



CITY OF LAWRENCE **PARKS AND RECREATION**

City of Lawrence Board of Parks and Recreation – Regular Meeting
Wednesday, March 13, 2024 – 5:30 pm
Lawrence Government Center Public Assembly Room

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

Staff: Eric Martin

Guest: Liz Masur, Zach Cramer and Carlos Jennings

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

Minutes:

Minutes of the February 14, 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 with the correction of spelling, seconded by Helen Taylor. Roll Call Vote -Motion carried 5-0.

Board Comments: Tom Burns asked about the paving projects that were identified in 2023 and if any of the listed projects will be completed this year? Eric mentioned that the listing was provided to the administration team and that some funding may still be available through the ARP proceeds. Helen Taylor asked if the Department was at a full level for staffing? Eric stated that the Maintenance Worker position had been advertised on the City's website and that one season employee will be returning on April 8th. Jeff Vest mentioned that the fencing at Play Park was completed and looks amazing. He went on to say that several neighbors have commented to him and specifically Coach Reeser. Tom Burns mentioned that a directional sign at the Lee Road trail had been damaged and needed to be re-installed.

Directors Report: Spring Fling – Saturday March 30th – Lawrence Community Center

Pickleball Tournament – April 7th – Lee Road Park

Eclipse in Lawrence – April 8th – Music, Food and Kids Zone

Spring Sports Leagues – Registration ending March 30th

Lee Road Trail – Preconstruction meeting March 6th, Tree removal along trail completed, utility relocation underway, substantial completion by October 31st and Completion by November 30th.

Fall Creek Trail Extension – Resolution Group selected for design and construction documents, the Indiana Grant Agreement has been received and is awaiting approval by City Legal.

Old Business: - None

New Business: -

- a. **Resolution Group, Inc. (RGI):** A Professional Service Agreement (PSA) Between RGI and the City of Lawrence, through the Board of Parks and Recreation was provided for review and action. The agreement details the professional design engineering services for the project entitled **Fall Creek Greenway North Extension** and limits the PSA to an amount not to

exceed \$1,314,600.00 dollars. A motion was made by Tom Burns to accept the Agreement, seconded by Helen Taylor, a roll call vote approved the motion 5 – 0.

- b. Fall Creek Softball and Baseball – 2024 Agreement:** Discussion was had on the need to implement an agreement for 2024 between FCSB and the City. Jeff Vest volunteered to meet with the Board of FCSB and have an agreement ready for the April meeting of the Board.

Public Comments: None

Adjournment: Motion was made by Tom Burns to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Karen Taylor, A roll call vote approved the motion 5-0. Meeting adjourned at 5:50pm.

Secretary Signature: _____ Date: _____