

**CITY OF FRANKLIN  
PARKS COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING  
AND PARKS TOUR MINUTES  
March 14, 2022**

**CALL TO ORDER**

- I. Chair Michael Wrench called the March 14, 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 Mary Remington, Karen Malecki, Janice Coenen and Ex-Officio member Michelle Runte. Also present were Department of Public Works Kevin Schlueter and Dale Borchardt, City Engineer Glen Morrow, Alderman Dan Mayer, Alderman Mike Barber and Alderwoman Kristen Wilhelm and Associate Planner Marion Ecks. Alderman Mayer left the meeting at 6:49.

**CITIZEN COMMENT PERIOD**

- II. The citizen comment period opened at 6:55 p.m. and closed at 7:30 p.m.. Four citizens were present.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Regular meeting minutes of February 14, 2022.

- III. Vice Chair Bartels moved and Commissioner Remington seconded to approve the minutes of the regular Parks Commission held February 14, 2022 as amended. On voice vote, all voted 'aye'. Motion carried (6-0-0).

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Request by Alderman Daniel M. Mayer to install a flagpole in Market Square Park, located at 11230 West Franklin Street.

- V.
  - A. Alderwoman Hanneman moved and Commissioner Remington seconded a motion to direct staff to explore the best location for the flag pole and an associated budget allocation. On voice vote all voted 'aye'. Motion carried (6-0-0).

Request by Thomas Wilde, City of Franklin resident, to install birdhouses in Ernie Lake Park, located at 8000 South Chapel Hill Drive.

- B. Discussion only. No action taken.

Franklin Community Education and Recreation Department request to reserve the pickleball courts, at Lions Legend II Park, for spring and summer 2022 programs. Requested dates are for Monday through Thursday evenings (5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.) April 18, through June 16, 2022, and June 27, through August 18, 2022; and Saturday mornings (9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.)

- C. Alderwoman Hanneman moved and Vice Chair Bartels seconded a motion to approve the requested court reservation with the condition of a discussion with the Recreation Department about the overall scheduling of the pickleball program prior to any future season court requests. On voice vote all voted 'aye'. Motion carried (6-0-0).

April 23, through June 18, 2022, and June 25, through August 20, 2022.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

Request by Uday Vala, Rajesh Adapala and Shruthikesh Dodda, City of Franklin residents, to build a cricket pitch in a City of Franklin Park.

Update on parks maintenance.

Uniform signage for all parks.

Park permit fees and deposits for rental of pavilions and other facilities at all City of Franklin parks

Status of the Pleasant View Park Site Plan.

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.

Park amenities donation policy.

Recommendation to Common Council to pursue the purchase of approximately 40 acres of parkland adjacent to the western boundary of the Franklin Savanna State Natural Area on West Oakwood Road.

2022 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. Park amenities including ice skating rink.

**IV.**

**H.** Discussion only. No action taken.

**A.** DPW Dale Borchardt reported cleaning up parks and will open pickle ball courts. Discussion only. No action taken.

**B.** No update at this time. Will be ready for installation for the summer season

**C.** Discussion only. No action taken

**D.** Discussion only. No action taken.

**I.** Alderwoman Hanneman moved and Commissioner Remington seconded a motion to recommend to Common Council to move to adopt the trail plan as presented by the City Engineer. On voice vote all voted 'aye'. Motion carried (6-0-0).

**F.** Set common ground for donations, projects and avoid maintenance issues for DPW. Revisit at next meeting. Associate Planner Ecks will recirculate email with all ideas. Discussion only. No action taken.

**G.** Alderwoman Hanneman moved and Commissioner Remington seconded a motion to recommend to Common Council to express interest in purchasing 73 acres adjacent to Franklin Savannah as identified in the CORP and to direct staff to explore financial ability and present in April's meeting. On voice vote, 5 vote 'aye' and 1 voted 'nay'. Motion carried (5-1-0).

**E.** City Engineer Morrow researching options. Discussion only. No action taken.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Proposal to purchase property located at 9530 W. Loomis Rd., and approximately 9600 W. Loomis Rd. (Tax Key No. 840-9973-000, 840-9977-012, and 840-9977-009). 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

**V.**

**D.** Discussion only. No action taken.

**NEXT MEETING DATE**

**VI.** April 11, 2022

**ADJOURNMENT**

**VI.** Vice Chair Bartels moved and Commissioner Remington seconded to adjourn the Parks Commission meeting of March 14, 2022 at 9:13 p.m.. On voice vote all voted 'aye'. Motion carried (6-0-0).