



Board of Park Commissioners
Regular Meeting
Minutes

Tuesday, October 22, 2019
4:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

Council Chambers
401 N. Morton St.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Kathleen Mills at 4:00 p.m.

Board Present: Kathleen Mills, Joseph Hoffmann and Lisa Thatcher

Staff Present: Paula McDevitt, Dave Williams, John Turnbull, Becky Higgins, Julie Ramey, Mark Marotz, Steve Cotter, Leslie Brinson, Kim Clapp, Sarah Mullin, Sarah Owen, Joanna Sparks, Jess Klein, Dee Tuttle, Erik Pearson, and Amy Shrake.

A. CONSENT CALENDAR

- A-1. Approval of Minutes of September 17, 2019 meeting
- A-2. Approval of Claims Submitted September 17, 2019 through October 21, 2019
- A-3. Approval of Non-Reverting Budget Amendments
- A-4. Review of Business Report
- A-5. Approval of Surplus

Lisa Thatcher made a motion to approve the consent calendar. Joe Hoffmann seconded the motion. Kathleen Mills any public comments or questions, seeing none. Motion unanimously carried.

B. PUBLIC HEARINGS/APPEARANCES

B-1. Appeal of Park Suspension - None

B-2. Public Comment Period - None

B-3. Bravo Award – Jim Manion & Tamara Loewenthal

Sarah Owen, Community Relations Coordinator the Department would like to recognize volunteers Jim Manion and Tamara Loewenthal with the October Bravo Award. Over the past several years, Jim and Tamara have given an exceptional amount of time serving as Garden Leaders, at Butler Park Community Gardens. They have been on site to open the tool shed, giving gardeners access to the necessary equipment for gardening. This important effort reduces barriers to urban gardening and the slow food movement. Jim's and Tamara's commitment to our Community Gardening Program is greatly appreciated by the Department, and we are proud to recognize them with this month's Bravo Award. Sarah Owen invited Jim Manion to the podium.

Jim Manion approached the podium. Jim thanked the Board for the award and recognition. This is something he loves to do, and there are many benefits in being involved in a community garden. This will be his last year as a garden

volunteer, as he now has room at his home for garden space. Being involved in gardening is a great way to meet people. He estimates he has grown, and taken home over a ton of food. He believes there is nothing better than organic fresh food, and that gardening has great therapeutic value. He encourages anybody to get involved in this program, and grow their own food. It is a great way to engage with other likeminded people, and recommends to step up and help out.

B-4. Parks Partner Award - None

B-5. Staff Introduction - None

B-6 Staff Recognition – None

C. OTHER BUSINESS

C-1. Review/Approval of Partnership Agreement with IU Center for Veteran and Military Students

Jess Klein, Health & Wellness Coordinator the Department wishes to provide the community with an all-inclusive Veterans Day event. BPRD and the Indiana University Center for Veteran and Military Students (IU CVMS) would like to cooperate in the provision of a community event called the Veterans Day Ruck n' Roll, featuring a 5K course for people of all abilities. The goal of this event is to provide an opportunity for the Bloomington community, specifically military members and their families, to participate in a fun, inclusive, and accessible Veterans Day event. Staff recommends approval of this partnership.

Lisa Thatcher motioned to approve the partnership with IU Center for Veteran and Military Students. *Joe Hoffmann* seconded the motion. *Kathleen Mills* any public comments or questions, seeing none. The motion was unanimously carried.

C-2 Review/Approval Of 2020 Non-Reverting Parks Budget

Paula McDevitt, Administrator the Non-Reverting Fund was established as an “enterprise fund” and is developed with a zero-based budget model. The fund allows flexibility to meet customer interest and reduces reliance on the General Fund tax base. The fund incorporates input from staff specialist, supervisors, coordinators, managers and division directors.

Paula McDevitt presented the 2020 Non-Reverting Budget.

Category 1: Personnel request is \$635,254– Increase of \$127,924 (25%)

- Increase in regular full-time wages - \$14,778
 - Two regular full time positions are funded 50% in NR including the FT employee cost of living increases
- Increase in corresponding wages in line above
 - FICA
 - PERF
 - Health/Life Insurance
- Increase in seasonal wages - \$102,773
 - Year two implementation of living wage rates for all seasonal employees. Seasonal wages range from \$13.26-\$15.15/hour.

