



Franklin Parks & Recreation

Park Board
Thursday, December 17, 2020
4:00 p.m. Regular Meeting
VIRTUAL MEETING via ZOOM

Park Board present: Debbie Gill, Dr. John Shafer, Pam Ault, Mike Auger
Staff present: Chip Orner – Director, Rocky Stultz – Asst. Director, Brooke Willis – Business Services Director, Holly Johnston – Recreations Director, Kea Deppe
Guests present: Kaylin Chenoweth

1. Call to Order

Meeting called to order by President Debbie Gill @ 4:06pm.

2. Announcements & Public Comments

Kaylin Chenoweth spoke to the Board members about starting a compost curbside pickup location on the south side of Indy. Kaylin was informed that there is a garden compost bin by Needham and Webb elementary schools. Johnson County recycling project led by Leadership Johnson County has been put on hold due to COVID-19. Franklin College also has a compost area. It was suggested to Kaylin to call Tom Patz with Franklin College. Tom Patz is the Director of Physical Facilities & Energy Management at Franklin College.

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

4. Consent Agenda

- a. Approval of meeting minutes from Nov 19, 2020

Motion made by Mike Auger and seconded by Debbie Gill to approve the minutes. Dr. John Shafer asked that modifications be done to the minutes regarding Leadership Johnson County group. Leadership Johnson County is a part of Franklin College. The Board unanimously approved.

- b. Approval of December Claims

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

- c. Approval of Human Resources Report

Motion made by Mike Auger and seconded by Pam Ault to approve the human resources report. The Board unanimously approved.

5. Old Business

- a. 2021-2025 Park Master Plan

Kea Deppe gave the Board members a physical copy of the 2021-2025 Park Master plan. Once adds/changes are completed, an electronic copy will be submitted to DNR. The 1st draft is due in January. This draft will come back to the Park Board for approval. The Park Master plan will be submitted back to DNR by April 15, 2021.

- b. Amphitheater Park construction update

Chip advised the Board that we will need to hire additional part-time employees to work at the Amphitheater park. Chip advised the Board members that construction is still going with a scheduled date of July 4th for opening.

6. **New Business**

a. 2021 Fees & Charges

Chip advised the Board that a multipurpose room has been added to our list of rentals. The multipurpose room is the Kickapoo Kids Camp room with a kitchen. This has been added to the list of proposed fees and charges for 2021 rentals. This rental would be \$55.00. Chip proposed that the pool passes be sold individually at \$45.00 per person. The Board would like to table this discussion to the next meeting, January 14, 2021. Motion made by Mike Auger and seconded by Pam Ault to table this discussion. The Board unanimously approved.

c. 2021 Greenlawn Cemetery Fees & Charges

Chip advised the Board that cemetery fees have not changed since 2009. Chip proposed raising the cemetery fees based on economics. A list of proposed fee changes were given to the Board members. The Board proposed a possible reduction in cemetery fees for veterans. Motion made by Mike Auger and seconded by Dr. John Shafer to table the proposed cemetery fee changes to next meeting, January 14, 2021.

7. **Reports**

a. Department Reports

Chip advised the Board that there is a plot of land across from Home Ave. for \$15000.00. Chip had a discussion with Lynn Gray. The owner is willing to sell the property to Parks. This property would add acreage, and would become a part of Province Park. This would be paid from the Park Impact Fee fund. Motion made by Debbie Gill and seconded by Pam Ault to purchase plot of land. The Board unanimously approved.

b. Financial Reports

Chip presented the Board with the most current financials. Chip advised the Board that masks are to be worn at all times at Franklin Parks and Recreation center. Individuals have asked if memberships can be extended or if refunds can be issued due to these new rules put in place. No refunds and no prorates will be given on memberships.

8. **Park Board Comments**

The Board would like to see an environmentally sound new year using less paper for all new material.

9. **Adjournment**

Motion made by Mike Auger and seconded by Pam Ault to adjourn the meeting. The Board unanimously approved.

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