



Franklin Parks & Recreation

Park Board

Thursday, September 17, 2020

4:00 p.m. Regular Meeting

Park Board present: Debbie Gill, Dr. John Shafer, Michael Auger

Park Board absent: Pam Ault

Staff present: Chip – Director, Rocky Stultz – Asst. Director, Brooke Willis – Business Services Director

Guests present: Kea Deppe – Recreations Coordinator, Kendall Ayers – Aquatics Coordinator, Celeste Hook, Amy Duncan

1. **Call to Order**

Meeting called to order by President Debbie Gill @ 4:03pm.

2. **Announcements & Presentations**

Ground breaking @ new Amphitheater is scheduled for September 18, 2020. 100 people are expected to be there.

3. **Public Comments**

a. Additional public input for 2021-2025 Park Master Plan

Celeste Hook advised that Greenwood has 7 pickleball courts. Chip Orner advised Celeste that the new Amphitheater will have 8 pickleball courts.

4. **Consent Agenda**

a. Approval of meeting minutes from July 16, 2020

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

b. Approval of September Claims

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

c. Approval of Human Resources Report

1. Resignation of Kea Deppe, Recreation Coordinator

Motion made by Michael Auger and seconded by Dr. John Shafer to approve the human resources report. The Board unanimously approved.

5. **Old Business**

a. Family Aquatic Center update

1. Final 2020 Report

The pool is close to breaking the 2019 record during the pandemic.

b. Amphitheater Project update

Meijer construction was the lowest bidder for the project coming in at 1.6 million dollars.

Construction is scheduled to begin on Monday, September 21, 2020 and ending on Saturday, July 3, 2021.

1. Pickleball courts

There will be 8 pickleball courts built at the new amphitheater.

2. Splash Pad

The City of Franklin Parks received a \$250,000.00 grant from Indiana American Water. The City of Franklin also received \$250,000.00 from DriveHubler.com as the sponsor of the new Amphitheater. Other monies received were from Mutual Savings Bank for \$50,000.00 as an additional sponsor for the new Amphitheater. An additional \$100,000.00 was received from Mutual Savings Bank for the new pickleball courts.

c. Park Impact Fee Plan update

Mayor Steve Barnett formed a review committee with two meetings being held each month beginning in October. Chip advised the Board that \$323.00 is the new park impact fee amount for any new builds.

6. **New Business**

a. Additional public input for 2021-2025 Park Master Plan

Kea Deppe created a survey on social media. The public input consisted of having shade at Blue Heron Park, more pickleball courts in Franklin, and adaptive programs for special needs families.

7. **Reports**

a. Department Reports

b. Financial Reports

Chip presented the Board with the most current financials.

8. **Park Board Comments**

The Board asked about getting a cricket pitch.

9. **Adjournment**

Motion made by Michael Auger and seconded by Dr. John Shafer to adjourn the meeting. The Board unanimously approved.

Next meeting: Thursday, October 15, 2020

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