

**CITY OF FRANKLIN
PARKS COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING
AND PARKS TOUR MINUTES
July 11, 2022**

CALL TO ORDER

- I. Chair Michael Wrench called the July 11, 2022 Parks Commission regular meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. in the Hearing Room at Franklin City Hall located at 9229 W. Loomis Road, Franklin, Wisconsin.

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

CITIZEN COMMENT PERIOD

- II. The citizen comment period opened at 6:32 p.m. and closed at 6:36 p.m.. 1 citizen comment.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Regular meeting minutes of June 20, 2022.

- III. Vice Chair Bartels moved and Commissioner Malecki seconded to approve the minutes of the regular Parks Commission held June 20, 2022. On voice vote, all voted 'aye'. Motion carried (5-0-1).

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Update on parks maintenance.

IV.

- A. Department of Public Works Borchardt gave update. Park rentals and Sunday concerts in the park are going well. Discussed was weed management, graffiti issues at Franklin Woods and Dr. Lynette Fox Memorial Park and Pleasant View construction is on ongoing and pickleball courts are paved. Discussion only. No action taken.

Uniform signage for all parks.

- B. Sign vendor is not returning calls. Discussion of giving current vendor another month to reply.

Commissioner Malecki moved and Vice Chair Bartels seconded a motion to direct City staff to give vendor 2 weeks to respond regarding signs. If no response, staff will contact TAPCO for quote and bring to next meeting. On voice vote, all voted 'aye'. Motion carried (5-0-1).

NEW BUSINESS:

Rehabilitation of tennis court surfaces at the following City parks: Jack Workman Park, located at 3674 West Forest Hill Avenue, Ken Windl Park, located at 11615 West Rawson Avenue, Lions

V.

- B. Reviewed costs of resurfacing tennis courts to help further inform on item IV.C. on agenda. Discussion only. No action taken.

Legend Park I, located at 8050 South Legend Drive, Lions Legend Park II North and South, located at 8717 West Drexel Avenue and Pleasant View Neighborhood Park, located at 4620 West Evergreen Street

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

2022 and 2023 Budget. Parks Commission request for information on personnel additions, Capital Outlay Fund needs, Equipment Revolving Fund needs, Street Improvement Fund needs and Major Capital Expenditures to be made with borrowed funds.

Recommendation to Common Council to pursue the purchase of parkland adjacent to the western boundary of the Franklin Savanna State Natural Area on West Oakwood Road. 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 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.

Update relative to the request by City of Franklin resident (former Alderman) Daniel M. Mayer to install a flagpole in Market Square Park, located at 11230 West Franklin Street.

Request by Danny Erickson, Bird Banding Director of Cedar Grove Ornithological Research Station, to place an American Kestrel nesting

IV.

C. Move full repair on Lions Legend I and fabric repair for Jack Workman Park in 2022. Reallocate \$250K for Froemming Park to full repair.

Vice Chair Bartels moved and Commissioner Malecki seconded a motion to recommend to Common Council to reallocate \$250K for Froemming Park to pulverize and pave Lions Legend I tennis courts and repair Jack Workman tennis courts with road fabric. On voice vote, all voted 'aye'. Motion carried (5-0-1).

D. Discussion only. No action taken.

E. Staff reports construction is ongoing. Discussion only. No action taken.

F. Request by Danny Erickson, Bird Banding Director of Cedar Grove Ornithological Research Station, to place an American Kestrel nesting box in Pleasant View Park, located at 4620 West Evergreen Street.

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Vice Chair Bartels moved and Alderwoman Hanneman seconded a motion to deny the request. On voice vote, all voted 'aye'. Motion carried (5-0-1).

Discussion of Comprehensive Master Plan Future Land Use Map designations of natural resources and recreational uses.

G. Discussion only. No action taken.

Update on trail projects, including: South 116th Street, St. Martin of Tours, West Forest Home Avenue, West Church Street, State Highway 100, Ryan Creek and Cascade Creek Park.

H. South 116th Street construction scheduled in 2023. Ongoing discussions regarding St. Martins of Tours, State HWY 100 - \$1.2 million Council approved. Revisit Cascade Trail with County, July 21. Ryan Creek, Council adopted Ryan Creek plan. Discussion only. No action taken.

NEW BUSINESS:

Little League field rentals at City parks, for league sports practice.

V.

A. Discussion regarding usage. Need future discussions about scheduling agreements with Franklin Little League and Recreation Department. Discussion of future agenda item. Bring to November meeting. Discussion only. No action taken.

NEXT MEETING DATE

VI. August 8, 2022

ADJOURNMENT

VI. Vice Chair Bartels moved and Alderwoman Hanneman seconded to adjourn the Parks Commission meeting of July 11, 2022 at 8:30 p.m.. On voice vote all voted 'aye'. Motion carried (5-0-1).