



CITY OF
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**PARKS AND
RECREATION**

City of Lawrence Board of Parks and Recreation – Regular Meeting
Wednesday, October 9, 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, Roman Coffey and Dina Gee

Guest: Kim Richardson, Liz Masur, Vernon Isiacs, Gretchen Zortman, Don Colvin and Nicky Kalek

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

Minutes:

Minutes of the September 11, 2024 meeting were distributed for review and clarification. Jeff Vest entertained a motion to accept the minutes as submitted. Motion was made by Helen Taylor to accept the minutes, seconded by Crystal Puckett. Motion carried 5-0.

Director and Board Comments: The Fall Festival will be at the Civic Plaza on October 18th. There will be a ribbon cutting for the opening of the short trail next week. Heartland Films has the ceiling work done at the Sterrett Center and Eric will ask for invoices. Jeff asked about the 2025 Budget. Eric informed the Board the proposed budget is on the website. It is about the same as it was for 2024. Tom Burns asked a few questions about the difference in 2 of the budgets he saw. There was a \$400,000 difference. Eric explained that part of that was \$250,000 trail grant match and that is supposed to come out of ARPA or the GO bond.

Old Business: -

a. Lawrence Township Football League – Facility Agreement –

Tabled

New Business: -

A) Eagle Scout Project -

Vernon Isiacs proposed to plant more pollination plants around the fence at the Jenn Park Bark Park. Jeff said he would like for it to happen at Richardt Park so maybe the community in that area could come together and make it a community event. Jeff entertained a motion to allow Vernon Isiacs to proceed with his Eagle Scout Project. Motion was made by Tom Burn to accept the motion, seconded by Helen Taylor. Motion carried 5-0.

b. Golden Hour – Senior Programming – Roman Coffey-

Roman announced to the Board that he was starting up a senior game hour at the Community Center on Thursdays from 11pm-12pm.

c. Little Library – Mary Richardson

Mary told the Board that where she was originally going to install the library box that it wasn't going to work and asked to have the park remarked. She also asked if she could install one at the Community Park by the building. Jeff entertained a motion to allow Kim Richardson to install Little Free Library at Community Park. Motion was made by Karen Taylor to accept the motion, seconded by Crystal Puckett. Motion carried 5-0.

D. Fall Creek Greenway Extension – Presentation and Discussion:

Nicky Kalek with RGI, Gretchen Zortman with Indy DPW and Don Colvin with Indy Parks gave a presentation of the extension of the Greenway Trails. They are 50% done with the design plans and will be moving into the permitting process. After discussion, it was opened up for questions and answers from the public.

Public Comments: None

Adjournment: Jeff Vest adjourned the meeting at 6:49.

Secretary Signature: _____ Date: _____