



CITY OF BLOOMINGTON
Parks and Recreation

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09-27-2022

Board of Park Commissioners
Regular Meeting
Minutes

Regular Meeting: Tuesday, August 16, 2022 4:00pm – 5:30pm

Council Chambers
401 North Morton

CALL TO ORDER - ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order by Kathleen Mills at 4:02pm

Present: Kathleen Mills, Ellen Rodkey, Israel Herrera, and Jim Whitlatch

A. CONSENT CALENDAR

A-1. Approval of Minutes of June 28, 2022

A-2. Approval of Claims Submitted June 29, 2022 – August 15, 2022

A-3. Approval of Non-Reverting Budget Amendment

A-4. Review of Business Report

A-5. Review of Credit Card Refund Report

A-6. Approval of Surplus

A-7. Approval of partnership agreement with Monroe County History Center

A-8. Approval of contract with Dynasty Painting, LLC for Renwick trail bridge painting

A-9. Approval of partnership with Indiana University Outdoor Adventures for outdoor recreation programming

A-10. Approval of contract with Pursell Monument for installation of a foundation and monument at Rose Hill scatter garden.

A-11. Approval of service agreement with Steve's Roofing & Sheet Metal for improvements to Griffy Lake Boathouse and restroom

A-12. Approval of contract with Trees, PLE for treatment of pine trees at Winslow Sports Complex

Jim Whitlatch made a motion to approve the consent calendar A-1 through A-12. *Ellen Rodkey* seconded the motion. Vote taken: motion unanimously carried 4-0.

B. PUBLIC HEARINGS/APPEARANCES

B-1. Bravo Award

Emily Buuck, Community Relations Coordinator presented Kiersten Groover and Kendra Souder with the August BRAVO Award. In 2022, the two Target employees had volunteered for Touch a Truck and Adult Field Day events. They were essential in assisting with the events and in recruiting several of their fellow Target employees to serve as volunteers. The department was thankful for their hard work and dedication to Parks programs for the past few years.

The Board thanked Kiersten Groover and Kendra Souder for the time they had given as volunteers.

B-2. Parks Partner Award

Julie Ramey, Community Relations Manager recognized The Dog House as the August recipient of the Parks Partner Award. The Dog House was a locally owned, family-run business that started in 2005 by Jim and Beth Dasenbrock. The Dog House had been a sponsor of Parks and Recreations programs for many years, from Drool in the Pool,

Performing Arts Series, Movies in the Parks and Howl at the Moon. The department and staff were incredibly grateful to Jim and Beth, and to The Dog House for their continued support.

Representatives of The Dog House approached the podium and thanked the Park Board for the award.

The Board thanked The Dog House for their continued support.

B-3. Staff Introductions

Satoshi Kido, Sports Division Director recently accepted the position of Sports Division Director. Kido's previous role with Campus Recreation at Indiana University, was Assistant Director for more than 20 years. Kido was originally from Japan and received a bachelor's degree in Recreation and Leadership Management from Ferris State University and a Master's degree in Higher Education and Administration from Grand Valley State University. Kido looked forward to working with the Board and staff.

The Board welcomed Satoshi Kido.

C. OTHER BUSINESS

C-1. Review/Approval of Contract with Commercial Service for Kitchen Project at Banneker Community Center

Leslie Brinson, Community Events Manager staff wished to create a commercial kitchen at Banneker Community Center, for use by both internal groups as well as community groups through rental opportunities. A commercial kitchen would help create a nutritional hub and cultural hub at the Banneker Community Center. To meet necessary requirements, a Type 1 Kitchen Hood would need to be installed. Staff recommended approval of the contract with Commercial Services in an amount not to exceed \$34,035. Funding would be from two existing facility grants as well as Banneker Community Center General Fund.

Board comments: Kathleen Mills inquired: if the kitchen would be shut down during the project. Leslie Brinson responded: it would be shut down for a short period.

Jim Whitlatch made a motion to approve the contract with Commercial Service. Ellen Rodkey seconded the motion. Vote taken: motion unanimously carried 4-0.

C-2. Review/Approval of Appointment to the Cascades Golf Course Advisory Council

Aaron Craig, Golf Facilities Manager staff recommended approval of Dean LaPlante for replacement of a vacancy on the Cascades Golf Course Advisory Council. The purpose of the Council was to assist Cascades Golf Course management by providing input from the community and provide feedback on projects, business plan and programs.

Board Comments: Jim Whitlatch inquired: how many members made up the Cascades Golf Course Advisory Council. Aaron Craig responded: five members.

