



Franklin Parks & Recreation

Park Board Thursday, November 19, 2020 4:00 p.m. Regular Meeting

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

Park Board absent: Michael Auger

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

Guests present: Jim Engmark – Leadership Johnson County, Shadi Lilly

Leadership Johnson County, Doug Gray – Leadership Johnson County, Amanda Wanlass – Indiana Phenology

1. Call to Order

Meeting called to order by President Debbie Gill @ 4:32pm.

2. Announcements & Presentations

1. Leadership Johnson County group re: renaming of Palmer Park Community Center
Jim Engmark introduced the members present from Leadership Johnson County. He advised that they are working on diversity in Johnson County along with the history of African Americans. Leadership Johnson County would like to include Franklin Parks and Recreation and Palmer Park. They would like new signage on Palmer Park. Jim advised that they would like to see education inside and outside of Palmer Park. They would like to have a kickoff festival in the spring 2021 for the community. Shadi Lilly spoke to the Board about the inclusion policy in place. Parks and Recreation have an inclusion policy nationally. Shadi asked about getting assessments and surveys for trainings, and new programs offered at parks and recreation for diversity. Dr. John Shafer advised that he would like to see Franklin College partner with Leadership Johnson County. Pastor Doug Gray spoke with the Board about the history of Palmer Park, formerly Booker T Washington. Palmer Park was named after Harriett Palmer. She was a former principal of Franklin Community High School and a professor at Franklin College. Leadership Johnson County asked the Board to help fund their festival and signage on Palmer Park. They would like to request monies from the multicultural fund. Discussion regarding the inclusion policy has been tabled for next meeting. Motion by Dr. John Shafer and seconded by Pam Ault to move forward with funding the signage of Palmer Park Community Center and Leadership Johnson County festival in spring 2021. The Board unanimously approve.
2. Indiana Phenology re: proposed partnership with Franklin Parks
Amanda Wanlass proposed a partnership with Franklin Parks and Recreation. Phenology is the leafing and fruiting of plants. She advised the Board that she would like to see a phenology trail at Province Park. Volunteers from the community would help with this project. Amanda advised that she would like to document the climate change of 10-15 plants and trees with tags to monitor the weekly data. They will document the leafing and fruiting of these plants and trees. Motion made by Dr. John Shafer to approve the

partnership with Indiana Phenology and Franklin Parks and Recreation. The Board unanimously approved.

3. Public Comments

- a. Additional public input for 2021-2025 Park Master Plan
None

4. Consent Agenda

- a. Approval of meeting minutes from Sept 17, 2020
Motion made by Pam Ault and seconded by Dr. John Shafer to approve the minutes. The Board unanimously approved.
- b. Approval of November Claims
Motion made by Pam Ault and seconded by Dr. John Shafer to approve the November claims. The Board unanimously approved.
- c. Approval of Human Resources Report
Chip advised the Board that Kea Deppe's position will not be filled right now due to COVID-19. 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. Amphitheater Project update
 - 1. Pickleball courts & IN American Water property
Chip advised the Board that there is a redesign of the pickleball courts to encroach on their property. Fencing encroaches on property on the edge of Walnut and Jefferson st.
 - 2. Splash pad – Bid opening Dec 16
Chip advised the Board that the original company is no longer designed the splash pad due to being in a flood plain. The water lines and mechanical run into building on Jackson St. Bid opening is scheduled for December 16th.
 - 3. Construction update
Chip advised the Board the construction has begun and the grand opening is still scheduled for July 4th.

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- b. 2021-2025 Park Impact Fee plan approval
 - 1. Plan Commission – Nov 23
Chip presented the Board with the new fees per building permit phase. Motion made by Dr. John Shafer and seconded by Pam Ault to introduce the Park Impact Fee plan to the plan commission. The Board unanimously approved.
 - 2. City Council – Dec 7 & Dec 21

6. New Business

Holiday Lighting has been cancelled. The lights will go on Thanksgiving Day. Chip advised the Board that there could be a possibility of Franklin Parks and Recreation closing if Johnson County goes to red status or if all Franklin Community schools go to all virtual. We will be closing Franklin Parks and Recreation on the day before Thanksgiving, Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, New Year's Eve, and New Year's day.

7. Reports

- a. Department Reports
- b. Financial Reports
Chip presented the Board with the most current financials.

8. Park Board Comments

None

9. Adjournment

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

Next meeting: Thursday, December 17, 2020

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