



CITY OF
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**PARKS AND
RECREATION**

City of Lawrence Board of Parks and Recreation – Regular Meeting
Wednesday, August 14, 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: Casper Jones, Liz Masur, Michael Ault

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

Minutes:

Minutes of the July 14, 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 Tom Burns. Motion carried 5-0.

Board Comments: Jeff stated that the Board met with Mayor Whitfield earlier today for her to share her goals and visions for the parks. New playground equipment has been installed at Community Park. The exercise equipment will be installed next week. The tear down of the buildings at Lee Road park will be a winter project.

Directors Report: Eric informed the Board that he had a budget workshop this afternoon. He introduced Roman Coffey as our new Recreational Director and stated we still have 2 maintenance worker positions available. Jami updated the Board with the events. Eric stated that we will do less chemical spraying and more weed eating at the Bark Park. The construction cost up til July was \$327,000 for Calumet on the next level trail.

Old Business: - None

New Business: -

A) Heartland Request Cost Exchange for Rent Amended Rental Application:

Michael with Heartland Film explained how he would like to do some exterior repairs to the Sterrett Center in exchange for waiver of rent. After discussion, Jeff entertained a motion to accept Heartland's request for exterior repairs in exchange for rent. Motion was made by Tom Burns to accept the motion, seconded by Crystal Pucket. Motion carried 5-0.

B) Lawrence Township Football League – Facility Agreement:

Jeff tabled the agreement until the League submits their certificate of insurance and dates.

C) Approval of Change Order#1 – Lee Road Next Level Trail:

Jeff entertained a motion to accept the change order on the grant with a cross walk. Motion was made by Karen Taylor to accept the change order, seconded by Helen Taylor. Motion carried 5-0.

Public Comments: Casper informed the Board they are doing some small repairs to the concrete at the skate park and then they will be ready to start the murals September 8, 2024.

Adjournment: Jeff Vest adjourned the meeting at 6:08.

Secretary Signature: _____ Date: _____