



Board of Park Commissioners  
Regular Meeting  
Minutes

Tuesday, September 20, 2016  
4:00 – 5:30 p.m.

Council Chambers  
401 N. Morton

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by Les Coyne at 4:03 p.m.

**Board Present:** Les Coyne, Joe Hoffman, Kathleen Mills and Darcie Fawcett

**Staff Present:** Paula McDevitt, Dave Williams, John Turnbull, Julie Ramey, Kim Clapp, Becky Higgins, Bill Ream, Elizabeth Tompkins, Greg Jacobs, Jon Behrman, Barb Dunbar, Joanna Sparks, Nikki Wooten, Leslie Brinson, Ellen Campbell and Steve Cotter

**A. CONSENT CALENDAR**

- A-1. Approval of Minutes of August 23, 2016 Meeting
- A-2. Approval of Claims Submitted August 23, 2016 thru September 19, 2016
- A-3. Approval of Non-Reverting Budget Amendments
- A-4. Review of Business Report

Mr. Joe Hoffman made a motion to approve the Consent Calendar. Ms. Darcie Fawcett seconded the motion. Motion unanimously carried.

**B. PUBLIC HEARINGS/APPEARANCES**

**B-1. Public Comment Period – None**

**B-2. Bravo Award – None**

**B-3. Parks Partner Award – None**

**B-4. Staff Introduction - None**

**C. OTHER BUSINESS**

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

Mr. Bill Ream, Community Events Coordinator, this is the eleventh year for the Bloomington Pumpkin Launch. The 2016 event will be held Saturday, October 29<sup>th</sup> at the Monroe County Fairgrounds. The event will include pumpkin launching competitions in distance and accuracy. WonderLab will coordinate a children's area that will include, an inflatable obstacle course, and pumpkin and science related activities. Food vendors and live musical entertainment will be included in the event. BPRD staff will coordinate the logistics of the event.

Mr. Joe Hoffman made a motion to approve the Partnership Agreement with WonderLab and the Monroe County Fairgrounds for the Bloomington Pumpkin Launch. Ms. Fawcett seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously carried.

**C-2. Review/Approval of Request to Plant a Five Acre Prairie at the North End of the Goat Farm.**

Mr. Steve Cotter, Natural Resource Manager, the Bloomington Environmental Commission requested PBRD consider adding a native prairie planting at the Goat Farm, alongside the Jackson Creek Trail. The prairie would be located in the northern five acres of the site, everything north of the barn and slightly south of the barn. Partial funding for this proposed project, could possibly be secured through the US Fish and Wildlife Partners for Fish and Wildlife program. Native plantings improve water quality, stabilize soil, and sequester carbon. The diversity of plant species, attract a variety of birds, insect and other wildlife. It would greatly enhance the ecological value of the park and overtime, the prairie would decrease maintenance costs for the site.

The Board requested additional information on; size, trail location, view, approximate cost and time line.

Mr. Cotter stated, staff feels it best to begin with the minimum five acres allowed by the Fish and Wildlife program. Once it's been determined the site is capable of sustain a prairie, staff will have the opportunity to extend the plain to the south. Trail locations have not been determined. The community will have access to the east edge of the prairie by the Jackson Creek Trail, and a roadway is located on the west side. Staff plans to avoid tall plants, and will be selecting shorter to medium stature plants. The barn is large enough that some of it will remain visible from the road. There will be an open mowed area around the barn. Staff will be meeting with Fish and Wildlife Service this week to determine cost of the project. In order to establish the prairie in the spring, staff will need to begin treating the turf this fall. Staff plans on using a selective herbicide that will allow some of the current beneficial plants to remain. Staff will be required to intensively mow and treat weeds over the next three years, once established, routine maintenance will be required once or twice a year.

Mr. Joe Hoffman made a motion to approve to establish a Five Acre Prairie at the North End of the Goat Farm. Ms. Fawcett seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously carried.

Mr. Cotter stated BPRD has received an offer from Chris Neggers, Forester, Nature Conservancy to assist with controlling invasive plants. On October 14<sup>th</sup>, staff of BPRD as well as Nature Conservancy will be removing invasive species in Sherman Oaks Park and the surrounding area, up to the Goat Farm.

