



CITY OF BLOOMINGTON
parks and recreation

AGENDA

City of Bloomington Board of Park Commissioners
Regular Meeting: Tuesday, May 26, 2015 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 May 11, 2015
- A-2. Approval of Claims Submitted May 12, 2015 – May 25, 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 - 2013-14 Park Ambassadors (Kim Ecenbarger)
- B-3. Parks Partner Award -
- B-4. Staff Introductions - Park Ambassador Introductions (Kim Ecenbarger)
 - **Intern Introductions**
 - Erik Pearson – Administrative Intern
 - William Van Cleef III – Community Events/Natural Resources Intern
 - Olga Munteneau – Health/Wellness Intern
 - Samantha Baker – Health/Wellness Intern
 - John Robertson – Sports Intern

C. OTHER BUSINESS

- C-1. Review of Alcohol Permit Request for Advocates for Change Event at Waldron, Hill and Buskirk Park (Becky Higgins)
- C-2. Review/Approval of Twin Lakes Recreation Center Employee Membership Program (John Turnbull)

D. REPORTS

- D-1. Operations Division - Summary Report on Deer Management Services Provided by White Buffalo, Inc. at Griffy Lake (Steve Cotter)
- D-2. Recreation Division - No Report
- D-3. Sports Division - Summer Event Update (John Turnbull)
- D-4. Administration Division - No Report

ADJOURNMENT



Board of Park Commissioners
Regular Meeting
Minutes

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City Hall Council Chambers
401 N. Morton St.

CALL TO ORDER

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

Board Present: Les Coyne, John Carter, Jane St. John

Staff Present: Mick Renneisen, Kim Clapp, John Turnbull, Becky Higgins, Kim Ecenbarger, Dave Williams, Paula McDevitt, Julie Ramey, Alison Miller, Steve Cotter

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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 – None

B-2. Bravo Award – Stephen Bailey, Jim Koryta and Frank Parker

Kim Ecenbarger, Special Service Coordinator, presented the May Bravo Award to Mr. Stephen Bailey, Mr. Jim Koryta and Mr. Frank Parker. All three were Park Ambassadors for BPRD in 2013/2014. The Park Ambassador program was launched in 2011. The objectives of Park Ambassadors are to bridge the line of communications between the community and the Department; Assist the Department with general maintenance and upkeep of the parks and to encourage the community to take a proactive approach in maintaining the integrity and intended use of our parks and green spaces.

Ms. Ecenbarger stated that Mr. Bailey, Ambassador for Building Trades Park, was there to roll up his sleeves and contribute his time and effort when IU Health chose to enhance the Park during their corporate Day of Service.

Mr. Koryta's, Ambassador for Cascades Park, commitment and attention to detail gave the Department the opportunity to address concerns promptly.

Mr. Parker, Ambassador for Olcott Park, brought attention to detail, sound judgment and logical reasoning to his ambassador role.

Ms. Ecenbarger stated the three May Bravo recipients have shown exceptional commitment to the Department, the program and to the community over the last two years. They embodied civic stewardship and demonstrated sincere appreciation for community assets. In their ambassador roles they acted as inspectors, reporters, laborers, advocates and leaders. BPRD appreciates their commitment, dedication and patience. Due to prior commitments, Mr. Bailey and Mr. Koryta were unable to attend tonight's meeting. Ms. Ecenbarger called Mr. Parker to the podium.

Mr. Parker thanked the Board for the acknowledgement and stated he enjoyed being a Park Ambassador. He commented that the staff of BPRD are dedicated. Mr. Parker stated when he turned in something of concern it was addressed as soon as possible and that was greatly appreciated.

Mr. Coyne thanked Mr. Parker and his colleagues.

B-3. Parks Partner Award – None this month

B-4. Staff Introductions –

New Park Ambassadors - Debra Morrow, Stephen Bailey, Jaclyn Ray, Carol Gulyas, Tyler Keller, Anne Leonard, Regina Davis, Samantha Baker,

Interns - Erik Pearson, William Van Cleef III, Olga Munteanu, John Robertson

Ms. Ecenbarger with the assistance of Barb Dunbar indicated that after much recruiting and interviewing seven community stewards have been selected to serve as Ambassadors roles in some of BPRD's most visited parks. Ms. Ecenbarger introduced the 2015-16 Park Ambassadors.

Debra Morrow, Broadview Park - Ms. Morrow is already an advocate for the park. She recently organized a neighborhood cleanup after applying for and receiving a neighborhood enhancement grant through the City of Bloomington HAND Department.

