



CITY COUNCIL PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE

Wednesday, March 12, 2025 at 4:00 PM

1 Benjamin Franklin Way Franklin, Ohio 45005

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CLERK'S JOURNAL

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Ruppert called the meeting to order at 4:01pm.

2. ROLL CALL

PRESENT

Chair Paul Ruppert

Brent Centers

Matt Wilcher

Staff: Mr. Westendorf, Ms. Steed, Mr. Inman, Mr. Miller, Ms. Trice, and Ms. Dunn.

There were two guests in attendance.

3. APPROVE THE CLERK'S JOURNAL AND ACCEPT THE TAPES AS THE OFFICIAL MINUTES

A. August 15, 2024

Motion made by Wilcher, Seconded by Centers.

Voting Yea: Chair Ruppert, Centers, Wilcher

Motion passed.

4. NEW BUSINESS

A. Discussion to consider Use Agreement with Franklin City Schools and Franklin Pee Wee Association regarding Athletic Fields

Brad Childers with Franklin City Schools and Todd Leach with Franklin Pee Wee Association requested the City to demolish the existing press box at the pee wee football fields. They do not use the goal posts, but do not need them to come down for their intended purpose. The schools would like to practice on these fields Monday - Thursday, 3:00 - 6:00pm starting July 1. The Pee Wee Football Association would like to use the fields Monday - Thursday, from 6:00pm until dark, starting mid-July. Pee Wee would also like to continue use of the fields at Dial Park for practice as well.

The Pee Wee Association would like to keep the concession stand at the fields for storage.

Mr. Inman would like to remove the sprinkler system if it's no longer needed.

Mayor Centers proposed starting with a two-year agreement with renewal options after two-years. He asked for the City's legal team to draft an agreement.

Motion to recommend an agreement to Council made by Centers, Seconded by Wilcher.
Voting Yea: Chair Ruppert, Centers, Wilcher
Motion passed.

Mr. Inman showed the committee a rendering of the basketball courts and gave an update on construction at the spray park.

Mr. Westendorf reported that the concrete at the Spray Park has become more complicated and the full walking path will be on hold as we wait on the results of a grant application. Staff will bring a request to Council for \$30,000 for security cameras at Dial Park. This will include updates to connect Dial and Community Park to the park building on 6th Street.

5. ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Centers, Seconded by Wilcher.
Voting Yea: Chair Ruppert, Centers, Wilcher
Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 4:40pm.

Paul Ruppert, Chair