Category 2: Supplies request is \$443,021– Increase of \$126,186 (40%)

- Line 222 – Agricultural Supplies – Golf Services
- Line 231 – Building Materials and Supplies
- Line 233 – Concessions

Category 3: Other Services & Charges request is \$1,145,208– Increase of \$124,693 (12%)

- Line 384 – Lease payment for solar panels
- Line 394 – Temporary contractual employees

Total revenue request \$2,223,483, an increase \$378,803 (21%)

Projected revenue of \$2,391,417, projected expenses of \$2,223,483, with a projected remaining balance of \$167,933.

Kathleen Mills inquired if the increase in category 2 was related to the new clubhouse at Cascades Golf Course.

Paula McDevitt responded, this is only for annual agricultural supplies.

Lisa Thatcher motioned to approve the 2020 Non-Reverting Parks Budget. *Joe Hoffmann* seconded the motion. *Kathleen Mills* any public comments or questions, seeing none. The motion was unanimously carried.

C-3 Review/Approval of Partnership with Bloomington Blades Youth Hockey Association

Dee Tuttle, Sports Facility/Program Manager the Department wishes to provide an opportunity for the Bloomington community to participate in a diverse competitive youth hockey program for ages of 7 to 12 years old. This Agreement outlines a program partnership which will provide a hockey program designed to develop skills and provide competition, not otherwise available for the Bloomington community. Staff recommends the approval of this Partnership with Bloomington Blades Youth Hockey Association. Dee Tuttle invited Jay Freund, BBYHA President to the podium.

Jay Freund approached the podium. BBYHA works in conjunction, and in collaboration with USA Hockey. A lot of science has gone into their age development models. Many of the BBYHA coaches have gone through extensive training to work within these models. BBYHA is a volunteer organization and governed association. BBYHA works very closely with the Parks Department, and is extremely supportive of their work. PBRD has been very accommodating to the needs of BBYHA. BBYHA looks forward to continuing this relationship.

Lisa Thatcher motioned to approve the partnership with Bloomington Blades Youth Hockey Association. *Joe Hoffmann* seconded the motion. *Kathleen Mills* any public comments or questions, seeing none. The motion was unanimously carried.

C-4 Review/Approval of Partnership with Bloomington Blades High School Hockey Association

Dee Tuttle, Sports Facility/Program Manager the Department wishes to provide an opportunity for the Bloomington community to participate in a diverse competitive high school hockey program. This Agreement outlines a program partnership which will provide a hockey program designed to develop skills and provide competition, not otherwise available for the Bloomington community. Staff recommends the approval of this partnership with Bloomington Blades High School Hockey Association. Dee Tuttle invited Allan Strieb, BBHSH President to the podium.

Allan Strieb approached the podium. There is a continuity of building this sport up from the entry level all the way through high school. Hockey in Bloomington is not one of the most popular sports. There is a perception that it is a rough and contact sport. That is really not the case with the modern game. There is a lot of emphasis in the current coaches training, in how to play properly without the physical contact which can lead to injury. That is the emphasis these days, and hope that will open the eyes of the families that may be interested in the sport, but are afraid of the contact. Frank Southern staff has been great to work with, from the leadership to the weekend staffing. BBHSH looks forward to continuing this relationship.

Lisa Thatcher motioned to approve the partnership with Bloomington Blades High School Hockey Association. *Joe Hoffmann* seconded the motion. *Kathleen Mills* any public comments or questions, seeing none. The motion was unanimously carried.

C-5 Review/Approval of Partnership with Figure Skating Club

Dee Tuttle, Sports Facility/Program Manager the Department wishes to provide an opportunity for the Bloomington community to participate in a diverse figure skating program. This Agreement outlines a program partnership which will provide an affordable and effective figure skating program, not otherwise available to the Bloomington community. The program will be designed to introduce beginner participants to the sport, as well as for skill advancement. Staff recommends the approval of this Agreement with Bloomington Figure Skating Club. Dee Tuttle invited Stephanie Jachim, BFSC President to the podium.

Stephanie Jachim approached the podium, BFSC uses the ice four days a week. It is entirely a volunteer ran program, a not-for-profit organization. BFSC arranges the skating sessions, and connect skaters with their private coaches. The club

does pay BPRD for the ice time and have regular punch card sessions throughout the year. The Club helps BPRD with two annual programs, Skate and Scare and Skate with Santa. The club gets out on the ice and helps out the little ones. BFSC typically participates in multiple competitions during the year. It's great to have this partnership with BPRD and Frank Southern Ice Arena.

