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**04-23-19**

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Board of Park Commissioners  
Regular Meeting  
Minutes

Thursday, April 4, 2019  
4:00 p.m. – 4:33 p.m.

Council Chambers  
401 N. Morton St.

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by Les Coyne at 4:00 p.m.

**Board Present:** Les Coyne, Joseph Hoffman, and Lisa Thatcher

**Staff Present:** Paula McDevitt, Becky Higgins, Julie Ramey, Kim Clapp, Leslie Brinson, and Steve Cotter

**A. CONSENT CALENDAR**

- A-1. Approval of Minutes - None
- A-2. Approval of Claims - None
- A-3. Approval of Non-Reverting Budget Amendments - None
- A-4. Review of Business Report - None
- A-5. Approval of Surplus - None

**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

**B-5. Staff Recognition** – None

**C. OTHER BUSINESS**

**C-1. Review/Approval of Construction Contract Award RCA Park Trail Rehabilitation**

*Steve Cotter, Natural Resource Manager* the Department wishes to have trail rehabilitation performed at RCA Park. The Department requires the services of a professional contractor for: demolition of the existing trail and boardwalk around the perimeter of the park, and tree removal as required to construct the new trail. The project includes construction of park improvements: including trails, boardwalks, drainage swale enhancements and related site improvement. The work will consist of furnishing labor, equipment and materials as described in the Specification and Bid Documents. Only one bid was received for this TIF funded project. Staff recommends approval of this contract with Scenic Construction Services in the amount of \$238,700, with the understanding the decision may be made to void the contract (prior to contractor signing) and rebid. Final contract and funding approval is required by the Redevelopment Commission.

The Board inquired during this project, can preparations be made for connectivity to the trail that may be constructed on the Duke Energy powerline easement.

Steve Cotter responded this project will take the RCA trail right up to the fence line, at this time that is all that can be done for future connectivity.

The Board commented would like to make sure the project would not interfere with the Trick-or-Treat Trail event. There is a need for leveling and rehab of this trail for easier accessibility.

*Joe Hoffmann* made a motion to approve the contract with Scenic Construction Services, Inc. with the understanding that a later decision may be made not to go forward. *Lisa Thatcher* seconded the motion. *Les Coyne* any public comments or questions, seeing none. Motion unanimously carried

### **C-2 Review/Approval of Contract with Eco Logic, LLC.**

*Steve Cotter, Natural Resource Manager* to guide future management, the Department wishes to have vegetation studies conducted at Griffy Lake Nature Preserve. The Department requires the services of a professional consultant to provide a Tier One Evaluation; mapping plant communities by forest type, susceptibility to damage from foot traffic, and habitat for sensitive organisms. Factors considered in classifying the community type include soils, geology, aspect, and hydrology, dominant tree species, and richness of the understory layer.

Project Deer Browse Monitoring; on 12 transects to monitor browse on both herbaceous and woody vegetation. The results will be compared to previous years data to determine whether there has been a decline, increase, or no statistical change in the amount of deer browse.

Project Griffy Lake Nature Preserve Floral Inventory; documentation of all terrestrial woody and herbaceous vascular plant species present on the property over the course of 12 field days. Three days will occur in April, three days in late May or early June, three days in July, and three days in September. A Floristic Quality Assessment will be produced for each community including a mean coefficient of conservatism and a floristic quality index calculation.

Staff recommends approval of this contract with Eco Logic, LLC in the amount of \$47,400.20.

*Joe Hoffman* made a motion to approve the contract with Eco Logic, LLC. *Lisa Thatcher* seconded the motion. *Les Coyne* any public comments or questions, seeing none. Motion unanimously carried

### **C-3 Review/Approval of Partnership Agreement with Ryder Films**

*Leslie Brinson, Community Events Manager* the Department wishes to provide free outdoor movies for the benefit of the general public. The purpose of this Agreement is to outline a program partnership which provides increased affordable entertainment opportunities for the Bloomington community by combining available resources from each partner to the Agreement. Six films will be shown at four different locations. No significant changes have been made to this year's agreement.

