

CITY OF FRANKLIN
PARKS COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
April 12, 2021

Approved
May 10, 2021

CALL TO ORDER

- I. Vice Chair Michael Wrench called the April 12, 2021 Parks Commission meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. in the Hearing Room located at 9229 W. Loomis Road, Franklin, Wisconsin.

Present were Vice Chair Michael Wrench, Alderwoman Shari Hanneman and Commissioners Mary Remington, David Bartels and Janice Coenen and Ex-Officio member Michelle Runte. Excused was Chair Joseph Musolf. Also present were Associate Planner Marion Ecks, Department of Public Works Kevin Schlueter and Dale Borchardt and City Engineer Glen Morrow.

CITIZEN COMMENT PERIOD

- II. The citizen comment period opened at 6:31 p.m. and closed at 6:42. Several citizens were present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Regular meeting minutes of March 8, 2021.

- III. Alderwoman Hanneman moved and Commissioner Bartels seconded to approve the minutes of the regular Parks Commission meeting held March 8, 2021. On voice vote, all voted 'aye'. Motion carried (5-0-1).

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Update on parks maintenance.

IV.

- A. Department of Public Works, Dale Borchardt gave update on parks maintenance. Discussion only. No action taken.

Status of park rules signage for Kayla's Playground located at 3723 West Puetz Road.

- B. Associate Planner Ecks contacted Kayla's sign vendor Lake Country Signs. Large increase in cost from prior quote of \$350.

Motion #1

Commissioner Bartels moved and Commissioner Coenen seconded a motion to include Kayla's Playground sign with all other park sign orders. On voice vote, all voted 'aye'. Motion carried (5-0-1).

Motion #2

Alderwoman Hanneman moved and Commissioner Bartels seconded a motion to approve a 60" x 60" Kayla's Playground rule sign at approximately \$350 from Gietl Sign Co.. On voice vote, all voted 'aye'. Motion carried (5-0-1).

Status of Parkland Acquisition Study contract with Vandewalle and Associates.

- C. Associate Planner Ecks reported Vandewalle will present draft report to Plan Commission at their May meeting. Following Plan Commission, it will go the Common Council for their approval. Discussion only. No action taken.

Proposal by Shelley Tessmer to develop a dog park on property located immediately west of 6855 South 27th Street (Tax Key No. 738-9974-005). The Parks Commission may enter closed session pursuant to Wis. Stat. §19.85(1)(e), for market competition and bargaining reasons, to consider the potential acquisition of property to be used for public dog park purposes in the City, and to reenter open session at the same place thereafter to act on such matters discussed therein as it deems appropriate.

Ways to recognize the service of previous Parks Commission Chair, Tony Megna.

Uniform signage for all parks.

Proposal to appoint a sub-committee to explore 2021 City of Franklin holiday decorating.

Report on City of Franklin tennis courts surface condition.

Status of the Pleasant View Park Site Plan.

D. City Engineer Morrow reported on Sigma’s environmental study of the dog park. They will have a report for the May meeting. There are no impact fees available for lease on this property, only if purchased. Discussion only. No action taken.

E. A bench has been ordered and will be ready in May. Cost is \$1,022. Price is reduced if Department of Public Works picks up bench. Alderwoman Hanneman suggested there be a formal presentation. Discussion only. No action taken.

F. Uniform signage for all parks.

Motion #1

Alderwoman Hanneman moved and Commissioner Bartels seconded a motion to approve 7 signs at \$165 each using .080 aluminum from Gietl Sign Co.. On voice vote, all voted ‘aye’. Motion carried (5-0-1).

Motion #2

Alderwoman Hanneman moved and Commissioner Bartels seconded a motion that, Market Square sign must be double aluminum and double price based on Department of Public Works recommendation due to need for greater durability. On voice vote, all voted ‘aye’. Motion carried (5-0-1).

G. No update.

H. Engineer Morrow presented Kolkmann report on cost for each tennis court with most to least expensive. Deluxe for all except Jack Workman Park. Discussion only. No action taken.

I. Engineer Morrow reported Common Council did not approve the Site Plan and has requested a rebid down to \$300K. Some suggestions presented were to reduce parking lot and eliminate volleyball.

Alderwoman Hanneman moved and Commissioner Bartels seconded a motion to recommend to reallocate \$65K budgeted for tennis courts to Pleasant View Park improvements. On voice vote, all voted 'aye'. Motion carried (5-0-1).

NEW BUSINESS

Request by Sam Crisci, Franklin resident, to reserve the Pickleball courts at Lions Legend Park II, for a group of senior citizens to continue their organized Pickleball, Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, from April 1, 2021 through November 1, 2021, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

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Alderwoman Hanneman moved and Commissioner Bartels seconded a motion to approve as presented. On voice vote, all voted 'aye'. Motion carried (5-0-1).

Request by the Franklin Community Education and Recreation Department to reserve the tennis courts at Lions Legend Park, Monday through Thursday, 9:00 a.m. to 11:50 a.m., for youth tennis for spring and summer 2021 programs, June 14, 2021 through June 24, 2021, July 5, 2021 through July 15, 2021 and July 19, 2021 through July 29, 2021.

- B.** Request by the Franklin Community Education and Recreation Department to reserve the tennis courts at Lions Legend Park, Monday through Thursday, 9:00 a.m. to 11:50 a.m., for youth tennis for spring and summer 2021 programs, June 14, 2021 through June 24, 2021, July 5, 2021 through July 15, 2021 and July 19, 2021 through July 29, 2021.

Alderwoman Hanneman moved and Commissioner Remington seconded a motion to approve as presented. On voice vote, all voted 'aye'. Motion carried (5-0-1).

Request by Robinwood Elementary Girl Scout Troop 31580, to place a Buddy Bench ("Buddy Bench" labeled bench intended to assist children in making new friends) in a City of Franklin Park.

- C.** Request by Robinwood Elementary Girl Scout Troop 31580, to place a Buddy Bench ("Buddy Bench" labeled bench intended to assist children in making new friends) in a City of Franklin Park. Girl Scout Troop 31580 to contact Department of Public Works for further direction.

Alderwoman Hanneman moved and Commissioner Coenen seconded a motion to approve as presented. On voice vote, all voted 'aye'. Motion carried (5-0-1).

NEXT MEETING

- VI. May 10, 2021.**

ADJOURNMENT

- VII.** Commissioner Bartels moved and Commissioner Coenen seconded to adjourn the Parks Commission meeting of April 12, 2021 at 8:26 p.m.. On voice vote all voted 'aye'. Motion carried (5-0-1).