Lisa Thatcher inquired to the age the program starts at.

Stephanie Jachim responded it is the continuation of the Learn to Skate program. The youngest are seven years old and goes all the way to seniors in high school. Coaches are college age level. IU Skating Club is used for the coaches.

Lisa Thatcher motioned to approve the partnership with Figure Skating Club. *Joe Hoffmann* seconded the motion. *Kathleen Mills* any public comments or questions, seeing none. The motion was unanimously carried.

C-6 Review/Approval of Contract with West Concrete

Dee Tuttle, Sports Facility/Program Manager the Department wishes to reduce infield material erosion at Winslow Sports Complex. The Department requires the services of a professional contractor to install concrete curbing behind team dugouts, backstop areas, and along perimeters of ballfields. Staff recommends approval of this contract with West Concrete in an amount not to exceed \$44,600. Funding for this project is from General Obligation Bond 977-18-18016C-54510 Project 977 2019f.

Lisa Thatcher motioned to approve the contract with West Concrete. *Joe Hoffmann* seconded the motion. *Kathleen Mills* any public comments or questions, seeing none. The motion was unanimously carried.

C-7 Review/Approval of Contract Addendum with Lambert Consulting

Julie Ramey, Community Relations Manager on March 21, 2019 the Department entered into a contract with Lambert Consulting to manage the Facebook social media channel for Cascades Golf Course. The original agreement was to terminate on October 31, 2019. The Department wishes to extend the schedule of the contract through December 31, 2019. Both parties mutually agree to the changes. Staff recommends to extend this contract in the amount not to exceed \$600. Funding for this project will be from Community Relations General Fund.

Kathleen Mills inquired if the Department anticipates continuing on the contract, or if the contract will end after the clubhouse is opened and people are aware of what is offered.

Julie Ramey responded we have enjoyed working with Lambert Consulting and learning from them. I don't want to stop managing or working on social media. Whether Lambert Consulting is part of that and in what capacity, we are not sure of for 2020. We are not against having them continue on with the same scope of work. There has been an increase in engagement.

Lisa Thatcher motioned to approve the contract addendum with Lambert Consulting. *Joe Hoffmann* seconded the motion. *Kathleen Mills* any public comments or questions, seeing none. The motion was unanimously carried.

C-8 Review/Approval of Service Agreement with Harrell-Fish Inc. for Frank Southern Center

John Turnbull, Division Director Sports, the Department wishes to manage emergency and/or standard repairs, services and maintenance, while meeting all public work project requirements. The Department requires the services of a qualified vendor to provide routine/emergency repair, routine/emergency maintenance at Frank Southern Center. Staff recommends the approval of service agreement with Harrell Fish, Inc. not to exceed \$4,999. Funding is from Franks Southern Centers General Fund.

Lisa Thatcher motioned to approve the contract with Harrell-Fish Inc. for Frank Southern Center. *Joe Hoffmann* seconded the motion. *Kathleen Mills* any public comments or questions, seeing none. The motion was unanimously carried.

C-9 Review/Approval of Contract Addendum with Harrell-Fish Inc. for Banneker Community Center

Erik Pearson, Banneker Center Program/Facility Coordinator on November 27, 2018 the Department entered into a contract with Harrell-Fish Inc. (HFI), to provide maintenance services to Banneker Community Center and Alison

Jukebox. The original agreement was not to exceed \$3030. Due to unforeseen repairs, the Department wishes to increase the agreement \$1,000, for a total of \$4030. Both parties mutually agree to these changes.

Lisa Thatcher motioned to approve the contract addendum with Harrell-Fish Inc. for Banneker Community Center. *Joe Hoffmann* seconded the motion. *Kathleen Mills* any public comments or questions, seeing none. The motion was unanimously carried.

C-10 Review/Approval of Contract with Bluestone Tree, LLC

Dave Williams, Operations Director the Department wishes to remove hazardous public trees. The Department requires the services of a professional contractor to remove ten dead or hazardous trees at the following locations: one silver maple at 514 S Woodlawn Ave, two sugar maples at 2230 S. Brown Ave., two silver maples at 2507 S. Bryan St., one sugar maple at 1113 N. Indiana Ave, and 4 ash trees at 305 W 16th St. Staff recommends approval of this contract with Bluestone Tree in an amount not to exceed \$20,000. Funding is from Urban Forestry General Fund.

