



Franklin Parks & Recreation

Park Board
Thursday, July 16, 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, Holly Johnston – Recreations Director, George Singh

1. **Call to Order**

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

2. **Announcements & Presentations**

George Singh spoke with the Board members regarding the potential cricket pitch at Blue Heron Park. He advised that he would have the clay laid and base of dirt with mat on it. Motion made by Michael Auger and seconded by Dr. John Shafer to approve the 1st cricket pitch at Blue Heron Park. The Board unanimously approved.

3. **Public Comments**

None

4. **Consent Agenda**

a. Approval of meeting minutes from June 18, 2020

Motion made by Michael Auger and seconded by Debbie Gill to approve the minutes.

The Board unanimously approved.

b. Approval of July 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

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. Reopening update

Chip advised the Board that since reopening the recreation center, progress has been slow moving. There will be a possibility of changing the hours of operation. The pool and concessions has had high numbers for 11 straight days. Chip praised Kendall Ayers on the great job he has been doing this summer.

b. Amphitheater Project update

1. Playground selection

Discussion was held regarding the two playgrounds for the Amphitheater project. Chip advised the Board that Sinclair Recreation will provide a grant for \$170,000 for the playground. Motion was made by Dr. John Shafer and seconded by Michael Auger to approve the Sinclair Recreation playground for the Amphitheater. The Board unanimously approve.

2. Splash Pad & NRPA/American Water Grant award

Chip advised the Board that a grant for \$250,000.00 was awarded to the City of Franklin. He advised that only two grants were awarded in the entire U.S. He praised Matt Prine with Indiana American Water. An additional \$50,000.00 will come from Park Impact Fees.

c. Park Master Plan & Park Impact Fee Plan update

1. 2021-2030 Long Range Projects

Chip advised the Board that park impact fees can only be used for new designs or structures. Chip advised the Board that Kea Deppe has been working on a five-year plan for Franklin Parks and Recreation. Kea advised the Board that surveys will be pushed out to the public regarding our Parks. She asked for input on questions for the survey. Ideas included questions about our trails, getting a new structure for another theater, and more green space in other areas. Chip praised Kea for the hard work that she has put forth on the five-year plan.

6. **New Business**

None

7. **Reports**

a. Department Reports

Holly Johnston advised the Board that the Back to School Night event has been canceled. A plan will be submitted to the Board of Health regarding future events. Strawberries on the square remains scheduled with a drive through for social distancing.

b. Financial Reports

Chip presented the Board with the most current financials.

8. **Park Board Comments**

None

9. **Adjournment**

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

Next meeting: Thursday, August 20, 2020

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