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**11-27-2018**

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Board of Park Commissioners  
Regular Meeting  
Minutes

Thursday, November 8, 2018  
4:02 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Park and Recreation  
401 N. Morton St.

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by Kathleen Mills at 4:01 p.m.

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

**Staff Present:** Paula McDevitt, Dave Williams, Becky Higgins, Julie Ramey, and Kim Clapp

**A. CONSENT CALENDAR - None**

**B. PUBLIC HEARINGS/APPEARANCES**

**B-1. Public Comment Period – None**

**B-2. Public Hearing** – Resolutions 18-05 through 18-07: Confirming Declaratory Resolutions Approving Projects of the Park District of the City of Bloomington, Indiana.

*Paula McDevitt, Administrator* at the October 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting, Resolutions 18-02, 18-03, and 18-04 for the issuance of Parks Districts Bonds for Bicentennial Trees & Trails projects were approved by the Board. The City Council gave their final approval of these Bonds at their October 31<sup>st</sup> meeting. Tonight's Public Hearing for Resolutions 18-05 through 18-07 Titled: Confirming declaratory and bond resolution of the Board of Park Commissioners of the City of Bloomington approving projects of the park district of the City of Bloomington, Indiana and authorizing issuance of 2018A Bonds, 2018B Bonds, and 2018C Bonds for the purpose of providing funds to be applied to pay for projects and incidental expenses in connection therewith an don account of the issuance of the 2018A bonds, 2018B Bonds and 2018C Bonds will be the final step in the bond approval process

**C. OTHER BUSINESS**

**C-1. Review/Approval of Confirming Declaratory Resolutions 18-05, 18-06, and 18-07 for Bicentennial Trees & Trails Bond**

*Adam Wasson, Director of Public Works Department approached the podium.*

Bond Resolution 18-05 includes design of a 2-way protected bicycle lane on 7<sup>th</sup> Street (B-Line to Woodlawn Ave), designed to increase safety and comfort for all roadway users. Design will include separation for bus stops and street design improvements for bus traffic.

The design of a 0.60 mile Neighborhood Greenway on 7<sup>th</sup> Street (Union Ave. to the Bypass) designed to calm traffic and prioritize walking and bicycling.

*The Board inquired* if parking spaces are lost, will the residents have another area to park.

Adam Wasson responded, the area that is being removed is meter parking. Most residents have available off street parking areas.

The Board inquired if the resolutions were written in a manner that would allow flexibility in the use of the bond proceeds. Can a portion of 8<sup>th</sup> Street be utilized in the Neighborhood Greenway project, allowing access to the underpass that goes under the bypass? This section of 8<sup>th</sup> Street is primarily used by bicycles to go under the bypass, which is preferred over 7<sup>th</sup> Street. The other issue is, Hillsdale is a thoroughfare that has a light at 3<sup>rd</sup> Street and is a high traffic area.

Adam Wasson responded, there are a lot of options and we will work with the Bike Pedestrian Team to determine the best design for this project.

Dave Williams, Operations Director Parks Department approached the podium.

Bond Resolution 18-05 includes construction of RCA/Powerline Trail length 1.5 miles and estimated cost \$1.4 million.

Joe Hoffman having completed our Public Hearing on the bond that is the subject of Confirmatory Resolution 18-05, I will now move for approval of Confirmatory Resolution 18-05. Les Coyne seconded the motion. Kathleen Mills are there any public comments or questions regarding Resolution 18-05. Seeing none. Motion was unanimously carried.

Dave Williams, Operation Director

Bond Resolution 18-06 includes two trails, an 3.6 mile Griffy Lake Loop Hiking Trail, estimated cost \$1.25 million, and a 1.2 mile Lower Cascades Trail, estimated cost of \$2.1 million

The Board inquired, if the Griffy Lake Loop Trail is intended to be an unpaved trail. Would this loop trail be linked with the Lower Cascade Trail that goes towards Ferguson Dog Park?

Dave Williams responded it will not be a paved trail and will be what is considered a trail running trail. A Public Works project was completed in the Ferguson Dog Park area, and can be used as a link.

Joe Hoffman having completed our Public Hearing on the bond that is the subject of Confirmatory Resolution 18-06, I will now move for approval of Confirmatory Resolution 18-06. Les Coyne seconded the motion. Kathleen Mills are there any public comments or questions regarding Resolution 18-06. Seeing none. Motion was unanimously carried.

Dave Williams, Operations Director

Bond Resolution 18-07 includes entryway beautification and related improvement projects at 4 or more locations. Estimated cost of \$1.25 million. Street tree planting are also included in this bond at an estimated cost \$800,000.

Adam Wasson, Director Public Works Department approached the podium.

Bond Resolution 18-07 includes the Downtown Alley improvements project of a three block area. This project includes beautification, clean-up and lighting of the alleys, milling and paving for surface improvement, and activation of underused City assets by art installations, and the potential of creating some pedestrian only areas.

Jeff Underwood, City Controller approached the podium there have been six public opportunities for the public to have weighed in on these bonds. Two with the budget and four with the bond process. This is a property tax base bond. A property tax rate was included in the budget submitted to the permanent local government finance that will repay these bonds. The next step will be to market these bonds with Underwriters, and to select the best and most appropriate one to provide the best deal and lowest interest rate. In addition, we are working to develop a program that will allow the public to have access to these bonds in increments of \$1,000.

Bloomington is in a good position for these bonds. Bloomington's debt load per capita, is under \$1,000 and one of the lowest in the state. All interest rates are fixed, there are no variable rate bonds. Bloomington is compared to 21 of the largest communities in Indiana, and ranks 20<sup>th</sup> with the lowest tax rate. Bloomington is a very low tax community and a very low debt community, giving the ability to sell the bonds and receive high ratings from the rating agencies.

*Joe Hoffman* having completed our Public Hearing on the bond that is the subject of Confirmatory Resolution 18-07, I will now move for approval of Confirmatory Resolution 18-07. *Les Coyne* seconded the motion. *Kathleen Mills* are there any public comments or questions regarding Confirmatory Resolution 18-07. Seeing none. Motion was unanimously carried.

**C-2 Review/Approval of Contract for Bicentennial Veterans Day 5K**

*Becky Higgins, Recreation Director* the Department wishes to be prepared for any injuries or health conditions that may occur at the Bicentennial Veterans Day 5K Run/Ruck. The Department requires the services of a professional consultant to provide three teams of personnel, to include six EMT's and three First-Aiders, along with necessary gear and supplies to provide Emergency Medical Services for the duration of the event. Staff recommends the approval of this contract with IU Intercollegiate Emergency Medical Services, in an amount not to exceed \$200.

*Joe Hoffmann* made a motion to approve the contract with IU Intercollegiate Emergency Medical Services. *Les Coyne* seconded the motion. *Kathleen Mills* any public comment or questions. Seeing none. Motion unanimously carried.

*Ms. Paula McDevitt, Administrator* Friday, November 16<sup>th</sup> is the Board and Commission Recognition Thank You from the City Event. The event will be located at the Mill and will be from 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm. The next Board of Park Commissioners meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 27<sup>th</sup> and will be located in Council Chambers. The Board packet will be distributed Friday, November 16<sup>th</sup>.

**D REPORTS - None**

**ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned at 4:51 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



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Kim Clapp, Secretary Board of Park Commissioners