Lisa Thatcher motioned to approve the contract with Bluestone Tree, LLC. *Joe Hoffmann* seconded the motion. *Kathleen Mills* any public comments or questions, seeing none. The motion was unanimously carried.

C-11 Review/Approval of Contract with J.R. Ellington Tree Experts

Dave Williams, Operations Director the Department wishes to remove 5 hazardous public trees. The Department requires the services of a professional contractor to remove 5 hazardous or dead trees at the following locations: two ash trees at Winslow Sports Complex, 1 ash tree at Blue Ridge/Grippy Lake Nature Preserve area, and two ash trees at Lindbergh/12th/15th St. Staff recommends approval of this contract with J.R. Ellington in an amount not to exceed \$8,600. Funding is through Urban Forestry General Fund.

Lisa Thatcher motioned to approve the contract with J.R. Ellington Tree Experts, LLC. *Joe Hoffmann* seconded the motion. *Kathleen Mills* any public comments or questions, seeing none. The motion was unanimously carried.

C-12 Review/Approval of Contract with Newsome Carriage Rides for Holiday Market

Leslie Brinson, Community Events, the Department wishes to offer affordable carriage rides to the community at the Holiday Market. The Department is in need of a vendor to provide two horse-drawn carriages for five hours of carriage rides on Saturday, November 30th. Staff recommends the approval of this contract with Newsom's Carriage & Sleigh in an amount not to exceed \$1,300. Funding is through Community Events General Fund. There has been a slight change in the route.

Lisa Thatcher motioned to approve the contract with Newsome Carriage Rides. *Joe Hoffmann* seconded the motion. *Kathleen Mills* any public comments or questions, seeing none. The motion was unanimously carried.

C-13 Review/Approval of Contract Addendums with Green Dragon Mowing

Joanna Sparks, City Landscaper the Department wishes to provide well maintained parks for the community to enjoy. The Department requires the services of a professional consultant to provide mowing services at 24 locations throughout the 2020 season. Staff recommends the approval of contract addendum with Green Dragon Lawn Care. All fees and expenses are not to exceed \$60,450. Funding is through Operations General Fund.

The Department requires the services of a professional consultant to provide mowing services at 13 additional locations throughout the 2020 season. Staff recommends the approval of contract addendum with Green Dragon Lawn Care. All fees and expenses are not to exceed \$51,610. Funding is through Operations General Fund.

Lisa Thatcher motioned to approve the contract addendums with Green Dragon Mowing. *Joe Hoffmann* seconded the motion. *Kathleen Mills* any public comments or questions, seeing none. The motion was unanimously carried.

C-14 Review/Approval of Contract with Bruce Wilds Security

Steve Cotter, Natural Resource Manager the Department wishes to secure designated areas of Griffy Lake Nature Preserve during the Griffy Lake Nature Preserve Community Hunting Access Program hunt. The Department requires the services of a professional consultant to provide security during the project, patrolling the perimeter of the park during the hunt and informing the public of the park closure. Staff recommends approval of this contract with Bruce

Wilds Security in the amount not to exceed \$4,900. Funding is through Natural Resources Non-Reverting Fund.

Lisa Thatcher motioned to approve the contract with Bruce Wilds Security. *Joe Hoffmann* seconded the motion. *Kathleen Mills* any public comments or questions, seeing none. The motion was unanimously carried.

C-15 Review/Approval of Contract with DEEM, LLC

John Turnbull, Division Director Sports the Department wishes to manage emergency and/or standard repairs, services and maintenance, while meeting all public work project requirements. The Department requires the services of a qualified vendor to provide routine/emergency repair, routine/emergency maintenance at Frank Southern Center. Staff recommends the approval of service agreement with DEEM Inc. not to exceed \$4,000. Funding is from Franks Southern Centers General Fund.

Lisa Thatcher motioned to approve the contract with DEEM, LLC. *Joe Hoffmann* seconded the motion. *Kathleen Mills* any public comments or questions, seeing none. The motion was unanimously carried.

