



CITY OF
LAWRENCE
**PARKS AND
RECREATION**

City of Lawrence Board of Parks and Recreation – Regular Meeting
Wednesday, January 8, 2025 – 5:30 pm
Lawrence Government Center Public Assembly Room

Members present: Jeff Vest, Crystal Puckett and Tom Burns

Staff: Mayor Deborah Whitfield, Eric Martin, Jami Weirich, and Dina Gee

Guest: Liz Masur

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

Election of Board Officers:

Tom Burns nominated Jeff Vest for President, seconded by Crystal Puckett. Motion carried 3-0.

Jeff Vest nominated Tom Burns for Vice President, seconded by Crystal Puckett. Motion carried 3-0.

Jeff Vest nominated Crystal Puckett for secretary but Crystal Puckett stated she wasn't sure about being on the Park's Board this year because their election has not been done yet. The Board tabled the nomination and vote for secretary until the February meeting.

Minutes:

Minutes of the December 11, 2024 meeting were distributed for review and clarification. Jeff Vest entertained a motion to accept the minutes as submitted. Motion was made by Tom Burns to accept the minutes, seconded by Crystal Puckett. Motion carried 3-0.

Director and Board Comments: Jeff thanked all departments for their role in plowing the snow off the streets. Ron Taylor got the approval of his doctor to return to work on Monday. Jamie stated that the City is partnering with Helping Hands for the senior Golden Hour. Eric informed the Board about the renovation at the Community Activity Center and they have replaced 8 benches throughout the parks. He also stated he would have a proposed agreement for CCA for the 2025 pickleball and softball at the February meeting.

Old Business: - None

New Business: -

A) Lawrence Kiwanis Project:

No one from the Kiwanis attended the meeting but Eric told the Board that Kiwanis are wanting to collect bottle caps to trade them in for a new bench for one of the Parks .

Public Comments: Mayor Deborah Whitfield thanked the Board for their commitment and support of the City.

Adjournment: Jeff Vest adjourned the meeting at 5:48.

Secretary Signature: _____ Date: _____