. Review/Approval of Partnership Agreement with Chris Doran/Youth Soccer Program**

Mr. Miller addressed the Board seeking approval of the partnership agreement with Chris Doran/Youth Soccer Program. He stated that Mr. Doran has operated a successful and well respected youth and adult soccer program at the Twin Lakes Recreation Center (TLRC) since the facility opened in 1999. The programs have included developmental leagues for children as well as recreational competitive soccer leagues for youth and adults. This partnership helps to provide quality soccer programming for the Bloomington community as well as significant field rental revenue for the TLRC. This is the 5<sup>th</sup> year for this partnership. There are no significant changes to this year's partnership agreement.

Ms. St. John made a motion to approve the partnership agreement with Bloomington Soccer, LLC/Chris Doran. Mr. Carter seconded the motion. Motion unanimously carried.

### **D. REPORTS**

D-1. Operations Division – No Report

D-2. Recreation Division – Banneker Summer Program Review

Ms. Brinson addressed the Board and provided them with an update on the Summer Food Services Program. She stated that BPRD partnered with the Indiana Department of Education and the USDA to participate in the Summer Food Service Program. The department has participated in this program for the past 11 years. Programs are reimbursed a pre-determined dollar amount for every child they serve over the summer months. The program is to help low income students continue to be fed healthy and regular meals during out of school hours. The Banneker Community Center serves, on average, 64 children a day while feeding them lunch, an afternoon snack, and dinner. Transportation is provided for targeted neighborhoods and the program costs parents \$1.00 per day per child. Scholarships are available for families with multiple children or who cannot spare the extra money each week. The \$1.00 fee is used to offset food costs incurred from the food service vendor. Highlights from Summer 2014:

- Total meals served: 4,671 at 2 locations
- Mills Pool Snack – served 2,476
  - average 63 participants daily
- Banneker Community Center Dinner – served 2,195 dinners
  - average 55 participants daily
- 174 registered participants
  - Highest attendance 77
  - Lowest attendance 49
- Weekly registration on Fridays
  - Program caps at 70-75 children per day
  - Participants pay \$1.00 per day per child

D-4. Administration Division – No Report

**ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned at 4:36 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



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Judy Seigle, Secretary Board of Park Commissioners