Jim Whitlatch made a motion to approve the appointment recommended by staff to Cascades Golf Course Advisory Council. Ellen Rodkey seconded the motion. Vote taken: motion unanimously carried 4-0.

C-3. Review/Approval of Contract with F.A. Bartlett Tree Expert Company for 2022 Emerald Ash Borer Treatment

Tim Street, Operations and Development Division Director to suppress Emerald Ash Borer, staff wished to have a professional contractor perform systematic injections treatments to approximately 73 City Ash trees. Staff recommended approval of contract with F.A. Bartlett Tree Expert Company, in an amount not to exceed \$14,929. Funding source would be from Urban Forestry General Fund.

Board Comments: Jim Whitlatch inquired: what was the success of treating the Emerald Ash Borer. Tim Street responded: through the continued treatments, the City had been able to successfully retain 200 Ash trees in the city inventory. If treatment began at the onset, the treatment would mitigate the effects of the Ash Borer. Ellen Rodkey inquired: if any Ash trees were being planted, and if each tree was treated every three years. Tim Street responded: Ash trees were not being planted. If natural resistance occurred or the infestation passed, Ash trees could possibly be considered for future planting. Yes, each tree was treated every three years.

Jim Whitlatch made a motion to approve the contract with F.A. Bartlett Tree Expert Company. *Ellen Rodkey* seconded the motion. Vote taken: motion unanimously carried 4-0.

C-4. Review/Approval of Contract with Scenic Construction for Rogers Family Park

Tim Street, Operations and Development Division Director for the construction and conversion of the Goat Farm Park into Rogers Family Park, staff wished to have improvements made to the 31.5 –acre property that was donated by the Rogers family in 2007. The project would include but not be limited to pedestrian boardwalk construction, native landscaping, permeable paver parking, reseeding of native plants, concrete seating under the barn awning, and the construction of a small shelter and pergola. Expenses would be charged to Operations Non-Reverting Fund, with reimbursement from the Bloomington Parks Foundation.

Board Comments: *Jim Whitlatch inquired: if there would be any other available parking.* *Tim Street* responded: that would be the only parking and it would be located by the trail. Some other parking options could be Jackson Creek, Sherwood Oaks Park and Childs Elementary. *Jim Whitlatch commented: Sherman and Meredith Rogers did a great service by giving this gift to the community.*

Jim Whitlatch made a motion to approve the contract with Scenic Construction. *Ellen Rodkey* seconded the motion. Vote taken: motion unanimously carried 4-0.

C-5. Review/Approval of with Oscar's Contracting Rogers Family Park barn and roof project

Tim Street, Operations and Development Division Director staff wished to have needed repairs made to the barn located at Goat Farm Park at 3000 E Winslow Rd. The project would include but not be limited to roof installation, gutters and downspouts, siding, soffit and fascia, and painting. Staff recommended approval of the contract with Oscar's Contracting, in an amount not to exceed \$110,100. Funding would be from Operations Non-Reverting Fund, with reimbursement from the Bloomington Parks Foundation.

Board Comments: *Israel Herrera inquired: if there would be any acknowledgement or recognition of the Roger Family for this great gift.* *Tim Street* responded: in recognition of the gift given to the community, the name would be changed at the end of the project from the Goat Farm Park to Roger Family Park. As with any big project, a dedication event would be planned and held at the end of the project. *Ellen Rodkey inquired: when the overall project would be completed.* *Tim Street* responded: overall completion was expected to be in the spring. *Jim Whitlatch inquired: what was the inside of the barn like and would it be used for anything.* *Tim Street* responded: there was a mix of items stored in the barn. Staff wished to eventually use a portion of the barn for Natural Resource programs.

Jim Whitlatch made a motion to approve the contract with Oscar's Contracting. *Ellen Rodkey* seconded the motion. Vote taken: motion unanimously carried 4-0.

C-6. Review/Approval of naming of Southeast Trail

Julie Ramey, Community Relations Manager staff recommended approval of an official name for the .36-mile paved trail that bordered the Renwick neighborhood. The trail connected to Southeast Park, which prompted the proposed name of Southeast Trail.

Board Comments: *Kathleen Mills inquired: if the trail was already referred to as Southeast Trail.* *Julie Ramey* responded: historically the most popular name used was the Renwick trail, but was never officially named. Staff wished to install signage, post rules of trail use and identify the trail as part of the parks system. With the proximity of Southeast Park it made sense to call it Southeast Trail.

