

CITY OF FRANKLIN
PARKS COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING
September 14, 2022

CALL TO ORDER

- I. Chair Michael Wrench called the September 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, Commissioners Karen Malecki, Susan Lance, Mary Remington, Owen Poborsky and Kristen Stanley. Excused was Alderwoman Shari Hanneman and Ex-Officio member Michelle Runte. 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 6:32 p.m.. No citizens present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Regular meeting minutes of August 8, 2022.

- III. Commissioner Remington moved and Commissioner Malecki seconded to approve the minutes of the August 8, 2022 as amended: Commissioner Mary Remington was in attendance at the August 8, 2022 meeting. Item V. A. Hold the decision until an update is received, regarding the construction, at the September meeting. Item V. C. At September meeting Associate Planner Ecks made a note to discuss creation of a policy when discussing park rentals at a future meeting. On voice vote, 4 voted 'aye', 2 abstentions and 1 excused. Motion carried (4-0-1).

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Update on parks maintenance.

IV.

- A. Department of Public Works Borchardt reported there has been less traffic in the park on weekdays. Bottle cap art installed at Kayla's Playground. Early morning Pickleball players are seen at Lions Legion II.

City Engineer, Glen Morrow reported that many citizens are not renting the shelters but are using the facilities. Discussion held on what should be put into an ordinance regarding this issue: possible signage and/or limitation on number of people without a permit. Mayor Olson not concerned about numbers. Must reserve the pavilion. The Police department should enforce.

New Pickleball courts at Pleasant View Park. Email received by Glen Morrow was shared regarding concerns of 'bubbling' on the court surface. This may be a normal occurrence on a new surface. Water vapor is

coming up and can't escape quickly enough which causes bubbles. Large bubbles should not be an issue after a couple of weeks. Padlocks will be kept on the gates at this time to keep people from using the courts. Glen will re-assess courts in 2 weeks. Pickleball (PB) nets have been installed today.

Discussion only. No action taken.

Uniform signage for all parks.

B. Signs have been ordered and TAPCO should have replacements ready in 3 weeks. Discussion only. No action taken.

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.

C. Planner Ecks reported reconciliation of DPW's budget is complete. She will update as item progresses. Previously the finance director gave a quarterly update and this may be requested in the future. Discussion only. No action taken.

Park amenities donation policy and Parks marketing materials including maps, pamphlets, etc..

D. Commissioner Malecki shared materials which could be used for posting on the City of Franklin's website. This included a Parks and Trail Map with information on park amenities. Southwood Glen Park has no playground and need to update the copy with this information. Also shared was information on gifts, memorials or tributes and donations policy. With regards to memorial benches, change language to include cost. Cost of the bench is \$2,000 with fees subject to change. Items will be updated and sent to Planner Ecks for Common Council meeting on September 15, 2022. Commissioner Malecki is also working on a better description of the parks. She has started a packet that will be shared with the commission for proofing before it goes on the website. Discussion only. No action taken.

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

E. The flagpole has been installed. It was asked if there was to be a plaque on the flagpole. City Engineer Morrow will check on this. The bench has been installed. A plaque for the bench still needs installation. 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

F. City Engineer Morrow reported 116th Street is progressing. St. Martin of Tours, working on an alternate route. West Forest Home Ave. is in the County plan. West Church Street, sidewalk is in. State Hwy 100, pathway will run from bridge near S. 60th Street heading west and northwest to W. St. Martins Road. Cascade

Creek Park, working on alignment. Savannah Trail, exploring options on alignment with the County. Discussion only. No action taken.

Request by the Franklin Community Education and Recreation Department to reserve the new Pickleball and two striped tennis courts at Pleasant View Neighborhood Park, located at 4620 West Evergreen Street, for Pickleball fall league play, Monday through Thursday, 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., and Saturday, 9:00 a.m. to 11:50 a.m., August 29, 2022 through October 15, 2022.

- G. Tabled until February 2023 meeting. Pickleball players will not move in their fall 2022 season. Discussion only. No action taken.

NEW BUSINESS:

Appointment of a Secretary by the Chairperson.

V.

- A. Appointed was Commissioner Susan Lance. Discussion only. No action taken.

Election of a Vice-Chairperson.

- B. Election of a Vice-Chairperson.

Commissioner Stanley moved and Commissioner Lance seconded a motion to appoint Commissioner Karen Malecki as Vice Chairperson. On voice vote, all voted 'aye.' Motion carried (6-0-1).

Selection of the parks to visit during the 2022 tour.

- C. It was agreed the following parks would be visited during the October Tour of Parks Commission meeting: Pleasant View, Jack Workman, and Christine Rathke. If time permits will visit Ken Windl Park. Discussion only. No action taken.

Request by City of Franklin resident Sue Lance to reserve the pickleball and tennis courts at Lions Legend Park II, located at 8717 West Drexel Avenue, on Sunday, October 2, 2022, from 12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

- D. Request by City of Franklin resident Sue Lance to reserve the pickleball and tennis courts at Lions Legend Park II, located at 8717 West Drexel Avenue, on Sunday, October 2, 2022, from 12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Commissioner Remington moved and Chair Wrench seconded a motion to approve the request. On voice vote, all voted 'aye'. Motion carried (6-0-1).

Request by City of Franklin resident Mira Kresovic to install an Inclusive All Abilities basketball area to Lions Legend Park II, located at 8717 West Drexel Avenue.

- E. Resident Mira Kresovic presented information on 'bank shots' basketball. Players rotate through different stations and shoot baskets from different positions. Court sizes can range from 850 square feet to 2,200 square feet. Costs range from \$24K – \$50K, which includes only the backboards, not the nets. This game draws a lot of teenagers. Discussion on possible locations in the city. A grant could be pursued by

Resident Kresovic. Website for more information on bank shots can be found at Nairletsplayfair.com. Resident Kresovic will send Associate Planner Ecks information via email that can be shared with the Parks Commission. This would be a capital request and would require budget discussion.

Request by City of Franklin resident Ken Solis to conduct an invasive species Weed-Out in Franklin Woods Nature Center located at 3723 West Puetz Road.

- F. Associate Planner Ecks to follow-up and bring back more information at a future meeting. Kevin Schlueter, DPW, would prefer residents not take out Buckthorn as it may cause more work with Buckthorn reseeding itself. Discussion only. No action taken.

NEXT MEETING DATE

VI.

ADJOURNMENT

- VI. Commissioner Remington moved and Commissioner Malecki seconded to adjourn the Parks Commission meeting of September 14, 2022 at 7:59 p.m.. On voice vote all voted 'aye'. Motion carried (6-0-1).