

**CITY OF FRANKLIN
PARKS COMMISSION
SPECIAL PARKS TOUR MEETING
MINUTES
October 10, 2015**

Approved
November 9, 2015

CALL TO ORDER

- I. Chairman Dave Pautz called the October 10, 2015 special parks tour meeting of the Parks Commission to order at 9:06 a.m. at the pavilion in Lion's Legend Park, 8050 South Legend Drive, Franklin, Wisconsin.

Present were Chairman Pautz and Commissioners James Bartoszek, Anthony Megna, Philip Nickerson, and Alderwoman Susanne Mayer. Commissioner Mary Remington was excused. Superintendent of Public Works Jerry Schaefer was also present.

NEW BUSINESS

Tour and inspection of amenities at Lions Legend Park, 8050 Legend Drive.

II.

- A. • Inspected new brick façade and new stainless steel service counter.
• New footing and cement were poured to support the new columns for supporting the roof over the seating area.
• Flush valves will be installed on the bathroom fixtures to replace the obsolete drip tanks currently in use.

Tour and discussion of improvements at Pleasant View Park, 4620 West Evergreen Street.

- B. • Striping for Pickle Ball courts have been installed on one of the courts.
• Discussed the current use of informally cut trails. These trails are not being cut or maintained by the Department of Public Works, but rather by private citizens on their own initiative. It was mentioned that continuing this practice may give rise to unanticipated liability concerns. Also the trails are being laid out without regard to any special natural or other protected features within the park.
• The need to add another exit to parking lot when the adjacent parcel to the west is developed was also discussed.

Tour and inspection of improvements made at Kayla's Playground located at Franklin Woods Special Park, 3723 West Puetz Road.

- C. • The playground structures and landscaping are all in place.
• The footing and piping for the permanent restroom facilities are in place. Awaiting delivery of the pre-fabricated structure that will complete this amenity.
• The parking area has been expanded, however the new area needs to be paved.

Discussion and review of undeveloped land located near Milwaukee County Franklin Park, 10400 West Oakwood Road.

- D. • A discussion was held regarding the need for a new community park for the City of Franklin. Ideally the new park could leverage some of the features of Franklin Park.

Tour and inspection of Ken Windl Park and The Franklin Bike & Hike Trail located at 11615 West Rawson Avenue.

- E. • The Bike & Hike trail has now been paved to St. Martins Road. Plans are for it to eventually connect with the Muskego Bike Trail.
- The sidewalk access from the corner of Rawson Avenue and North Cape road has been repaved.
- Pickle court striping has been added to the tennis courts.

Potential future land acquisition for public park purposes.

- F. More detailed maps will be needed to determine the size, current uses, and availability of parcels in the southwest quadrant of the city that could meet the needs required for a new community park.

ADJOURNMENT

- III.** Commissioner Nickerson moved and Commissioner Megna seconded to adjourn the Special Parks Commission meeting of October 10, 2015 at 11:35 a.m. All voted ‘aye’, motion carried.