

CITY OF FRANKLIN  
PARKS COMMISSION MEETING  
MINUTES  
**April 12, 2010**

Approved  
May 10, 2010

CALL TO ORDER

- I. Chairman Pautz called the April 12, 2010 regular meeting of the Parks Commission to order at 7:01 p.m. in the Hearing Room of Franklin City Hall, 9229 West Loomis Road, Franklin, Wisconsin.

Present were Chairman Pautz, Alderman Solomon, Commissioners Bartoszek, Megna, Nickerson, and Dorsan. Excused was Commissioner Nelson.

Superintendent of Public Works Schaefer and Senior Planner Fuchs were also present.

CITIZEN COMMENT PERIOD

- II. The citizen comment period was opened at 7:03 p.m. Ryan Fuller, 7336 South 37 Place spoke regarding the fence condition at Glen Meadows Park. With no more citizens coming forward the comment period was closed at 7:14 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES  
March 8, 2010

- III.  
A. Alderman Solomon moved and Commissioner Nickerson seconded approval of the minutes of the regular meeting held March 8, 2010. Upon voice vote, Commissioners Pautz, Bartoszek, Megna, Nelson, and Alderman Solomon voted 'aye'; Commissioner Dorsan abstained. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

IV.

Development of naming policy for City Parks, Buildings, Facilities and property.

- A. Discussion only on the adopted naming policy for City Parks, Buildings, Facilities and property. No action needed; none taken.

Crystal Ridge Ski Hill Special Use permit.

- B. Discussion only on the Special Use permit for Crystal Ridge Ski Hill, 7900 West Crystal Ridge Drive, as it relates to future park purposes and adequate athletic fields within the City of Franklin. Potential recreational uses identified by the Parks Commission are: Alterra Bike Event Special Use (no motorized vehicles); soccer and football fields, tennis courts, baseball diamonds, basketball courts (away from 76th Street); roller hockey area, skateboard park (away from residential area); ice skating rink; and continued ski hill, snowboarding and motorcross. No action needed; none taken.

"In Celebration of Trees" Boerner Botanical Gardens

- C. Discussion only on the Boerner Botanical Gardens educational event "In Celebration of Trees" for April 25, 2010, 12:00 noon until 4:30 p.m. No action needed; none taken.

Friends of Franklin Parks' formation consideration.

- D. Alderman Solomon moved and Commissioner Nickerson seconded a motion to recommend to Common Council approval of the planting of 75 oak trees in Tifton woods by the Friends of Franklin Parks. All voted 'aye'; motion carried.

Emerald ash borer update.

- E. Superintendent of Public Works Schaefer presented an update on the Emerald Ash Borer. No action needed; none taken.

Franklin Trails Committee update.

- F. Discussion only on the Franklin Trails Committee and the Walking Workshop to be held April 17, 2010. No action needed; none taken.

Parks maintenance report.

- G. Department of Public Works Superintendent Schaefer presented the Parks maintenance report.

Alderman Solomon moved to request the Public Works Superintendent to obtain estimates for replacement fencing at the Glen Meadows Park. Seconded by Commissioner Nickerson. All voted 'aye'; motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

Request by Chris Ammerman and Jessica Metzger for use of Market Square Park

V.

- A. Motion by Alderman Solomon to deny the Private Event Tent Installation Request by Chris Ammerman and Jessica Metzger for use of Market Square Park, 11230 West Franklin Street, for a wedding reception on July 24, 2010 due to concerns with density, park clean-up, lack of parking and noise, with City Attorney review, and to provide suggestions of alternative sites to the applicants as discussed by the Parks Commission. Seconded by Commissioner Megna. All voted 'aye'; motion carried.

Request by Brian Guzikowski for a tree to be planted in Lions Legend Park

- B. The Parks Commission discussed the request and creation of a Memorial Tree Policy to include a \$500 donation to the City, selection of the tree type and location by the Superintendent of Public Works, installation of the tree by the City and the memorial may include a brick, not to exceed 4" x 8", with the person's name.

Alderman Solomon requested that the policy item be placed on the next regular Parks Commission agenda for further discussion and consideration.

Commissioner Nickerson moved and Alderman Solomon seconded a motion to recommend approval to the Common Council of the request by Brian Guzikowski for a tree to be planted in Lions Legend Park, in memory of his mother, Loretta Guzikowski, subject to a Memorial Tree Policy being created and approved by the Common Council. All voted 'aye'; motion carried.

Annual Parks Commission park tour

Commissioner Megna moved and Commissioner Nickerson seconded to schedule the Special Meeting and Annual Parks Commission park tour for May 8, 2010 beginning at 9:00 a.m. All voted 'aye'; motion carried.

NEXT MEETING DATE

- VI. The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Parks Commission is May 10, 2010, at 7:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

- VII. Commissioner Nickerson moved and Commissioner Dorsan seconded to adjourn the Parks Commission meeting at 8:58 p.m. All voted 'aye'; motion carried.