



Franklin Parks & Recreation

**Park Board**  
Franklin Cultural Arts & Recreation Center  
**Thursday, April 18, 2019**  
**4:00pm Meeting**

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

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

Guests present: None

**1. Call to Order**

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

**2. Announcements & Presentations**

a. Tree Advisory Committee – Arbor Day Presentation @ Urban Forest Sat, April 17 @ 10am  
The Arbor Day Celebration is being held on Sat, April 27 @ 10am. There will be a tree pruning demonstration, tree planting, and trees being given away for free.

**3. Public Comments**

None

**4. Consent Agenda**

a. Approval of meeting minutes from April 1, 2019

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

b. Approval of April Claims

Motion made by Debbie Gill and seconded by Pam Ault to approve the claims. The Board unanimously approved.

c. Approval of Human Resources Report

1. Mike Blackwell, Park Operations Director - retiring effective August 2, 2019  
(34 years of service)

Chip advised the Board that Nate Brown will move into the Park Operations Director position and Chris Douthitt will be promoted to Supervisor. Within the next month or two, Chip will have \$7000.00 moved from our part-time line item to cover these positions. We are also looking at hiring another supervisor. 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. Update - Potential purchase of property adjacent to Blue Heron Park

Chip advised that we are looking at quotes for the legal description. CKW is closed through April. We should have those quotes at the next meeting. The plaque in honor of Jim Crane is up at the corner of South Street and Nineveh Street.

**6. New Business**

None

7. **Reports**

a. Department Reports

Chip advised the Board that Beeson Hall has had \$26000.00 in reservations to date. Chip advised the Board that winter hours for next year may no longer be until 11pm. Chip would like to run the reports and present the numbers to the Board. Updates being done to the pool have been scheduled.

b. Financial Reports

Chip advised the Board that the Auction barn was purchased by the RDC and we will take ownership on May 15<sup>th</sup>. This building will be used for storage for the Parks department. The parking lot expansion is scheduled to be done by the end of June. The Amphitheater is set to be completed in 2021.

8. **Additional Public Comments**

None

9. **Park Board Comments**

A request was made to move the next Park Board meeting to Wednesday, May 15<sup>th</sup> @ 12pm at Franklin College – Napolitan Student Center Cafeteria.

10. **Adjournment**

Motion was made by Michael Auger and seconded by Pam Ault to adjourn the meeting.

**Next meeting: Wednesday, May 15, 2019 @ 12:00pm**

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