*Joe Hoffman* made a motion to approve the partnership with Ryder Films. *Lisa Thatcher* seconded the motion. *Les Coyne* any public comments or questions, seeing none. Motion unanimously carried

### **C-4 Review/Approval of Duke Energy Easements for Switchyard Park**

*Paula McDevitt, Director* the Switchyard Park project includes the burial of two existing overhead powerlines that run across the property. Staff recommends the Board grant Duke Energy two perpetual, non-exclusive easements to construct, reconstruct, operate, patrol, maintain, repair, replace, relocate, add to, modify and remove, electric, and/or telecommunications line or lines, and all necessary equipment, for the underground, transmission and distribution of electrical energy, and technological purposes. Pt. Parcels #53-08-08-100-070.000-009, 53-08-09-207-019.000-009, 53-08-08-100-014.000-009, 53-01-53-226-5000.000-009, 53-08-09-300-036.000-009 and 53-08-04-300-095.000-009.

*Joe Hoffman* made a motion to approve the Duke Energy Easements for Switchyard Park. *Lisa Thatcher* seconded the motion. *Les Coyne* any public comments or questions, seeing none. Motion unanimously carried

### **C-5 Review/Approval of Partnership Agreement with Centerstone**

*Paula McDevitt, Administrator* the Department wishes to provide well maintained parks for the community to enjoy. The purpose of this agreement is to outline a program partnership, which will provide an opportunity for Centerstone clients to work for Centerstone in Bloomington Parks and Recreation Departments parks, and Cascades Golf Course, by combining available resources from each party to the agreement. The program will operate from April 1, 2019 through November 30, 2019 and will offer a wage of \$11.36/hour Laborer I positions and \$13/hour for Golf Course Supervisor. Centerstone will invoice the Department for labor costs, plus Federal Insurance Contributions Act (FICA). Paula McDevitt invited Greg May, Centerstone to the podium.

*Greg May approached the podium.* There have been approximately 170 applicants. The 2017 crew consisted of six employees, in 2018 the crew consisted of eighteen staff, and in 2019 the crew consists of 10 employees. This is a special project for Centerstone and the community, because it gives people an employment opportunity that would not get a second look from a traditional employer. It is a low barrier point of entry for folks that are in recovery, experiencing homelessness and need a supportive employment opportunity to get their feet back under them. This is a project that Centerstone discusses all year round. The outcomes seen are increased employability, individuals going from homelessness to obtaining their own housing, seeing less social isolation, more engagement in the community and a sense of belonging. After being told no so many times, this program instills a feeling of hope.

*The Board inquired,* if there have been any issues with the crews working at park sites.

*Greg May responded* other than a couple of bee stings, there have not been any issue. People are showing up for work. Centerstone over hires, so if someone doesn't show up there is someone to take their place, it would never effect the work.

*The Board inquired* on the hiring, selection and evaluation process.

*Greg May responded* the interviews are held at the Peer Run Recovery Center. Approximately 1/3 of a crew is hired back, giving other individuals in the community an opportunity to become part of the program. The program is visible in the parks and downtown, and people reach out to staff in the field for information. When it comes time to hire a crew, Centerstone send fliers out to community partners, informing them the selection process is ready to begin. At the end of the year an internal evaluation is conducted to see how the program can be improved. The first year it was learned, work was very difficult for individuals who were street homeless, who did not elect to seek shelter services. The second year Centerstone tried to provide more supportive services to those individuals, such as a place to shower, or to do laundry and the program worked better the second year. This kind of evaluation is done, because Centerstone wants everyone to be successful if they chose to come to work. Your housing status or lack of housing status, should not have an impact on your ability to earn a living. This is a program that works well for these individuals, and the community.

*The Board inquired* if Centerstone would share program data with the Board, and provide protocol for the selection process.

*Greg May responded* since the 2019 project is just beginning, this is a great point for data collection. This program is already a model for the community, Centerstone is having conversations with other employers and other people who have an interest in doing this type of work.

*Joe Hoffman* motioned to approve the partnership with Cornerstone. *Lisa Thatcher* seconded the motion. *Les Coyne* any public comments or questions, seeing none. The motion was unanimously carried.

*Paula McDevitt, Administrator* thanked the Board for coming in for this meeting. This Saturday the Farmers' Market opens and the Act of Living Health Fair will be held on the plaza. Griffy Boathouse will open for the weekends this Saturday.

The Board of Park Commissioners next meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 23, 2019.

## **D REPORTS**

D-1. Operations Division – No Report

D-2 Recreations Division – No Report

D-3 Sports Division – No Report

D-4 Administration Division – No Report

**ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned at 4:33 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Kim Clapp".

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Kim Clapp

Secretary Board of Park Commissioners