**C-3 Review/Approval of Summer Star Memorandum of Agreement – Griffy Lake Nature Day**

Ms. Elizabeth Tompkins, Natural Resources Coordinator, we are in the ninth year of the Griffy Lake Nature Day program, funded by the Summer Star Foundation. All fourth graders with Monroe County School Corporation will have an opportunity to participate in this environmental education program. The program incorporates hands on activities, state education standards, and a guided exploration in the natural environment at Griffy Lake Nature Preserve. The grant covers the cost of supplies, transportation and a portion of BPRD staff cost. Staff monitors the program each year, to determine if changes are required.

Mr. Joe Hoffman made a motion to approve the Summer Star Memorandum of Agreement for Griffy Lake Nature Day. Ms. Fawcett seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously carried.

**C-4. Review/Approval of Contract with Tennis Technology Inc.**

Mr. John Turnbull, Sports Division Director, a contract with Harris Barriers, to top coat and line the tennis and basketball courts at Southeast Park, was approved by the Board at the July 26, 2016 meeting. Harris Barrier failed to return the signed contract. Harris Barrier did not respond to the numerous e-mails and telephone messages left by Park staff. This contract is now considered null and void. Additional quotes for this project, were sought from two Kentucky companies that historically have done this type of work. Tennis Technology Inc. returned a bid of \$14,465, a quote was not received from the second firm as they have ceased doing the top coating and lining of courts. Tennis

Technology's bid is \$3,151.00 higher than Harris Barrier, however Tennis Technology will be traveling from Kentucky. Tennis Technology has assured us, they will sign and schedule the work before temperatures dip below the acceptable levels this fall.

Mr. Hoffman made a motion to approve the Contract with Tennis Technology, Inc. Ms. Fawcett seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously carried.

#### **D. Park Bond**

Paula McDevitt, Acting Director, the Board of Park Commissions previously approved, at the August 23, 2016 Board of Park Commissioners meeting, declaratory resolutions 16-03 through 16-07 titled: Declaratory Resolutions Approving Projects of the Park District of the City Of Bloomington, Indiana, and Making a Preliminary Determination to Issue Bonds to Finance the Projects, in an amount no to exceed \$6,936,500. The proposal has been presented to the City Council, for their review. Tonight's presentation will outline the park bond projects.

Mr. Dave William, Operations Director and John Turnbull, Sports Director presented the Park Bond Projects.

Bond Funds are equitably distributed throughout Bloomington Parks and Recreations service areas.

#### **Ordinance 16-36 (Series 2016A)**

- Banneker Community Center
  - Replace lobby floor
  - Replace roof and gutters
  - Repair masonry
- Cascades Golf Course
  - Zoysia fairways
  - Renovate clubhouse; restrooms, carpet, banquet room, locker rooms, and pro shop
- Frank Southern Ice Arena
  - Replace bleachers
  - Install ammonia callout system
  - Rehab restrooms
- Goat Farm
  - Replace barn roof, gutters, and downspouts
  - Rehab siding
  - Paint barn and silo
- Rose Hill Cemetery
  - Rose Hill Mausoleum, replace roof, gutters, downspouts, and repair masonry
  - King Mausoleum, replace roof.
- Clear Creek Trail
  - Rehab Church Lane bridge
  - Asphalt paving
  - Update signage
  - Add drinking fountain to Tapp Road trailhead
- Griffy Lake
  - Construct accessible fishing pier

#### **Ordinance 16-37 (Series 2016B)**

- RCA Community Park
  - Repave parking lot
- Twin Lakes Sports Park
  - Pave maintenance drive entrance

- Fence in garage
- Replace playground equipment and surfacing
- Winslow Sports Park
  - Replace pathway light bollards
  - Address irrigations needs
  - Replace playground
  - Replace fitness station cluster
  - Fence maintenance building

**Ordinance 16-38 (Series 2016C)**

- Bryan Park
  - Re-asphalt and coat tennis and basketball courts
  - Resurface fitness trail
  - Replace fitness stations
  - Replace Woodlawn playground swings
- Griffy Lake
  - Rehab restroom interior
- Olcott Park
  - Re-roof concession building and shelter house
  - New playground surfacing
  - Replace siding on restroom/maintenance building
- Peoples Park
  - Replace turf and irrigation
  - Reseal patterned concrete walks
  - Install new lighting
- Sherwood Oaks Park
  - Pave parking lot, basketball, and tennis courts
- Waldron, Hill and Buskirk Park
  - Install Zoysia sod
  - Install hardscape in front of stage
  - Replace irrigation
  - Reconstruct stairs
  - Upgrade lighting and landscaping
- Winslow Sports Park
  - Rehab entrance to junior ballfields
  - Resurface tennis courts