Stephen Bailey, Bryan Park Ambassador - Mr. Bailey demonstrated great commitment, flexibility and attention to detail during his past two-year ambassador role with Building Trades Park. BPRD is pleased to extended his term at Bryan Park.

Jaclyn Ray, Building Trades Park - Ms. Ray attends the Prospect Hill Neighborhood Association meetings as a liaison to the Bicycle and Pedestrian Safety Commission, on which she serves. She hopes to extend conversation to include park safety and park enhancement initiatives as part of her citizen stewardship activity.

Carol Gulyas, Rev. Ernest D. Butler Park - In her ambassador role, she hopes to become more familiar with the park and be more active in maintaining this space for neighboring residents to enjoy.

Tyler Keller, Cascades Park - Mr. Keller is our first student ambassador. A change of his major at Indiana University, prompted his interest in this program. Tyler is excited to apply his academic knowledge in a role that allows him to make a positive impact in the community.

Anne Leonard, Olcott Park - As the mother of two sons, Ms. Leonard feels this is a great way to teach her children about active citizenship while maintaining a park they already frequent and love to visit.

Regina Davis, RCA Park - Ms. Davis is one of our most active volunteers. She chose RCA Park because her daughter lives nearby, and she enjoys sharing her passion for the environment with her grandson. RCA Park provides an excellent classroom for teaching him new things.

Ms. Ecenbarger stated BPRD is pleased to welcome this enthusiastic group of volunteers and would like to recognize their sincere interest and passion for the protection and preservation of their community's parks and green spaces.

The Board thanked the new Ambassadors for the dedication and hard work.

Ms. Les Coyne stated due to prior commitments, Ms. Samantha Baker is being moved up on tonight's agenda.

Ms. Samantha Baker, Health and Wellness Intern - Ms. Baker introduced herself to the Board, stating she is a recent graduated from Indiana University with a Bachelor's of Science in Public Health. She was raised in the small town of Danville, Indiana, but now calls Bloomington her home. She learned of public health through her advisor. She was attracted to public health because its goal is to improve the health of the people. She enjoys fitness, education and community involvement. In the future, Ms. Baker plans to attend graduate school to further her education in health and

fitness. She is very excited for this internship opportunity and has already assisted with many events. She knows her time here will be very beneficial and a great learning experience.

Mr. Erik Pearson, Administrative Intern - Mr. Pearson introduced himself to the Board stating he was born and raised here in Bloomington. He has just completed his undergraduate coursework at Indiana University. Upon completion of this internship, he will receive a Bachelor of Science degree within the Recreation, Park and Tourism Studies department with a focus area of Recreational Sport Management. In the past Mr. Pearson has coached high school baseball at Bloomington North and served as a student assistant coach with the Indiana University baseball program. He will be working on a variety of projects. Mr. Pearson stated by participating in this internship, he will be able to expand upon his educational background and apply those concepts as they relate to BPRD. Mr. Pearson stated it is a sincere honor and privilege to have this opportunity. He appreciates all department staff members who make this experience possible.

Mr. William Van Cleef III, Community Events and Natural Resource Intern - Mr. Van Cleef introduced himself to the Board stating he has just completed his junior year. He will be a senior in the fall, finishing up a Biology Major with minors in Public & Environmental Affairs and Animal Behavior. Mr. Van Cleef enjoys working outdoors and with people making BPRD seem like the perfect niche. Through this internship, Mr. Van Cleef hopes to achieve a fundamental knowledge of how community events are planned, set up and carried out. He also looks forward to interacting with the aesthetic beauty the City of Bloomington has to offer. Mr. VanCleaf believes the knowledge and experience gained through this internship, will help qualify him for a full-time position following his coursework. Mr. Van Cleef appreciates this wonderful opportunity and the chance to develop an understanding for the Parks and Recreation field.

Olga Munteanu, Health and Wellness Intern - Ms. Munteanu introduced herself to the Board, stating she is a recent graduate of Indiana University where she completed a Bachelor of Science degree in Community Health. She was first introduced to the field of public health through an introductory elective course that brought her attention to preventative health, public health administration and community program planning. Ms. Munteanu has been a Program Liaison on the prevention team at the alcohol and drug information center at Indiana University where she helped coordinate alcohol and drug programs with student organizations and health-allied Bloomington campus partners. During her current internship, she has assisted in the planning and implementation of many events. She is very excited and looks forward to contributing to health and wellness initiatives and programs through BPRD and improving the well-being of the Bloomington community.

