

CITY OF FRANKLIN
PARKS COMMISSION MEETING
MINUTES
OCTOBER 11, 2014

Approved
November 10, 2014

CALL TO ORDER

- I.** Chairman Dave Pautz called the Special Parks Tour Meeting of the Parks Commission to order at 9:05 a.m. at the Vernon Barg Pavilion at Lion's Legend Park II, 8717 West Drexel Avenue.

Present were Chairman Pautz, Commissioners James Bartoszek, Anthony Megna, Philip Nickerson, and Alderwoman Kristen Wilhelm. Superintendent of Public Works Jerry Schaefer and Planner II Orrin Sumwalt were also present. Commissioner Mary Remington joined the tour at 10:50 a.m. at Victory Creek Special Park.

Commissioner Philip Nickerson and City Planner Orrin Sumwalt left the meeting at 11:10 a.m. at Jack Workman Park.

CITIZEN COMMENT PERIOD

- II.** The citizen comment period was opened at 9:05 a.m.

Three citizens made comments regarding the need for a cluster of five to eight tennis courts to accommodate the Franklin High School tennis team for practice and tournaments. Comments were offered by Ruzica Bartoshevich (8324 S. 68th Street), John Brandes (7544 S. Kensington Way), and Michael Wesley (8013 S. 61st St). A list of tennis facilities available in neighboring cities was presented as well as copies of sections of the Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan that address the need for additional tennis courts in Franklin.

Perry Rossa (3851 W College Ave) commented that there are many opportunities to obtain grant funding for parks projects and encouraged the commission to explore any and all grants for acquisition and restoration of open space.

No further citizens were present to make comments and the citizens comment period concluded at 9:20 a.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES
Regular Meeting Minutes of
September 8, 2014

- III.**
A. Commissioner Megna moved and Commissioner Bartoszek seconded approval of the minutes of the regular meeting held September 8, 2014. The motion carried unanimously on a voice vote.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Parks Maintenance Report

NEW BUSINESS

Presentation by Susanne Moesch of Miller & Associates-Sauk Prairie, Inc. regarding outdoor fitness equipment from Tri-Active America for potential City purchase and installation at Ernie Lake special Park, as recommended by the 2025 CORP and outlined in the City's 2014 adopted budget.

PARKS TOUR

Lions Legend Park II
8717 West Drexel Avenue

Lions Legend Park
8050 South Legend Drive

IV.

A. Superintendent of Public Works Jerry Schaefer discussed vandalism in the form of graffiti that was occurring in the parks. Parks maintenance personnel file a police report whenever graffiti is noticed.

V.

A. Susanne Moesch of Miller & Associates–Sauk Prairie, Inc. presented the Commission brochures of fitness equipment available for outdoor use as well as recommendations for specific pieces that could be placed inside of Ernie Lake Special Park, located at 8000 South Chapel Hill Drive.

No action was taken.

VI.

A. Superintendent of Public Works Schaefer indicated where he would place a new play structure intended for use by children 2- 5 years of age.

Superintendent Schaefer asked the commission members to inspect a homemade Aldo-Leopold style bench that had been removed from the Victory Creek Special Park. The bench did not meet Park Commission standards and will be replaced. A special dedication inscribed on the back rest will be retained and incorporated into the replacement bench.

B. Superintendent Schaefer presented three possible brick selections for the new façade of the pavilion. He also recommended extending the height of the brick material to just below the level of the existing windows.

Motion by Commissioner Nickerson and second by Commissioner Megna to use Brampton Ripley brick on the pavilion and to extend the height of the brick material as recommended by Superintendent Schaefer. Motion was unanimously approved on a voice vote.

Superintendent Schaefer also proposed a revision to the food service counter. Instead of enclosing the counter behind folding doors, he proposed an open stainless steel counter with a sink on one end that would be secured when not in use.

Item VI. B. (continued)

Motion by Commissioner Bartoszek to approve the revised counter layout as discussed. Second by Commissioner Nickerson. Motion was unanimously carried by voice vote.

Victory Creek Special Park
East of Pleasant View Park

- C. The commissioners inspected the new bridge over Victory Creek that provides access to the walking path in the park. The surface of the bridge may need to be seal coated.

The cut grass path used for cross country running was inspected. Future maintenance of the path, which is currently done by private individuals, was also discussed.

Alderwoman Wilhelm noticed that noxious weeds and invasive species were growing on the land. She indicated the use of controlled burns in designated sections may help to restore the land to its native condition.

Pleasant View Park
47th & Evergreen St (Approx.)

- D. Access was obtained via the new road bed extension of Evergreen Court. Concrete curbs and sewers have been installed as well as the roundabout inside the park boundaries.

Grading of the parking lots, ball fields, and play areas has been completed. Paving was beginning for two tennis courts.

Jack Workman Park
3674 West Forest Hill Avenue

- E. Reviewed repairs done to remove graffiti from the play structure. It was noted that new graffiti had been recently added to the structure.

An inspection of the bridge over the drainage swale indicated that a section of the top rail needs to be replaced.

Franklin Woods
3723 West Puetz Road

- F. No comments regarding the condition of the park.

Ernie Lake Special Park
8000 South Chapel Hill Drive

- G. Reviewed potential sites for fitness stations. Discussion was held whether to group the equipment in one area or place it throughout the park. A final determination of placement will be made at the next Parks Commission meeting.

Ken Windl Park
11615 West Rawson Avenue

H. No comments made regarding the condition of the park.

Potential future land acquisitions
for public park purposes.

I. Discussion regarding future land acquisition was tabled until the next Parks Commission meeting.

ADJOURNMENT
(At Ken Windl Park)

VII. Commissioner James Bartoszek moved to adjourn the meeting at 12:10 p.m. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Anthony Megna and carried unanimously by voice vote.