

CITY OF FRANKLIN
PARKS COMMISSION SPECIAL TOUR
MEETING
October 29, 2022

CALL TO ORDER

- I. Chair Michael Wrench called the October 29, 2022 Parks Commission Special Tour meeting to order at 9:03 a.m. commencing at Lions Legend Park II located at 8717 W Drexel Ave., W. Loomis Road, Franklin, Wisconsin.

Present were Chair Michael Wrench, Vice Chair Karen Malecki, Commissioners Susan Lance, Mary Remington, and Kristen Stanley and Alderwoman Shari Hanneman. Absent was Owen Proborsky and Ex-Officio member Michelle Runte. Also present were Associate Planner Marion Ecks and Department of Public Works Kevin Schlueter.

CITIZEN COMMENT PERIOD

- II. The citizen comment period opened at 9:05 a.m. and closed at 9:05 a.m.. No citizens present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Regular meeting minutes of
September 14, 2022

- III. Commissioner Remington moved and Vice Chair Malecki seconded to approve the minutes of the regular Parks Commission meeting of September 14, 2022. On voice vote, all voted 'aye'. Motion carried (6-0-1).

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None.

IV.

NEW BUSINESS:

None.

V.

PARKS TOURS

Tour Lions Legend Park II, located at 8717 West Drexel Avenue and 8050 South Legend Drive, within Lions Legend Park.

V.I

- A. Tour of Lions Legend Park II located at 8717 W. Drexel Ave and 8050 S Legend Dr within Lions Legend Park. Alderwoman Shari Hanneman provided a brief update on Common Council items: The park marketing materials were reviewed at their last meeting. Will be working with Commissioner Malecki on updates to park materials. A full color insert will be in the next Franklin newsletter. The purchase of 74 acres next to the Savannah Trail is complete. Kevin opened the pavilion for viewing at Lions Legend Park II. The increased rental fees have not had an adverse effect on rentals of pavilions in the parks. There has only been a 'few' non-refundable' deposits. Pinatas are the biggest concern for litter after rentals. The tennis courts were viewed and show cracks. Kevin reported that they repeatedly crack after being repaired. There is poor drainage. The bottom of the fences have shifted and there is a gap in which

balls can roll under. Alderwoman Hanneman reported that citizens should contact Steve Taylor of the County Parks regarding the tennis courts at Froemming Park. There is no information on when these will be resurfaced but there is money in place in the 2023 budget.

Lions Legend Park I – The tennis courts at Lions Legend Park I are in the 2023 budget to be updated. The Gazebo Park area was viewed. There are 2 trees that Don Dorson, Franklin Park Concerts board member, requested be moved due to the location interfering with some views during the concerts that are held in this park. Kevin Schlueter/DPW will relocate the one tree on the south side and will try to move the other to a new location as well. Discussion only. No action taken.

Tour Christine Rathke Memorial Park, located at 7700 South 68th Street.

B. Tour of Christine Rathke Memorial Park located at 7700 S. 68th Street. Last visit of this neighborhood park was approximately 10 years ago. Fresh wood chips have been put in. There is a walking trail, but it does not connect to the Oak Leaf Trail. Discussion only. No action taken.

Tour Pleasant View Neighborhood Park, located at 4620 West Evergreen Street.

C. Tour of Pleasant View Neighborhood Park, located at 4620 W. Evergreen Street. Kevin Schlueter/ DPW opened the pavilion for viewing. This pavilion can be heated but temperatures do not get past 60 degrees in the winter. The trail at Pleasant View Neighborhood Park goes through to Pleasant View School and Victory Creek subdivision. A new trail will go through to Marquette subdivision. The new park signage still needs to be placed – perhaps on a post near the pavilion. The new Pickleball courts still have ‘bubble’ concerns. Kevin Schlueter/DPW reported that a meeting will be held on Oct 31, 2022, with an expert on these types of surfaces. At one time it was brought up that an ice rink could be placed at this park – This should be added for discussion on the next agenda. Discussion only. No action taken.

Tour Jack Workman Park, located at 3674 West Forest Hill Avenue.

D. Tour of Jack Workman Park, located at 3674 West Forest Hill Ave.. The tennis courts in this park will be ‘resurfaced’ in 2023 with a road fabric. Baseball fields here are used regularly and fresh wood chips have been placed. Discussion only, no action taken

NEXT MEETING DATE

VII. November 14, 2022

Items for the Agenda:

Ice Rink Placement

Receive an update on the new Pickleball Courts

Possible renaming of Lions Legend Park II
Rental of Baseball Field

ADJOURNMENT

- VIII.** The meeting was adjourned at Jack Workman Park. Commissioner Lance moved and Commissioner Remington seconded to adjourn the Tour of the Parks Commission meeting of October 29, 2022, at 11:04 a.m. On voice vote all voted 'aye'. Motion carried (6-0-1)