



CITY OF BLOOMINGTON
Parks and Recreation

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09-28-2021

Board of Park Commissioners
Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, August 17, 2021
4:00pm – 5:30pm

Zoom Meeting

CALL TO ORDER - ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order by Ellen Rodkey at 4:02 p.m.

Board Present: Israel Herrera, Ellen Rodkey and Jim Whitlatch

A. CONSENT CALENDAR

- A-1. Approval of Minutes of July 27, 2021
- A-2. Approval of Claims Submitted July 28, 2021 – August 16, 2021
- A-3. Approval of Non-Reverting Budget Amendments
- A-4. Review of Business Reports
- A-5. Review/Approval Credit Card Refunds
- A-6. Approval of Surplus
- A-7. Review/Approval of contract with Dynasty Painting for exterior concession stand repairs at Olcott Park
- A-8. Review/Approval of contract with Lentz Paving for Sherwood Oaks Park tennis courts
- A-9. Review/Approval of service agreement with Master Rental for event tent rental and installation
- A-10. Review/Approval of service agreement with VET Environmental Engineering, LLC for mold testing

Jim Whitlatch made a motion to approve the consent calendar A-1 through A-10. *Israel Herrera* seconded the motion. Vote taken: motion unanimously carried 3-0

B. OTHER BUSINESS

B-1. Review/Approval of 2022 Parks General Fund Budget

Agenda item B-1 was moved to the August 23rd Special Park Board Meeting Agenda

B-2. Review/Approval of Contract with Bruce Wilds Security for Community Hunting Access Program

Steve Cotter, Natural Resource Manager, in order to have security services present at Griff Lake during the 2021 Community Hunting Access program (CHAP), staff recommended approval of the contract with Bruce Wilds Security. The contractor would provide two security officers on the days of the hunts. Security officers would enforce the park closure at the Griffy Boathouse parking lot and patrol the perimeter. Funding for the project would be from Natural Resources Non-Reverting Fund, in an amount not to exceed \$4,968.

Board Comments: *Jim Whitlatch inquired: how was the perimeter secured. Steve Cotter responded: the main area of expose is along Dunn Street, which would be patrolled during the hunt. Letters of Notice would be sent to all adjacent property owners, informing them the dates of the hunts. Signage would be posted at all know access points, stating the park would be closed.*

Jim Whitlatch made a motion to approve the contract with Bruce Wilds Security. *Israel Herrera* seconded the motion. Vote taken: motion unanimously carried 3-0

B-3. Review/Approval of Partnership Agreement with Indiana University Outdoor Adventures for Outdoor Recreation Programs

Steve Cotter, Natural Resource Manager, in order to plan and develop outdoor recreational programs which promote social, physical, emotional, mental and environmental health in the community, staff recommended approval of the partnership with Indiana University Outdoor Adventures (IUOA). The agreement outlined a cooperative partnership, which would provide support for outdoor recreation opportunities, event marketing strategies, and connection to social platforms.

Board Comments: *Ellen Rodkey inquired: how long the partnership had been in place. Steve Cotter responded:* this was the first formal agreement, however staff and IU Outdoor Adventures had been working together for approximately the last three years. *Israel Herrera inquired: on the length of the partnership. Steve Cotter responded:* length of time was one year.

Jim Whitlatch made a motion to approve the partnership agreement with Indiana University Outdoor Adventures. *Israel Herrera* seconded the motion. Vote taken: motion unanimously carried 3-0

B-4. Review/Approval of Memorandum of Agreement with Summer Star Foundation for Griffy Lake Nature Days

Steve Cotter, Natural Resource Manager, staff recommended approval of the partnership with Summer Star foundation for the Griffy Lake Nature Days. The agreement outlined a partnership which would combine resources from each party, to provide environmental educational programming to fourth graders, in the Monroe County Public Schools. The goal of the program would be to provide outdoor education experiences that connect children to nature in ways that would increase their knowledge, interest and respect for the environment and natural spaces.

Jim Whitlatch made a motion to approve the partnership agreement with Summer Star Foundation. *Israel Herrera* seconded the motion. Vote taken: motion unanimously carried 3-0

B-5. Review/Approval of 0.83 Acre Quitclaim Deed from the Mill Development

Tim Street, Operations Division Director, staff recommended approval to accept 0.83 acres deeded to the Board of Park Commissioners from The Mill Development, LLC. During the planning of the Element Apartment Complex, the City of Bloomington Planning and Transportation Department required a north-south multi-use path be built along the western edge of the property, with the intent that it would be given to the Parks and Recreation Department to operate. The hope is to connect this trail with other Bloomington trails in the future.

Board Comments: *Jim Whitlatch inquired: what was between the property and the proposed Duke Trail. Tim Street responded:* it is county owned property that was undeveloped land.

Jim Whitlatch made a motion to approve the quitclaim deed from Mill Development. *Israel Herrera* seconded the motion. Vote taken: motion unanimously carried 3-0

C. REPORTS

C-1. Recreation Division - Banneker 2021 Summer Camp Update

Erik Pearson, Facility Program Coordinator, gave an update from the Banneker 2021 Summer Camp.

The Banneker Community Center had offered the Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) for the past 19 years. SFSP (a Department of Education program) provided nutritious meals when the Nations School Lunch program was not in service. In 2021 the Indiana Department of Education reimbursed Banneker \$11,631 for the meals that were prepared and served to eligible children. Banneker served 3472 meals, and proved daily programing for K-

6th grade participants Monday-Friday in June and July of 2021. Registration for the program was \$10 per week. Of the 74 participants registered, 82% qualified for the free/reduced lunch within MCCSC.

Due to Covid-19, in-person camp capacity was altered from 80 per day to 40 per day. A free meal delivery program was offered to participants who could not attend in-person camp. Meals were served outside when able, and trail group size was reduced. Participant and meal served numbers were down due to the pandemic. A COVID-19 emergency operations manual with guidance from the CDC and Monroe County Health Department was created. There were no positive cases of COVID-19 in staff or campers.

Community partners and clubs that helped make 2021 Banneker Summer Camp a success where: Yoga-Erykah Gooch, LOTUS, El Mercado, The Plant Truck Project, Monroe County Library, Nature Club – Kate Seader, Drawing Club and STEM.

Fields trips were taken to Monroe County Public Library, Sculpture Trail, Hoosier Heights, Marble Hill Farm, LOTUS, Griffy Lake Nature Preserve, TLRC, Lake Lemon and multiple city parks.

There were 250+ attendees at the annual Block Party, where the family of Preston Bridgewater, and current and former community members were honored. Food was provided by the Bridgewater’s Family, 4HicksChicks, and FX Church. Over 30 backpacks with school supplies were given out, and COVID-19 vaccines were made available through the Monroe County Health Department. The Block Party included a talent show and a participant recognition ceremony.

Board Comments: *thanked Erik Pearson and staff for the great work.*

C-2. Administration Division –None

C-3. Operations Division - None

C-4. Sports Division - None

D.PUBLIC HEARINGS/APPEARANCES

D-1. Public Comment Period – None

D-2. Bravo Award – None

D-3. Parks Partner Award - None

D-4. Staff Introductions – None

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 4:42 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Kim Clapp,
Secretary Board of Park Commissioners

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