**Ordinance 16-39 (Series 2016D)**

- Lower Cascades
  - Build accessible pathway to waterfall
  - Construct green waste yard
- Lower Cascades Park
  - Replace climbing net and swings
  - Install canopy shade structures

**Ordinance 16-40 (Series 2016E)**

- Bryan Park Pool
  - Spare circulation, waterslide and water attraction pumps
  - Bath house renovations; floors, wall coverings, fixtures, lighting, and ventilation

- Butler Park
  - Replace playground
- Crestmont Park
  - Rehab park lighting
  - Replace/expand playground
  - Add shade, benches, landscaping
  - Resurface basketball court
- Highland Village Park
  - Resurface basketball court
- Mills Pool
  - Variable frequency drive for pumps
  - Mechanical room rehab
  - Bath house renovations; floors, wall coverings, fixtures, lighting, and ventilation
- Park Ridge Park
  - Install drinking fountain
- Sherwood Oaks Park
  - Build pedestrian bridge
  - Improve floodway drainage
- Twin Lakes Recreation Center
  - Replace cardio equipment
  - Replace weight room flooring
  - Replace scoreboards
  - Replace roof
  - Pave parking lot
  - Replace HVAC units
- Site Amenities
  - Drinking fountains
  - Shade sails
  - Picnic tables
  - Benches
  - Bike racks
  - Basketball goals
  - Fitness stations
  - Interpretive signs

D-2 Public Hearing on Resolution **16-03** (Declaratory Resolution Approving Project of the Park District of the City of Bloomington, Indiana, and Marking a Preliminary Determination to Issue Bonds to Finance the Project) (City of Bloomington Park District Bonds, **Series 2016A**) not to exceed \$2,000,00.00. Hearing has been declared concluded for **Series 2016A**.

D-3 Public Hearing on the Appropriation of City of Bloomington Park District Bonds, **Series 2016A**. Hearing has been declared concluded for Series **2016A**.

D-4 Mr. Hoffman made a motion of approval of Confirmatory Resolution of No. **16-08** Authorization Issuance of **Series 2016A** bond. Ms. Fawcett seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously carried.

D-5 Public Hearing on Resolution **16-04** (Declaratory Resolution Approving Project of the Park District of the City of Bloomington, Indiana, and Marking a Preliminary Determination to Issue Bonds to Finance the Project) (City of Bloomington Park District Bonds, **Series 2016B**) not to exceed \$1,100,000.00. Hearing has been declared concluded for **Series 2016B**.

D-6 Public Hearing on the Appropriation of City of Bloomington Park District Bonds, **Series 2016B**. Hearing has been declared concluded for **Series 2016B**.

D-7 Mr. Hoffman made a motion of approval of Confirmatory Resolution of No. **16-09** Authorization Issuance of **Series 2016B** bond. Ms. Fawcett seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously carried.

D-8 Public Hearing on Resolution **16-05** (Declaratory Resolution Approving Project of the Park District of the City of Bloomington, Indiana, and Marking a Preliminary Determination to Issue Bonds to Finance the Project) (City of Bloomington Park District Bonds, **Series 2016C**) not to exceed \$1,500,000.00. Hearing has been declared concluded for Series **2016C**.

D-9 Public Hearing on the Appropriation of City of Bloomington Park District Bonds, **Series 2016C**. Hearing has been declared concluded for **Series 2016C**.

D-10 Mr. Hoffman made a motion of approval of Confirmatory Resolution of No. **16-10** Authorization Issuance of **Series 2016C** bond. Ms. Fawcett seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously carried

D-11 Public Hearing on Resolution **16-06** (Declaratory Resolution Approving Project of the Park District of the City of Bloomington, Indiana, and Marking a Preliminary Determination to Issue Bonds to Finance the Project) (City of Bloomington Park District Bonds, **Series 2016D**) not to exceed \$1,800,000.00. Hearing has been declared concluded for **Series 2016D**.