Mr. John Robertson, Sports Intern - Mr. Robertson introduced himself to the Board, stating he is a recent graduate of Indiana University with a Bachelor's degree in Recreational Sports Management. He pursued this degree because sports has been such a pivotal part of his background. His freshman year of college, Mr. Robertson attended Wabash Valley Junior College in Mt. Carmel, Illinois on a baseball scholarship. He then transferred to Indiana University, where he was a member of the IU baseball team and a part of the first IU team to make it to the College World Series in 2013. Mr. Robertson was the head Junior Varsity coach for Bloomington High School North. As a native of Bloomington, he is very familiar with the BPRD sports facilities and operations within the city. He has had the opportunity to work in many areas of the department. Mr. Robertson stated the sports division is managed very smoothly and he is excited to contribute to the best of his ability during his time as an intern.

The Board thanked the interns for their willingness to work and contributions to the community.

C. OTHER BUSINESS

C-1. Review/Approval of Alcohol Permit Request for Advocate of Change Event

Ms. Becky Higgins, Community Events Manager requested the Board review and make a determination for a request of an alcohol permit for the Advocates of Change group event. This will be the first year for this event, to be held at Waldron, Hill and Buskirk Park on July, 25, 2015. This is intended to be a family friendly fundraising event to benefit the newly founded community service organization, Advocates of Change. This event will host a variety of local music acts, artists, educational and interactive workshops, as well as food and merchandise vendors. They are seeking approval to serve alcohol during this event.

Ms. Higgins read a statement from Advocates of Change: "The reason for this letter is to validate our request to serve alcohol during our proposed event. Our rationalization for having the option of serving alcoholic beverages (provided by Salt Creek Brewery) is to help draw a varied and diverse crowd. We will also be supporting a new and local business through the vendor provided. Because this will be promoted as a family friendly event and open to the public, we will strongly encourage attendees to be responsible and mindful of their surroundings and behavior. This message will not only be reiterated on festival ground, but in all promotion-especially community media outlets. To aid in this, we will be asking Salt Creek to bring only four kegs of beer (we are expecting at most 500 attendees: 1.6 drinks per person/avg.), and have security checking ID's and around the event; all while the event is taking place near the police station which will naturally help keep attendees in line. We will also serve free, clean drinking water and will be serving all beverages in re-usable, plastic cups provided by the Novo Gathering team."

Ms. Higgins introduced Jack Cathcart, founder of Advocates of Change.

The Board made the following inquiries; Asked for clarification of the target age group; what kind of other activities would occur at the event and how the money raised would be used. The Board requested more details regarding the structure, goals and charitable status of the organization. They questioned the member's backgrounds and length of time the organization has been established. The Board inquired why a family friendly event required alcohol?

Mr. Cathcart stated that the Novo Gathering event will host a variety of local music acts, artists, educational and interactive workshops, as well as food and merchandise vendors. The goal is to reach citizens of all ages. The organization was established in March 2015 and is still in the beginning stages of recruiting members. The goal of this event is to raise awareness and support for this organization, to help further their mission of obtaining 501(c)3 status. The organization has scheduled clean-up days on most Saturdays. To date, they have removed approximately 600lbs of waste with the majority being recyclable. They hope in the future is to be able to clean up vacant lots and start a downtown garden project. Their priority is to mend society's broken sense of community by highlighting a reciprocal relationship with nature and proactively working to make Bloomington a cleaner, more sustainable town as well as to bring about social and political change. Mr. Cathcart stated he is originally from Avon, Indiana and Mr. Ian Turpen, Event Coordinator is from Bedford, Indiana. Both are now residents of Bloomington. The alcohol is not a necessary part of the event but the organizers felt it might be beneficial in reaching a larger audience.

Ms. Higgins stated the event application has been received and approved. She has spoken with the organization and worked with them to make sure the application process was followed to meet all BPRD requirements. The alcohol permit is the last item is to be determined.

The Board stated that they have reservations about approving an alcohol permit to an organization that has no experience in hosting events. The Board's recommendation is for the organization to have their first event without alcohol. They stated it is commendable to start an organization of this nature. They wished the organization the best and offered support for their success.

C-2. Review/Approval of Twin Lakes Recreation Center Employee Membership Program

Mr. John Turnbull, Division Director Sports, presented the request for the Employee Membership Program at the Twin Lakes Recreation Center. The staff recommends approval of the proposed membership plan for part-time temporary employees that meet the criteria of working a minimum of 15 hours per pay period. TLRC is experiencing a recruitment and retention issue for its part-time/seasonal employee needs. Facilities in the marketplace are providing higher hourly wages or other benefits and in some cases both to their employees. Mr. Turnbull stated the staff believes providing a facility membership as a benefit would increase the employee's pay (at not real cost to the department) as well as increase staff engagement in the facility. Staff believes this benefit makes them more knowledgeable and provides greater interaction with customers. BPRD provides a similar arrangement at Cascades Golf Course that helps retain part-time employees.