C-16 Review/Approval of Contract with Precision Quality Contracting

John Turnbull, Division Director Sports the Department wishes to install network cabling at the Cascades Clubhouse. The Department requires the services of a professional contractor to connect the new clubhouse building to network wiring per the architectural drawings and the City of Bloomington Information Technology Services specifications. Staff recommends approval of this contract with Precision Quality Contracting. Funding is through the General Obligation bond 977-18-18016A-54510 Project code 977 2017c.

Lisa Thatcher motioned to approve the contract with Precision Quality Contracting. *Joe Hoffmann* seconded the motion. *Kathleen Mills* any public comments or questions, seeing none. The motion was unanimously carried.

C-17 Review of the 2020 Price Schedule

John Turnbull, Division Director Sports approached the podium, and presented 2020 price changes for Sports Division Adult Sports – League Registrations, Tournaments, Tennis

Changes include:

Under League Registrations/Tournaments/Tennis

- Delete Flag Football – Team Fee
- Delete Flag Football – Individual Fee

Adult Sports/Youth Sports – Field Rentals, Player Fees, and Concessions

Changes include:

Under Field Rental/Player Fees

- Change wording from “Olcott Park – one time lining” to “Olcott Park – requested lining”

Franks Southern Ice Arena – User Fees, Facility Rental, Programs, Classes, Special Events

Changes include:

Under User Fees/Facility Rental

- Increase rink rental prime time from \$205 to \$230
- Increase rink rental non-prime time from \$195 to \$220

Under Programs/Classes Special Events

- Increase Hockey Initiation – from \$50 to \$55 In City / from \$55 to \$60 Out of City
- Increase Youth Hockey Cubs – from \$170 to \$175 In City / from \$185 to \$190 Out of City

Golf Services – Green Fees, Season Passes, Facility Rental, Programs, Classes, and Special Events

Changes include:

Under Green Fees/Season Passes/Other

- Increase Range Balls per bucket – large from \$5 to \$6 / small from \$3 to \$4
- Increase 20 Bucket Range Ball Pass – from \$80 to \$100

Under Clubhouse Rental, Programs, Classes, Special Events

- Add Banquet Room per day, any day of the week \$400

- Add Banquet Room per hour, and day of the week \$50
- Add Banquet Room per day, with golf outing \$100
- Add Conference Room per day, any day of the week \$150
- Add Conference Room per hour, and day of the week \$25

Becky Higgins, Division Director Recreation approached the podium, and presented 2020 price changes for Recreation Division.

Community Events – April/November Farmers’ Market

Changes include:

Under November Farmers’ Market

- Changed from based on 4 regular Market days to 3 regular Market days in November
- Changed Holiday Market from 5th to 4th Market Day in November
- Decrease large space application fee from \$72 to \$54
- Decrease large space application fee senior or youth from \$48 to \$36
- Decrease small space application fee from \$40 to \$30
- Decrease small space application fee senior or youth from \$28 to \$21

Community Events – Saturday Farmers’ Market May/October, Tuesday Farmers’ Market

Changes include:

Under Tuesday Farmers’ Market

- Changed from “Tuesday Farmers’ Market” to “Weekday Farmers’ Market”
- Increased space from \$119 (\$7 per day) to \$180 (\$10 per day)
- Increased senior or youth space from \$85 (\$5 per day) to \$126.00 (\$7 per day)
- Increase unreserved space from \$7 per day to \$10 per day
- Increased unreserved senior or youth space from \$5 per day to \$7 per day

Under Miscellaneous

- Change from “Homegrown Indiana Farm Tour” to “Registration for Farm Programming”
- Changed all prepared food vendors from “\$10 - \$499 +10% gross proceeds” to “10% gross proceeds.”

Community Events – Gardens, Stage Rental, Programs, Classes, Special Events, A Fair of the Arts.