Jim Whitlatch made a motion to approve the naming of Southeast Trail. *Ellen Rodkey* seconded the motion. Vote taken: motion unanimously carried 4-0.

C-7. Review/Approval of contract Tennis Technologies for Park Ridge East Tennis and Basketball Courts

Satoshi Kido, Sports Division Director the two tennis courts and one basketball court at Park Ridge East had been resurfaced, and needed to be recoated and restriped. Staff was considering turning one tennis court into two pickle ball courts. Staff would reach out to community members for feedback. Staff recommended approval of the contract with Tennis Technology, in an amount not to exceed \$24,685. Funding source would be from Adult Sports General Fund.

Board Comments: *Jim Whitlatch inquired: if the noise of the ball hitting the court was a concern, and if tennis could be played on a pickle ball court.* Paula McDevitt, Director responded: yes, the noise of the ball was a concern. Due to the nets, tennis could not be played on a pickle ball court. *Israel Herrera inquired: on the completion date.* Satoshi Kido responded: it would be mid to late September.

Comments were received from a citizen in favor of one tennis court being converted to two pickle ball courts.

Jim Whitlatch made a motion to approve the contract with Tennis Technologies for Park Ridge East tennis and basketball courts. *Ellen Rodkey* seconded the motion. Vote taken: motion unanimously carried 4-0.

C-8. Review/Approval of Contract with Baker Stone Work for Stone Work at Rose Hill Scatter Garden

Joanna Sparks, City Landscaper staff wished to have a scatter garden created at Rose Hill Cemetery and required the services of a professional contractor to restore existing pavers, remove and replace broken stones, and remove curb on inside of circle. Staff recommended approval of contract with Baker Stone Work in an amount not to exceed \$8,425. Project would be funded from the Cemetery General Fund.

Board Comments: *Kathleen Mills inquired: if this would be the only scatter garden in the cemeteries.* Joanna Sparks responded: it would be the only one. There were very few cemeteries in the state that offered a scatter garden.

Jim Whitlatch made a motion to approve the contract with Baker Stone Work. *Ellen Rodkey* seconded the motion. Vote taken: motion unanimously carried 4-0.

C-9. Review/Approval of Contract with Scenic Construction for Earthwork at Rose Hill Scatter Garden

Joanna Sparks, City Landscaper staff wished to create a scatter garden at Rose Hill Cemetery and required the services of a professional contractor to prepare the site for use. Contractor would remove and dispose of excess gravel and asphalt, import and install topsoil, and install seed, fertilizer and erosion control blanket. Staff recommended approval of the contract with Scenic Construction in an amount not to exceed \$7,900. Funding for project would be from Cemetery General Fund.

Jim Whitlatch made a motion to approve the contract with Scenic Construction. *Ellen Rodkey* seconded the motion. Vote taken: motion unanimously carried 4-0.

C-10. Review/Approval of Partnership Agreement with Bloomington Soccer, LLC for Soccer Program at Twin Lakes Recreation Center

Mark Sterner, General Manager Twin Lake Recreation Center, staff wished to continue a partnership with Bloomington Soccer. The partnership provided the community with a soccer program that included developmental programs for youth as well as recreational and competitive soccer leagues for youth and adults. The only change to the partnership was to require all competition be completed by 11:00pm.

Jim Whitlatch made a motion to approve the partnership with Bloomington Soccer, LLC. *Ellen Rodkey* seconded the motion. Vote taken: motion unanimously carried 4-0.

D. REPORTS

D-1. Recreation Division

Emily Carrico, Health and Wellness Coordinator presented an overview of the Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP). The CHIP leadership team was comprised of City of Bloomington Parks and Recreation, Monroe County Health Department, Indiana University Health and Community Voices for Health.

CHIP used data from the Community Health Assessment (CHA) to identify priority issues, develop and implement strategies for actions, and establish accountability to ensure measurable health improvement. The three top priority issues selected were: Poverty, and Navigating Health & Social Services - Inequity, Discrimination & Bias - Substance Use & Mental Health.

D-2. Operations Division - none

D-3. Sports Division - none

D-4. Administration Division - none

E. PUBLIC COMMENT

Kathleen Mills opened the floor to public comments – none were received

Paula McDevitt, Director recognized Daniel Dixon, City Attorney for the legal assistance and guidance he had provided over the past two years, and wished him well in his next endeavor.

The Parks 2023 General Budget would be presented to City Council on August 31, 2022. The next Park Board meeting would be held on September 27, 2022 in Council Chambers.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 5:09 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Kim Clapp,
Secretary Board of Park Commissioners