

CITY OF FRANKLIN
PARKS COMMISSION MEETING
MINUTES
March 14, 2011

Approved
April 11, 2011

CALL TO ORDER

- I. Chairman Pautz called the March 14, 2011 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, Alderman Solomon and Commissioners Dorsan, Megna, and Nickerson. Excused was Commissioner Bartoszek.

Superintendent of Public Works Schaefer and Planner II Sumwalt were also present.

CITIZEN COMMENT PERIOD

- II. The citizen comment period was opened at 7:01 p.m. and closed at 7:01 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

February 7, 2011

- III.
A. Commissioner Nickerson moved and Commissioner Dorsan seconded approval of the minutes of the regular meeting held February 7, 2011 as presented. All voted 'aye'; motion carried.

Motion by Alderman Solomon, seconded by Commissioner Megna, to take Item V.A. out of order. All voted 'aye', motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

Access to Pleasant View Neighborhood Park

- IV.
A. Commissioner Nickerson moved and Commissioner Megna seconded to request Alderman Solomon to work with staff on a presentation to Common Council of the Parks Commission's desire to move forward as quickly as possible to acquire the necessary access to Pleasant View Neighborhood Park so the City can move forward with plans for the development of the park. On voice vote Alderman Solomon and Commissioners Megna and Nickerson voted 'aye'; Commissioner Dorsan voted 'no'. Motion carried (3-1).

Friends of Franklin Parks Update

- B. Commissioner Dorsan presented the report from the Friends of Franklin Parks and indicated that birdhouses would be installed at Lake Ernie and Franklin Woods with the number of houses installed dependant on the number of volunteers. The Friends of Franklin Parks are planning on removing garlic mustard from the Franklin Woods in Spring, and buckthorn removal in the Fall of 2011. No action needed, none taken.

Franklin Trails Committee Update

- C. Franklin Trails Committee Chairman Dave Fowler informed Parks Commissioners that a meeting for April 12, 2011 had been tentatively scheduled at Pleasant View Elementary School to discuss access and the Safe Routes to School grant. No action needed, none taken.

Parks Maintenance Report

- D. Superintendent Schaefer presented the Parks maintenance report.

NEW BUSINESS

Eagle Scout Gazebo Proposal in Ken Windl Park

- V.
A. Scott Skowronski presented plans to the Parks Commission for construction of a gazebo in Ken Windl Park, located at 11615 West Rawson Avenue, as his Eagle Scout project.

Alderman Solomon moved, and Commissioner Megna seconded, approval of the gazebo in Ken Windl Park as presented, subject to Scott Skowronski working with the Department of Public Works on site grading and obtaining the proper approvals from the Building Inspection Department. All voted 'aye', motion carried.

Use of tennis courts at Lions Legend Park by Franklin High School and Franklin Community Education and Recreation Department in 2011

- B. Commissioner Nickerson moved to approve the requests for use of three Lions Legend park tennis courts by Franklin High School for a tennis camp, from June 20, 2011 through June 23, 2011 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.; and by the Franklin Community Education and Recreation Department for tennis lessons, from July 11, 2011 through July 21, 2011, July 25, 2011 through August 4, 2011, and August 8, 2011 through August 18, 2011, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:20 p.m. as requested, and directed staff to draft a letter to the Franklin School District congratulating them on the success of their program, encouraging their support for future cooperative efforts in development of additional tennis court facilities, and to explain that the Parks Commission cannot guarantee this arrangement will be available in future years. Seconded by Alderman Solomon. On voice vote, Alderman Solomon, and Commissioners Megna and Nickerson voted 'aye', Commissioner Dorsan voted 'no'. Motion carried (3-1).

NEXT MEETING DATE

- VI.** The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Parks Commission is April 11, 2011 at 7:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

- VII.** Commissioner Nickerson moved and Alderman Solomon seconded to adjourn the Parks Commission meeting at 8:05 p.m. All voted 'aye', motion carried.