Changes include:

Under Gardens

- Increased Rev. Butler Park Gardens small plots from \$33 to \$37 In City / from \$38 to \$44 Out of City.
- Increased Rev. Butler Park Gardens raised beds from \$33 to \$37 In City / from \$38 to \$44 Out of City.
- Add Switchyard Park Gardens – raised beds \$37 In City and \$44 Out of City
- Add Switchyard Park garden clearing fee \$30 - \$60

Under Waldron, Hill, and Buskirk Park Stage Rental

- Changed to “Stage Rentals”
- Add lines Switchyard Park Stage Rental to see page #16

Under A Fair of the Arts 2nd Saturday of Month May-October

- Increase booth space from \$55 to \$60

Add Switchyard Park Price Page

No changes to prices approved at the June 2019 Park Board meeting

Gardens were added to page 10

Shelters were added to page 15

Youth Programs – Facility Rental, Programs, Classes, and Special Events

Changes include:

Under Program /Classes Special Events

- Increase Kid City Original from \$170 to \$175 In City / from \$175 to \$180 Out of City

- Increased Kid City Quest from \$160 to \$165 In City / from \$165 to \$170 Out of City
- Increase CIT program from \$170 to \$175 In City / from \$175 to \$180 Out of City
- Increase Kid City Break Days per day range - from \$35 - \$45 to \$40 - \$45 In City / from \$35 - \$50 to \$40 - \$50 Out of City

Dave Williams, Division Director Operations approached the podium, and presented 2020 price changes for Operations.

Cemetery Services – Lot Sales, Inurnment, Interment, and Disinterment

Changes include:

Under Rose Hill Cemetery and Mausoleum

- Increased Cremation Lots-per space in Section H from \$550 to \$600 In City / from \$675 to \$725 Out of City
- Increased Mausoleum Interment/Disinterment Monday through Friday from \$575 to \$600 increased additional fee from \$150 to \$175 if arriving after 2 pm.
- Add to Mausoleum Interment/Disinterment Saturday additional fee of \$175 if arriving after 2 pm.
- Increased Mausoleum Inurnment/Disinurnment Monday through Friday from \$425 to \$450 and increased additional fee from \$150 to \$175 if arriving after 2 pm.
- Add to Mausoleum Inurnment/Disinurnment Saturday additional fee of \$175 if arriving after 2 pm.

Under White Oak Cemetery

- Increases full size individual lots from \$700 to \$750 In City / from \$850 to \$900 Out of City.

Under Rose Hill and White Oak Cemetery

- Increased Interment/Disinterment Monday through Friday from \$700 to \$750 and increased additional fee from \$250 to \$300 if arriving after 2 pm.
- Add to Interment/Disinterment Saturday additional fee of \$300 if arriving after 2 pm.
- Increased Inurnment/Disinurnment Monday through Saturday from \$425 to \$450 and increased additional fee from \$150 to \$175 if arriving after 2 pm.
- Added to Inurnment/Disinurnment Saturday additional fee of \$175 if arriving after 2 pm.

Natural Resources

Changes include:

Under Launch Permits

- Increase Annual permit from \$70 to \$80
- Increase 2nd Annual permit from \$10 to \$20
- Increase Daily permit from \$7 to \$8

Under Canoe/Boat rental

- Add line for late fee (all boats returned after closing hours) \$20

Under Misc.

- Add line for replacement fee (lost, stolen, damaged items – such as life jackets and paddles) \$50

Operations Services – Shelter Rentals

Under Shelter Rental

- Add Switchyard Park large picnic shelter weekdays M-F \$75
- Add Switchyard park large picnic shelter weekends & holidays \$90

Julie Ramey, Community Relations Manager approached the podium, and presented 2020 price changes for Community Relations.

Miscellaneous Items

Changes include:

Under Non-Reverting Fund Miscellaneous

- Add advertising \$400 - \$30,000
- Add sponsorship \$100 - \$5,000

D REPORTS

D-1 Operations

Griffy Lake Nature Preserve Vegetation Study Update

Steve Cotter, Natural Resource Manager approached the podium, and introduced Kevin Tunesvick, Eco Logic Botanist.

Kevin Tunesvick approached the podium and highlighted 2019 findings.

