

CITY OF FRANKLIN
PARKS COMMISSION MEETING
MINUTES
December 8, 2014

Approved
January 12, 2015

CALL TO ORDER

- I. Chairman Dave Pautz called the December 8, 2014 regular meeting of the Parks Commission to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Hearing Room of Franklin City Hall, 9229 West Loomis Road, Franklin, Wisconsin.

Present were Chairman Pautz and Commissioners James Bartoszek, Anthony Megna, Philip Nickerson, and Mary Remington. Excused was Alderwoman Kristen Wilhelm. Superintendent of Public Works Jerry Schaefer and Planner II Orrin Sumwalt were also present.

CITIZEN COMMENT PERIOD

- II. The citizen comment period was opened at 7:00 p.m. and closed at 7:02 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Regular Meeting Minutes
November 10, 2014

- III.
A. Commissioner Nickerson moved and Commissioner Megna seconded approval of the minutes of the regular meeting held November 10, 2014 as presented. On voice vote, all voted 'aye'. Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Kayla's Krew playground project
status update.

Parks maintenance report.

- IV.
A. Discussion only regarding Kayla's Krew playground project status update. No action needed, none taken.
B. Superintendent of Public Works Schaefer presented the Parks maintenance report and indicated the play structure for 2-5 year olds near the Vernon Barg pavilion was complete; Common Council approved the outdoor fitness equipment for Ernie Lake Park, and the Emerald Ash borer has destroyed approximately 100 trees at Franklin Woods Park along the southern boundary and the Department of Public Works is seeking approval to remove the dead trees sometime from the end of December 2014 to early January 2015.

Motion by Commissioner Nickerson to approve the Department of Public Works plan for removal of approximately 100 dead ash trees in Franklin Woods in conjunction with the clearing by the Wisconsin Electric Power Company on its right-of-way on the southern border of the property. Commissioner Megna seconded the motion. On voice vote, all voted 'aye'. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Request by Jeremy Affolter for the
creation of a dog park in the City of
Franklin.

- V.
A. Discussion on the request by Jeremy Affolter for the creation of a dog park in the City of Franklin. The Parks Commission suggested Mr. Affolter contact his alderman for Common Council consideration and action regarding the necessary changes to the Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan.

Request by Dale Pforr, on behalf of Franklin Park Concerts, Inc., for the use of Lions Legend Park pavilion and band shell for a free concert series, from 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., on the following dates: June 21, 2015, July 19, 2015, August 2, 2015 and August 16, 2015.

Amendment to the City of Franklin 2025 Comprehensive Master Plan to incorporate updated changes to the Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan.

Common Council direction to the Commission to review the Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan with regard to request for the City to locate, design and build tennis courts within a City park as recommended in the CORP.

B. Commissioner Nickerson made a motion to approve the request by Dale Pforr, on behalf of Franklin Park Concerts, Inc., for the use of Lions Legend Park pavilion and band shell for a free concert series on June 21, 2015, July 19, 2015, August 2, 2015 and August 16, 2015 from 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.. Seconded by Commissioner Remington. On voice vote, all voted 'aye', motion carried.

C. Discussion regarding an amendment to the City of Franklin 2025 Comprehensive Master Plan to incorporate updated changes to the Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan, including, but not limited to the addition of a Specialized Recreational Area (special park) north of West Loomis Road and east of 116th Street at approximately 11120 West Loomis Road to serve the community's need for an all-accessible and all-inclusive playground and provide for passive recreational opportunities and environmental education on adjacent conservancy lands; the addition of 10,820 lineal feet of additional trail way to the City's existing trail network to reflect the Common Council's direction at their June 4, 2013 meeting to include these improvements within the impact fee calculations for the 2013 Park Impact Fee Update; replacing a 2010 Department of Administration (DOA) population project of 33,900 with the 2010 U.S. Census population of 35,451 and incorporating updated DOA population projections to guide and properly target the City's recreational needs through the year 2025 and beyond.

Commissioner Nickerson moved to recommend adoption of the draft City of Franklin Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan: 2030 and recommend incorporation of the Plan into the Comprehensive Master Plan, subject to final review and approval of the adopting resolution by the City Attorney. Seconded by Commissioner Megna. On voice vote, all voted 'aye'. Motion carried.

D. Discussion regarding the December 2, 2014 Common Council direction to the Parks Commission to review the Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (CORP) upon and with regard to the request from Dave Bartels and Ruzica Bartoshevich for the City to locate, design and build a minimum of 8 tennis courts and 2 mini-tennis courts adjacent to one another in a single cluster layout within a City park to provide adequate tennis facilities for City residents as recommended in the CORP.

Motion by Commissioner Nickerson to invite a representative of the Franklin School board to the next Parks Commission meeting to discuss the possibility of developing a tennis court complex. Seconded by Commissioner Megna. On voice vote, all voted 'aye'. Motion carried.

NEXT MEETING DATE

VI. The next scheduled meeting of the Parks Commission is Monday, January 12, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

VII. Commissioner Megna moved and Commissioner Nickerson seconded to adjourn the Parks Commission meeting of December 8, 2014 at 8:02 p.m. All voted 'aye', motion carried.