



A-1 September 12, 2024

Minutes

City of Bloomington Board of Park Commissioners

Regular Meeting: Tuesday, July 23, 2024 4:00 – 5:30 p.m.

Council Chambers, 401 N Morton St, Bloomington, IN

Zoom

CALL TO ORDER - ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order by Kathleen Mills at 4:05pm

Present: Kathleen Mills, Ellen Rodkey, and Israel Herrera

Virtual: Jim Whitlatch

A. CONSENT CALENDAR

A-1	Approval of Minutes of Regular Meeting June 25, 2024
A-2	Approval of Claims Submitted June 25, 2024 through July 23, 2024
A-3	Approval of Non-Reverting Budget Amendments
A-4	Review of Business Reports
A-5	Review/Approval of Credit Card Refunds
A-6	Approval of Surplus
A-7	Approval of contract with Bruce Wilds Security for 2024 Griffy Deer Hunt
A-8	Approval of contract with Rentokil (Terminix) for Banneker Center pest control
A-9	Approval of contract with IShine for Banneker Center Cleaning Services
A-10	Approval of Partnership Agreement with Mad 4 My Dog for Drool in the Pool
<i>Ellen Rodkey made a motion to approve the Consent Calendar. Israel Herrera seconded the motion. Vote taken: motion unanimously carried 4-0.</i>	

B. PUBLIC HEARINGS/APPEARANCES

B-1	<u>Emily Buuck, Community Relations Coordinator</u> presented the July Bravo Award to Coltin Teeters and Neil Jacobson, Boy Scouts with BSA Troop 100. Coltin and Neil built staircases into the large hill at Crestmont Park for their Eagle Scout project. The gravel and wood construction respected the natural environment of the park, and made the park more easily traversable for users and disc golf players. Staff appreciated the hard work and efforts put into the project. Board Comments: The Board thanked Coltin and Neil for their time.
B-2	Staff Introduction – <u>Natalia Dickerson</u> had recently accepted an internship with Parks and Recreations Natural Recourses. Natalia was an Indiana University student working toward a Bachelor of Science in Environmental Science. Natalia worked as a Teaching Assistant at Fairview Elementary School, and was working on a food waste reduction program for the school lunches. Natalia hoped to protect and preserve the beauty and utility of the planet throughout her career. She looked forward to supporting environmental education program, developing a zero waste policy for the department, and assisting with trail maintenance during her internship. Board Comments: the Board welcomed Natalia.
B-3	<u>Daren Eads, Facility Coordinator</u> presented the July Park Partner Award to Nature's Way. Nature's Way had been a long term supporter of Parks and Recreations staff, events, programs and facilities. Nature's Way took care of the many plants at Twin Lakes Recreation Center, in exchange for advertising space at the facility. The partnership had been mutually beneficial to both parties. Beth Matney, Nature's Way CFO, not only help shepherd the partnership, but also served as a member of the Bloomington Parks Foundation Board. Staff were grateful for Beth, and Nature's Way spirit of contributing to the Parks and Recreation Department, and making the world a greener place. Board Comments: the Board thanked Nature's Way for their support

C. OTHER BUSINESS

C-1	<u>Rebecca Swift, Operations and Development Director</u> , presented the contract with Odin & Ollie's Painting. Due to fading from age, and to keep playgrounds maintained in good working condition, staff wished to have the wooden posts and platforms/decking at Lower Cascades playground repainted. Staff recommended approval of the contract with Odin & Ollie's Painting in an amount not to exceed \$8,800. Funding for the project would be from Operations General Fund. <i>Ellen Rodkey made a motion to approve the contract with Odin & Ollie's for Lower Cascades playground painting. Israel Herrera seconded the motion. Vote taken: motion unanimously carried 4-0</i>
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Board packets/reports are available to the public by contacting the Department at 349-3700.

C-2	<p><u>Leslie Brinson, Community Events Manager</u> presented requested changes to Policy 2140: Dress Code, and Policy 11080: Behavior Guidelines. The Park and Recreation Policy Manual was reviewed and updated on a regular basis. At times policies need updated due to change in systems, staffing or procedures. Staff recommended updates to the following policies:</p> <p>Recommended changes to Policy 2140: Dress Code included language more specific expectations on business casual, and what was and was not acceptable attire for full time staff working in the office and in the field.</p> <p>Board Comments: <i>Kathleen Mills</i> inquired if the changes were a result to something that occurred. <i>Leslie Brinson responded:</i> no, just a review and clarification of policy.</p> <p><i>Ellen Rodkey made</i> a motion to approve the updates to Policy 2140: Dress Code. <i>Israel Herrera</i> seconded the motion. Vote taken: motion unanimously carried 4-0</p>
C-3	<p>Changes to Policy 11080: Behavior Guidelines excluded number 6 under the conduct section. Conversations with Legal Department determined the rule should no longer be included in the policy.</p> <p>Board Comments: <i>Kathleen Mills inquired</i> on the ages for pool drop-off. <i>Leslie Brinson responded:</i> she would review the sections for any errors. <i>Jim Whitlatch commented:</i> the policy was very imported, and recommended policies be reviewed by Parks Administration and one or two Park Board members. <i>Jim Whitlatch commented:</i> there were a few areas that need reviewed and language that may needed to be changed. Adding the availability of QR Codes for public. The language under animals may need to include portions of Switchyard Park. Concerns of videotaping in pool areas. The age of dropping off children. Possibility of additional items that needed to be included to anti-harassment. The use of rollerblades in certain areas. Review disruptive behavior policy. Contact response section reference to complaints may be presented to Advisory Councils. Possible additions may need to be included under tobacco use. Simplicity of policies. <i>Kathleen Mills commented:</i> supported the review of polies and in simplifying policies.</p> <p><i>Ellen Rodkey made</i> a motion to approve the updates to Policy 11080: Behavior Guidelines. <i>Israel Herrera</i> seconded the motion. Vote taken: motion unanimously carried 4-0</p>
	<p><u>Shelby Drake, Health and Wellness Coordinator</u> presented the Service Agreement with IU School of Public Health. Parks and Recreation Department wished to enter into an agreement with Indiana University School of Public Health – Bloomington, whereas both parties would identify and facilitate mutually beneficial community-based program, services and research opportunities. Staff recommended approval of the service agreement.</p> <p><i>Ellen Rodkey made</i> a motion to approve the service agreement with IU School of Public Health. <i>Israel Herrera</i> seconded the motion. Vote taken: motion unanimously carried 4-0</p>

D. REPORTS

None

E. PUBLIC COMMENT

Kathleen Mills opened the floor to public comments.

No comments were received

Tim Street, Director updated the Board of Park Commissioners on projects, programs and events. The Small Business Administration would use Frank Southern Center, as a base of operations for storm recovery efforts for the community.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 4:35pm

Respectfully Submitted,



Kim Clapp,
Secretary Board of Park Commissioners