D-12 Public Hearing on the Appropriation of City of Bloomington Park District Bonds, **Series 2016D**. Hearing has been declared concluded for **Series 2016D**.

D-13 Mr. Hoffman made a motion of approval of Confirmatory Resolution of No. **16-11** Authorization Issuance of **Series 2016D** bond. Ms. Fawcett seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously carried.

D-14 Public Hearing on Resolution **16-07** (Declaratory Resolution Approving Project of the Park District of the City of Bloomington, Indiana, and Marking a Preliminary Determination to Issue Bonds to Finance the Project) (City of Bloomington Park District Bonds, **Series 2016E**) not to exceed \$2,000,000.00. Hearing has been declared concluded for **Series 2016E**.

D-15 Public Hearing on the Appropriation of City of Bloomington Park District Bonds, **Series 2016E**. Hearing has been declared concluded for Series **2016E**.

D-16 Mr. Hoffman made a motion of approval of Confirmatory Resolution of No. **16-12** Authorization Issuance of **Series 2016E** bond. Ms. Fawcett seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously carried.

## **E. Reports**

### E-1. Administration Division

Ms. McDevitt introduced Scott Robinson, Planning and Transportations Department.

Mr. Robinson approached the podium. Mr. Robinson stated the Planning and Transportation Department is updating their comprehensive plan. The current comprehensive plan, *2002 Growth Policy Plan*, took approximately 4 years to complete. Best practices suggest, cities update comprehensive plans every ten years. In 2011, the department engaged the community in the vision exercise, *Imagine Bloomington*. Though that process, City Council adopted a vision statement. That vision statement still holds true today, and is being used as a guideline in developing our comprehensive plan. This summer, a working draft was issued to the public to for their input and feedback. The document, information about the draft, and public comments, can be accessed on the City website at

[www.bloomington.in.gov/cmp](http://www.bloomington.in.gov/cmp). Staff is continuing to provide information and gather additional input from the community, by hosting meetings and attending other departmental meetings. The goal is to complete this process by the end of September 2016. The information gathered will be compiled and used by staff, to revise the working draft. The updated draft will then be presented to the City Planning Commission for review. The plan will then be presented to the City Council. The draft consists of seven chapters; Community Service, Culture & Identity, Environmental, Downtown Bloomington, Housing & Neighborhood, Land Uses, and Transportation. Mr. Robison encouraged the community to provide feedback via on-line, telephone or e-mail.

#### E-2. ERAC Comments on Comprehensive Master Plan

Elizabeth Tompkins, Natural Resource Coordinator/Staff Liaison to the Environmental Resources Advisory Council (ERAC) which acts in an advisory capacity to the Board of Park Commissioners in policy matters pertaining to operations of city natural areas and facilities. Ms. Tompkins presented an outline of ERAC's comments regarding City of Bloomington 2040 Comprehensive Plan (process Draft 7/15/2016). In hopes, these comments can help guide the Comprehensive Plan to address natural resource management in our parks and community more completely. ERAC is encouraged there are many aspects in the Master Plan that are directly relevant to the environmental resources of PBRD. They believe, the ecosystem management can be expanded and feel there should be more of a feature of environmental management. While it states it promotes the healthy diverse ecosystem, there is no specific mention of overall ecosystem management in the Plan. ERAC believes that including an overarching framework for such activities is important. They recommend restructuring Chapter 3 to incorporate a high level goal into the plan: Manage parks for ecosystem diversity and ecosystem integrity. In addition there needs to be some mention of wildlife conflicts and they are concerned with mosquito control. They recommend updating maps, including riparian areas and streams that need to be protected as wildlife corridors. The Transportation plans have some missing pieces, the maps do not include the Bloomfield Road side path, and there is no allowance for a pedestrian/bike bridge over I-69, between Second and Third Streets.

The Board stated, the allowance for the pedestrian/bike bridge will be very difficult and most likely not occur, as this was not included in part of the discussion with the State on the I-69 project.

Ms. McDevitt stated the next Board of Park Commissioners meeting will be held Tuesday, October 25, 2016.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned at 5:23 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



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Kim Clapp,  
Secretary Board of Park Commissioners