



Franklin Parks & Recreation

**Park Board**

Cultural Arts & Recreation Center Conference Room

**Thursday, July 19, 2018**

**4:00 p.m. Regular Board Meeting**

Park Board present: Pam Ault, Debbie Gill, Dr. John Shafer

Park Board absent: Michael Auger

Staff present: Chip Orner - Director, Rocky Stultz – Assistant Director, Brooke Willis – Business Services Director

Guests present: Anita Ward, Joanna Myers, Greg Leugers, Sara Muller, and George Singh

1. **Call to Order**

Meeting called to order by Debbie Gill at 4:07 pm.

2. **Announcements, Presentations & Public Comments**

**1. Greg Leugers – UFO Travel Softball Tournaments**

Mr. Leugers is on the board of directors for the Franklin Grizzly Cubs. He asked for approval to use Scott Park for UFO travel softball tournaments on Sept. 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>. The UFO league will supply volunteers. There would be a gate fee charged to the public (\$8 – 1<sup>st</sup> day, \$13-14 – for 2 days, and 10 and under – free). There are 30 groups that would play in the tournament. Mr. Leugers informed the board that with the money made would be donated back to our Police and Fire. Motion made by Dr. John Shafer and seconded Pam Ault to approve this request. The Board unanimously approved.

**2. George Singh – Cricket Field @ Blue Heron Park**

Mr. Singh asked for approval to donate a cricket pitch at Blue Heron Park. He advised the board that they have the funds to build the concrete pitch for Cricket. The location would be due west of the basketball courts @ Blue Heron. They would hold weekend tournaments. Mr. Singh informed the board that they have a general contractor to lay the concrete. Joanna Myers pointed out that permeable concrete should be used instead of standard concrete for flooding issues. This is a rule of flood plains and would be addressed before construction. Motion made by Pam Ault and seconded Dr. John Shafer to approve this request. The Board unanimously approved.

3. **Public Comments**

None

4. **Consent Agenda**

**a. Approval of meeting minutes from May 17, 2018 and June 21, 2018**

Motion made by Pam Ault and seconded by Dr. John Shafer to approve the minutes. The Board unanimously approved.

**b. Approval of July Claims**

Motion made by Dr. John Shafer and seconded by Pam Ault to approve the claims. The Board unanimously approved.

**c. Approval of Human Resources Report**

Motion made by Dr. John Shafer and seconded by Pam Ault to approve the Human Resources report. The Board unanimously approved.

5. **Old Business**
  - a. **Final Progress Report: Mayor's Youth Leadership Council Playground Project**

Chip advised the Board that the new playground is open and is highly popular. Signage has been installed and options for additional shade are under consideration. Due to the heavy traffic at Blue Heron Park there will need to be additional parking. An expansion of the parking lot will need to be planned in coming years. Chip advised the board that between \$45000 - \$50000 has been raised by the Mayor's Youth Leadership Council.
6. **New Business**
  - a. **2019 Budget Discussion**

Chip advised the board that he had an initial meeting with the Mayor concerning the 2019 budget proposal and would have the proposed budget ready at the next meeting. First budget hearing for 2019 is August 20 at 6:00 p.m.
7. **Reports**
  - a. **Beeson Hall update**

Chip stated that staff is working on a revised business plan for Beeson Hall rentals and is currently researching how surrounding cities handle catered events. A revised business plan will be ready for presentation at the August meeting.
  - b. **Tree Advisory Board minutes**

Chip advised the Board that the current city tree ordinance is under revision at the current time and will be forwarded to the City Attorney for review, then onto the City Council for amendment. Chip advised the board that Jim Crane is asking that the Urban Forest be changed to "In Honor of Jim Crane." He has approached several city officials already with this idea. The original land was home to 61 families who lost their homes in the Flood of 2008. The board discussed the ways to honor those families. The idea was presented to purchase signage with their family names on them. Chip suggest looking into a similar brick monument that is being erected in other parts of the city to remain consistent with that theme. Senior Planner Joanna Myers reminded the Board to keep in mind the significance of the urban forest land and what it represents to the former homeowners and now the city as a whole. A discussion was held regarding how past parks were named after individuals and that those individuals or families donated land to be set aside for parkland in the city. This property became parkland under tragic circumstances and keeping that in mind as we move forward is important in decisions concerning the Franklin Urban Forest. The Board suggestion was placing a bronze plaque on a park bench or a limestone bench in recognition of Jim Crane's hard work or something similar.
  - c. **Financial Reports**

Chip presented the Board with most current financial reports. He also informed the board that we have added Linville Drive in our mowing route as well as mowing along all the new Greenway Trail that is now open along Commerce Parkway.
8. **Additional Public Comments**

None
9. **Park Board Comments**

None
10. **Adjournment**

Motion was made by Dr. John Shafer and seconded by Pam Ault to adjourn the meeting. The Board unanimously approved.

Next meeting: Thursday, August 16, 2018 @ 4:00pm