Ms. St. John made a motion to approve the Twin Lakes Recreation Center Employee Membership Program, Mr. Carter second the motion. Motion unanimously carried.

D. REPORTS

D-1. Operations Division - Deer Management Services Report

Mr. Steve Cotter presented his report to the Board. Several studies have concluded that an overabundance of white tailed deer are having a negative impact on plant diversity at Griffy Lake Nature Preserve. In an effort to address the problem, a Special Use Deer Control Permit was secured through the Indiana Department of Natural Resources. White Buffalo Inc. was selected to provide sharpshooters to reduce the number of deer at Griffy in 2014-15.

In 2014, White Buffalo staff visited the property to select optimum bait sites. The sites were chosen to maximize public safety and potential for success. Attracting deer to the baiting sites proved unsuccessful due to the heavy crop of acorns, which deer like to eat. White Buffalo made a recommendation to suspend the cull until conditions improve.

To better understand the problem, and to assess the success of the program, baseline vegetation data was collected at Griffy in the spring and summer of 2014. Please note a correction on the written report, twenty five 90-meter transects were established throughout the property. From these transects areas, the type and size of plants were recorded. In addition, larger tree samplings plots have been created along the same transects. Sampling is underway again this year and will continue into the future.

Mr. Cotter provided a summary of the programs expenditures.

Mr. Renneisen informed the Board a more detailed report from White Buffalo, Inc was attached.

D-2. Recreations Division - No Report

D-3. Sports Division – Summer Event Update

Mr. John Turnbull updated the Board on the Sports Division summer events.

- National Softball Tournament -
 - July 30 - August 2 - ASA Fast Pitch Girls B 16-under Northern National. Approximately 35 teams from the Northern Territory will be participating. Visit Bloomington is projecting a \$250,000 to \$500,000 economic impact from this event.
 - September 4-7 - ASA Men's Slow Pitch Class D Northern National. Approximately 40 teams from Northern Territory participating. Visit Bloomington is projecting a \$250,000 to \$400,000 economic impact from this event.
- Aquatics
 - Pools opened on May 23rd. The new heaters facilitated the early opening.
 - Aqua Fit group
 - 500 Swim lesson participants - While participation numbers have reached a plateau, BPRD considers it important to continue offering these life saving classes to the community.
 - 25 to 30 Pool Rentals
- Twin Lakes Recreation Center
 - May 22-25 Chuck Hensley American Youth Basketball Tournament
 - June 23-27 Amateur Athletic Union Girls National. Approximately 35 teams of 4th and 5th grade girls. BPRD will assist with the logistics but are not the event director.
 - Youth Basketball is exclusive to Twin Lakes Recreation Center with approximately 1,000 children participating.
- Cascades Golf Course - June through August
 - 4 Tournaments
 - 9 Outings
 - 9 Junior Camps
 - 3 Clinics
 - 2 IGA Junior Youth Events
 - City Tournament will be held in the month of July.

- Adult Sports and Twin Lakes
 - May 29-31 Bloomington Invitational Tournament
 - June 12-19 ASA 16U State Games with 30 teams
 - June 19-21 ASA Gold Northern 16 & 18 Qualifiers with 30 teams
 - June 26-28 ASA 16U State with 30 teams
 - July 17-19 ASA Men's Slow Pitch States with 35 teams
- Winslow Sports Park
 - Junior Fields
 - May 22-24 Bloomington South Softball Sectional
 - June 2 Bloomington South Softball Regional
 - June 8-12 Bloomington South Softball Camp
 - July 3-5 Junior Side Invitation
 - July 17-19 Junior Side Invitational
 - July 24-26 Junior side Invitational
 - Senior Fields
 - July 10-12 Senior Side Invitational
 - July 17-19 Senior Side Invitational
- Frank Southern Ice Arena
 - Hockey participation has reached a plateau due to local economics. A girl's league was introduced last year raising the participation numbers.

D-4. Administration Division – No Report

Mr. Mick Renneisen stated the Board of Park Commissioners meetings are back to their regular date, the fourth Tuesday of the month. The next meeting will be held June 23, 2015.

ADJOURNMENT

Ms. St. John motioned to adjourn Mr. Carter second the motion. Meeting adjourned at 5:03 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Kim Clapp, Secretary Board of Park Commissioners