

CITY OF FRANKLIN
PARKS COMMISSION MEETING
December 12, 2022

CALL TO ORDER

- I. Chair Michael Wrench called the December 12, 2022, Parks Commission meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. commencing in the Hearing room at Franklin City Hall at 9229 W. Loomis Road, Franklin, Wisconsin.

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

CITIZEN COMMENT PERIOD

- II. The citizen comment period opened at 6:31 p.m. and closed at 6:31 p.m. No citizens present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Regular meeting minutes of
November 14, 2022

- III. Commissioner Remington moved and Commissioner Stanley seconded to approve the minutes of the regular Parks Commission meeting of November 14, 2022 with minor corrections. On voice vote, all voted 'aye'. Motion carried (6-0-1).

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Update on Parks Maintenance.

IV.

- A. Completion of laying new chips on playgrounds fall clean up continues. An ice rink has been installed over the tennis court at Lions Legend Park. Once frozen, the rink will be open to the public during regular park hours. Discussion only. No action taken.
- B. At the last meeting the commission approved to allocate funds for surface repairs on the tennis courts. A more complete update will be brought forward in January, 2023. Discussion only. No action taken.

2022 and 2023 Budget. Parks Commission request for information on personnel addition. Capital Outlay Fund needs, Equipment Revolving Fund needs, Street Improvement needs and major capital expenditures to be made with borrowed funds.

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

- C. Associate Planner Ecks reported she is currently waiting for dates for the next upcoming city newsletter. Commissioner Malecki provided a new draft document of the city parks. The draft should notate 'future parks' in place of 'new Parks'. Discussion only. No action taken.

NEW BUSINESS:

Little League and/or adult recreation league reservations of sports facilities for baseball, pickleball and other groups.

V.

A. Commissioner Malecki shared an updated draft version of the Baseball Field Reservation Permit Form. Highlighted in yellow on the form were the updates she made to the document. The Commission should read over the document and bring back any comments. Other cities charge a higher fee for permits. Reservations are not taken for the volleyball or tennis courts. Youth tennis was moved to Ken Wendl Park in 2022 and positive feedback was given. The Pickleball courts are scheduled through the Franklin recreation department. Discussion on availability of the Pickleball courts to citizens not enrolled in the recreation program and the increasing popularity of the sport. The new pickleball courts at Pleasant View need to be resurfaced and may not be ready for use until July, 2023. Would like discussion with the Recreation department. Some possible solutions would be to dual stripe the tennis courts at Lions Legend Park or convert those courts into permanent Pickleball courts when they are resurfaced in 2023 and make the courts at Lions Legend II tennis only. Discussion only. No action taken

Renaming of Lions Legend Park 1 or 2.

B. DPW Kevin Schlueter reported that the actual name of Lions Legend II is Vernon Barg, however it is referred to as Lions 2.

Commissioner Remington moved and Commissioner Lance seconded a motion to recommend this item is taken to Common Council to officially name Lions Legend II to Vernon Barg. Lions Legend I will be Lions Legend. On voice vote, all voted 'aye'. Motion carried (6-0-1).

National Fitness Campaign Fitness Court Grant

C. At the last Parks Commission meeting it was recommended to allocate funds to the tennis courts resurfacing. In the November Parks Commission packet was information on the National Fitness Campaign. For the 2024 budget the Commission may need to consider the grant program. A \$50,000 grant could be provided with the community needing to provide any additional funds. The fitness court is about the size of a tennis court with one side holding equipment and the other side to be used for fitness activities. There are some impact funds available. Fitness is a goal in the Franklin Health department. Discussion only. No action taken.

Request by Douglas Scherrer, on behalf of Franklin Park Concerts, Inc., for the use of Lions Legend Park band shell for free summer concert series from 12:00 p.m. to

D. Common Council granted waiver of fees. There is no park pavilion rental on days concerts occur, no are allowed in the park, no banners or nails.

4:30 p.m. on the following dates:
June 25, 2023, July 9, 2023, July 23,
2023, August 6, 2023, and August
20, 2023.

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

NEXT MEETING DATE

VI. The next meeting will be held on January 9, 2023.

ADJOURNMENT

VII. Chair Wrench moved to adjourn the Parks Commission
meeting of December 12, 2022 at 7:18 p.m.. On voice
vote all voted 'aye'. Motion carried (6-0-1).