



CITY OF
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**PARKS AND
RECREATION**

City of Lawrence Board of Parks and Recreation – Regular Meeting
Wednesday, September 11, 2024 – 5:30 pm
Lawrence Government Center Public Assembly Room

Members present: Jeff Vest, Helen Taylor, Karen Taylor, Crystal Puckett and Tom Burns

Staff: Eric Martin, Jami Weirich, Amber Finley and Dina Gee

Guest: Casper Jones and Kim Richardson

Meeting was called to order by Jeff Vest at 5:30 pm.

Minutes:

Minutes of the August 14, 2024 meeting were distributed for review and clarification. Jeff Vest entertained a motion to accept the minutes as submitted. Motion was made by Crystal Puckett to accept the minutes, seconded by Karen Taylor. Motion carried 5-0.

Board Comments: The Explorer Park was vandalized last week. The guys painted to cover up all the graffiti. The Lee Road trail should be completed in about 30-45 days. The Fall Creek Trail extension will have a public meeting at the next Parks Board meeting with a possible start date of spring of 2026. The Christmas tree should be installed next week at Civic Plaza.

Directors Report: Eric informed the Board that the 2025 budget will be presented to the Council on the September 18th meeting. The exercise equipment was installed this week at Community Park. The guys have been spreading mulch in all the playgrounds. Veterans Park is the last one to do. Jami updated the Board with the September events planned at the Cultural Campus.

Old Business: - None

New Business: -

A) Consideration of Little Free Library at Playpark, Sponsored by Kim Richardson:

Kim Richardson informed the Board she would like to install a Little Free Library at the Oaklandon Play Park. She would also like to dedicate it to her daughter who passed away earlier this year. Kim would install, maintain and keep it stocked. Jeff entertained a motion to allow Kim Richardson to install Little Free Library at Oaklandon Play Park. Motion was made by Crystal Puckett to accept the motion, seconded by Helen Taylor. Motion carried 5-0.

B) Lawrence Township Football League – Facility Agreement:

Tabled

Public Comments: Casper stated the Skate Park mural painting event was a great success.

Adjournment: Jeff Vest adjourned the meeting at 6:14.

Secretary Signature: _____ Date: _____