

**CITY OF FRANKLIN
PARKS COMMISSION MEETING
MINUTES
January 12, 2015**

Approved
February 9, 2015

CALL TO ORDER

- I. Chairman Dave Pautz called the January 12, 2015 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, Alderwoman Kristen Wilhelm, and Commissioners James Bartoszek, Anthony Megna, Philip Nickerson, and Mary Remington. 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 7:01 p.m. No citizen comments were made.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Regular Meeting Minutes
December 8, 2014

III.

- A. Commissioner Megna moved and Commissioner Nickerson seconded approval of the minutes of the regular meeting held December 8, 2014 as presented. On voice vote, all voted 'aye'. Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Kayla's Krew playground project status update.

IV.

- A. Shelly Runte appeared before the Parks Commission to present information regarding proposed designs for the all-accessible and all-inclusive playground layout. Discussion only regarding Kayla's Krew playground project status update. No action needed, none taken.

Common Council December 2, 2014 direction to the Commission to review the Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (CORP) upon citizens' request 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.

- B. Franklin Public School Superintendent Dr. Steve Patz spoke and stated the Franklin Public Schools did not have any available land at the present time or the current financial means to help with this request because of the demands associated with the large renovation and expansion projects currently underway by the district. Dr. Patz indicated that the school district would be willing to participate in grant applications to help fund the process 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.

Motion by Commissioner Nickerson, seconded by Commissioner Megna, to table the review of the request for the City to locate, design and build tennis courts in a single cluster layout within a City park until more information becomes available. On voice vote, Commissioners Remington, Nickerson, Megna, Pautz and Bartoszek voted 'aye'. Alderwoman Wilhelm voted 'no'. Motion carried (5-1).

Parks maintenance report.

- C. Superintendent of Public Works Schaefer presented the Parks maintenance report and indicated there had been unauthorized use of the outfield area at Lion's Legend

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Park I for some type of ball games. Some boundary lines had been painted on the grass and some temporary markers installed in the field which are now frozen in the ground. Damage to the grass turf has occurred as a result of this use. Discussion ensued as to whether this use should require a permit due to potential conflicts with other activities and the damage caused. Additional information regarding this use needs to be obtained from the parties involved before proceeding with any further action.

Mr. Schaefer discussed the removal of dead ash trees on the southern boundary at Franklin Woods Special Park. This project is being done in conjunction with Wisconsin Energy Corp. because some of the dead trees affect their power lines. Work is being performed in winter when the ground is frozen to minimize the impact to the land.

Mr. Schaefer also requested consideration and guidance regarding winter plowing of the paved Pleasant View Walking Trail. The paved walking trails are being routinely plowed by the maintenance department. He indicated that existing grass paths that run throughout the area are being used by cross country ski and snow shoe enthusiasts. Snow has been placed over previously plowed paved paths in at least five places to ease crossing by skiers using the grass paths. A discussion followed regarding the conflicting uses of the trails by persons using the paved paths to walk and skiers who are covering those paths with snow to cross over and connect to their grass trail routes. It was decided to keep plowing the paved paths and attempt to contact the individual(s) responsible for covering the paved path with snow to ask them to stop that practice.

NEW BUSINESS

Common Council December 16, 2014 direction to the Commission to determine possible locations, development costs and operational costs for a dog park and return data along with a recommendation to the Common Council by February 17, 2015.

Common Council direction to the Commission to review and recommend upon suggested data provisions changes provided by Alderwoman Wilhelm as they pertain to environmental matters as well as existing and planned developments, and Alderwoman

V.

- A. Motion by Commissioner Bartoszek to recommend to the Common Council the Parks Commission's support of the concept of reviewing the feasibility of adding a dog park as a defined community need to the Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan: 2030. Seconded by Commissioner Remington. On voice vote, Alderwoman Wilhelm and Commissioners Remington, Pautz and Bartoszek voted 'aye'. Commissioners Nickerson and Megna voted 'no'. Motion carried (4-2).
- B. Motion by Commissioner Remington to recommend to the Common Council to make the following revisions to the Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan: 2030 (CORP): (a.) Change the number of tennis courts in the proposed Southwest Park mentioned on page 28 of Chapter 7 from 4 to 8 and the number of acres required from 1.28 to 2.56 to be consistent with page 22 of Chapter 9; (b.) Add 2 mini-tennis courts to the 8 tennis courts already proposed in

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Evans as they pertain to current facts and provisions related to schools, and the addition of a pedestrian trail/sidewalk in the St. Martins Road area, for inclusion in the Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan: 2030.

Southwest Park; and (c.) Incorporate edit changes proposed by Alderwoman Wilhelm and Alderwoman Evans, with input from the Franklin School District. Seconded by Alderwoman Wilhelm. On voice vote, all voted 'aye'. Motion carried.

Motion by Commissioner Bartoszek to recommend the Common Council modify the CORP to allow for a change that incorporates the addition of pedestrian trails associated with the St. Martins Road project into the previous approval for a trail associated with the S. North Cape Road project. 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, February 9, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

VII. Commissioner Nickerson moved and Commissioner Megna seconded to adjourn the Parks Commission meeting of January 12, 2015 at 9:02 p.m. All voted 'aye', motion carried.