Griffy Lake harbors excellent diversity

- Around 570 species of vascular plants were documented during 2019 surveys including 50 native species new to the park.
- Provides habitat for an abundance of birds, reptiles and amphibians, and small mammals

Threats to Griffy Lake

- Overpopulation of deer which threatens plant communities and is a public health threat due to tick-borne diseases
- Invasive plants displacing native plant communities
- Fire suppression causing a shift to less diverse plant communities
- Climate change altering plant communities

Deer Effects on Plant Communities

- Deer selectively browse certain favored plants, threatening their existence in the park
- A browse line is evident on favored plants throughout the park
- Deer spread invasive herbaceous plants such as garlic mustard and Japanese stilt grass by carrying seed on their hooves and creating a seed bed with the soil disturbance along their paths

Deer and Ticks

- Deer are an important host for the life cycle of all Indiana tick species
- Ticks transmit a variety of diseases in Indiana
- Deer are the preferred host for the adult black-legged or deer tick that transmits Lyme disease
- Lone star ticks transmit a sugar molecule call alpha-gal into the body. Alpha-gal triggers an immune system reaction that later produce mild to severe allergic reactions following the consumption of red meat

Developing the Potential of Griffy Park

- Well-designed and professionally constructed trail around the lake
- Commitment to sustained deer harvest and vegetation monitoring
- Map and develop a plan with a budget to tackle invasive plant species
- Develop a prescribed fire plan and burn units for communities whose diversity depends on the disturbance provide by fire
- Develop a protocol to monitor plant communities for long term changes resulting from climate change

Griffy Lake Aquatic Vegetation Management Update

Rebecca Jania, Natural Resource Coordinator approached the podium, and introduced Leif Willey, Lake and Special Project Supervisor with Aquatic Control, Inc.

Leif Willey approached the podium and presented 2019 highlights.

LARE Review

State funds received from boat registration fees

Administered by IDNR/DFW/Lake & River Enhancement Program (LARE)

Funding for control of invasive aquatic plants, sampling, and plan update

- Traditional grant requires 20% sponsor match (Bloomington receives this level for Invasive species control at Griffy Lake)
- Maintenance grants require 50% sponsor match
- Received \$11,600 for treatment of EWM and AVMP update this year

Aquatic Plant Ecology Review

Most aquatic plants occur naturally in lakes

- Sunlight

- Proper Substrate
- Nutrients

Most aquatic plants are beneficial to your lake

- Reduce erosion
- Cover for fish and invertebrates
- Improve water quality/clarity
- Food for waterfowl

Some species can lead to nuisance conditions or create ecological problems

Eurasian watermilfoil (EWM) *Myriophyllum spicatum*

Invasive non-native submersed plant

Competes with native species for space and light

- Grows up to 13.5 inches per day

Spreads through fragmentation

Can be detrimental to ecosystem

- No value as food source
- Out-compete native vegetation
- Decreases forage space of predatory fish (musky, LMB)

Griffy Lake Plant Management History

Milfoil weevils stocked in early 2000's

Brazilian elodea eradication treatments 2006 & 2007

- Signage posted at ramp
- Education effort

Curlyleaf pondweed treatments in 2008

Eurasian watermilfoil treatments in 2009

Dredging and lake lowering 2010

- No EWM treatments 2010-2015
- EWM treatments resumed 2016-present
 - Limited to use of Navigate granular 2,4-D

2019 activities

Spring Survey (May 13)

- 23 acres EWM
- Approval for use of new herbicide (ProcellaCOR)
 - EPA reduced risk classification
 - Greatly reduced application rates and amount of product
 - 2016-2018 applied 2,100 lbs. Navigate (400 lbs. active ingredient)
 - Results were less than ideal (8-22% frequency of occurrence EWM in Late summer survey)
 - 2019 applied 185 PDU (4.6 gallons) ProcellaCOR (0.96 lbs. active ingredient)
 - Excellent results (4% occurrence of EWM by late summer)

Summer Tier 2 survey

- Completed July 29
- EWM coverage estimated 0.3 acres, 4% frequency of occurrence (<10% is goal)
- Coontail was most common native (38%)
- Secchi of 4.5'
 - Much lower than normal
 - Algae bloom

Recommended future Actions

Continue with surveys

- Invasive survey spring & summer (potentially LARE funded)

- Summer survey 1 month after treatment
- Tier 2 late summer (potentially LARE funded)

Spring invasive EWM treatment with selective/systemic EPA approved aquatic herbicide

- Earlier treatment helps selectivity
- Cost/acre will be similar, but acreage should be reduced

Continue with public meetings and plan updates (potentially LARE funded)

Continue to work to improve shoreline stabilization and watershed improvements (potentially LARE funded)

Monitor boats entering and leaving lake

Remaining LARE Program Steps

Permit meeting with LARE/permit biologist?

