



Franklin Parks & Recreation

**Park Board**  
**Thursday, August 15, 2024**  
**4:00 p.m. Regular Meeting**  
**City Hall – Council Chambers**

Park Board present: President Debbie Gill, Dr. John Shafer, Michelle Graham, Michelle Stringer  
Staff present: Chip Orner – Director, Rocky Stultz – Asst. Director, Brooke Willis – Business Services Director  
Public: Les Tabling

1. **Call to Order**  
Meeting called to order by President Debbie Gill @ 4:00pm.
2. **Announcements & Public Comments**  
None
3. **Consent Agenda**
  - a. Approval of meeting minutes from July 18, 2024  
Motion made by Michelle Graham and seconded by Dr. John Shafer to approve the meeting minutes. The Board unanimously approved.
  - b. Approval of August Claims  
Motion made by Debbie Gill and seconded by Michelle Stringer to approve the August claims. The Board unanimously approved.
  - c. Approval of Human Resources Report  
Motion made by Debbie Gill and seconded by Michelle Graham to approve the Human Resources Report. The Board unanimously approved.
4. **Old Business**
  - a. Franklin Active Adult Center project update  
Chip advised the Park Board that the Active Adult Center building is gone. Infrastructure work on the parking lot will begin. There are unsuitable soil conditions that need to be addressed. We are waiting on reports to come back to move forward with Engineering. City Council members approved the purchase of 350 Richey Street. The closing date is scheduled for Friday, August 16, 2024. The Planning Department and Fire Department will be using 350 Richey Street for training purposes before it is demolished. The completion date for the Active Adult Center project is July 5, 2025.
5. **New Business**
  - a. Approval of Suicide Awareness Walk at Youngs Creek Park & Greenway Trail  
Saturday, October 19, 9am to 3pm  
A discussion was held to approve the Suicide Awareness Walk. Motion was made by Michelle Stringer and seconded by Michelle Graham to approve the Suicide Awareness Walk at Youngs Creek Park & Greenway Trail on Saturday, October 19, 2024 @ 3:00pm. The Board unanimously approved.

6. **Reports**

a. Department Reports

1. AMP Concert – Crush, August 16
2. AMP Concert – Groovesmash, August 23
3. AMP Concert – Hairbangers Ball, September 13
4. Fall 24 – Winter 25 FUN Guide released week of Sept 3
5. Franklin Fall Festival – September 28

Chip advised the Board members that all Fall Festival booths are sold out. The parade will begin at 1:00pm.

b. Financial Reports

1. Athletic & Recreation Fund
2. Parks & Cemetery Appropriation / Fund Reports

Chip advised the Board members that the Parks 200 Supplies line item is running low for year end. A transfer will be sent over to the Clerk Treasurer's office to transfer funds from the Parks 300 Services line item to make the Parks 200 Supplies line item whole for year end. A transfer from Board of Works Unemployment line item to Cemetery Part-Time line item will also be sent over to make the Cemetery Part-Time line item whole for year end.

3. Family Aquatic Center Report

The last day for the pool to be open is Monday, September 2, 2024.

7. **Park Board Comments**

Chip handed out a letter that was addressed to the Park Board members. He asked that all members review the letter. This discussion has been tabled for a future meeting.

8. **Adjournment**

Motion made by Michelle Graham and seconded by Michelle Stringer to adjourn the meeting. The Board unanimously approved.

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**Next meeting: Thursday, September 19**