- Done over email in the past

Draft Aquatic Vegetation Management Plan due Nov. 15

Submit grant application by Jan 15

Submit permit application by Feb. 1

LARE awards grants in late Feb/early March

Send out bid requests in March

Decide on contractor by late March/early April

D-2. Recreation Division

Kid City Summer Program Report

Amy Shrake, Program/Facility Coordinator approached the podium and presented Kid City Summer Program Report.

General Information

- Kid City is accredited by the American Camp Association and started in 1993.
- Currently serving a maximum of 91 campers per weekly session in grades K-10
- Operates out of the Allison-Jukebox building.
- Kid City partners with Ivy Tech summer programs providing half day recreation to an additional 30 campers maximum.
- It continues to evolve and thrive in a competitive camp market.

The numbers

Kid City Original serves grades K-4

| | <u>2017</u> | <u>2018</u> | <u>2019</u> |
|--------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| • Total Participations - | 373 | 437 | 458 |
| • Average Per Week - | 42 | 49 | 51 |
| • Unique Campers - | 121 | 123 | 143 |

Kid city Quest serves grades 5-7

| | <u>2017</u> | <u>2018</u> | <u>2019</u> |
|--------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| • Total Participations - | 196 | 245 | 218 |
| • Average Per Week - | 22 | 27 | 25 |
| • Unique Campers - | 60 | 74 | 63 |

Ivy Arts – Serves K-6 in 4 two week sessions

| | <u>2017</u> | <u>2018</u> | <u>2019</u> |
|--------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| • Total Participations - | 52 | 61 | 72 |
| • Average Per Week - | 7 | 8 | 9 |
| • Unique Campers – | 39 | 53 | 62 |

College for Kids – Serves ages 11-15 in 4 one week sessions

| | <u>2017</u> | <u>2018</u> | <u>2019</u> |
|--------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| • Total Participations - | 28 | 17 | 13 |
| • Average Per Week - | 7 | 4 | 3 |

Banneker Community Center Summer Program Report

Erik Pearson, Banneker Center Program/Facility Coordinator approached the podium and presented the Banneker Community Center Summer program report.

Banneker Camp

- The Banneker Center has offered the Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) for 17 years
- SFSP is a Department of Education program that provides nutritious meals when the National School Lunch program is not in service
- The Indiana Department of Education reimburses organizations that prepare and serve meals to eligible children
- Banneker serves meals on-site, and provides daily programming for 80+ K-6th grade participants Monday-Friday in June and July
- Registration is \$2/per day
- Of the 160+ participants registered, 84% qualified for free/reduced lunch within MCCSC

Banneker Camp Objectives

- Safety -Our number one objective is to do everything possible to ensure the well-being and safety of each participant.
- Provide a fun, recreational environment for all -Create opportunities for participants to enjoy their experience through a variety of activities focused on fun
- Skill Acquisition/Academic Retention - Provide opportunities for each participant to develop new skills, be exposed to educational environments to aid in academic retention, and experience new things.

Community Partners/Clubs

- GOAL-IU Health
- History Club-Monroe County History Center
- Nature Club-Rebecca Jania
- Ceramics Club-Andrew Hiddleston
- Healthy Cooking Club-Nada Diallo/Tiasia Garner
- Yoga Club-Jess Klein
- Fit Club-Jess Klein
- Arts/Crafts Club-The Warehouse
- Monroe County Public Library-Summer reading program, library field trips
- Mother Hubbard's Cupboard

Field Trips

- Parks:
 - RCA Park
 - Olcott Park
 - Cascades Park
 - Butler Park
- Monroe County Public Library
- Sculpture Trail
- Mother Hubbard's Cupboard
- Marble Hill Farm
- Leonard Springs
- Griffy Lake Nature Preserve
- TLRC
- The Warehouse

The 2019 numbers

- Yearly participation attendance – 2982 (increase from previous years)
- Total number of individual participants – 162 (increase from previous years)
- Registered schools – 18 (increase from previous years)
- Total meals served – 4964 (increase from previous years)
- Total meal reimbursement \$16,984 (increase from previous years)

D-3 Operations Division – No Report

D-4 Administration – No Report

Paula McDevitt, Director next Board of Park Commissioners meeting will be held Tuesday, November 19, 2019.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 5:32 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Kim Clapp", is written over a horizontal line.

Kim Clapp

Secretary Board of Park Commissioners