MINUTES
BLOOMINGTON PLANNING COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24, 2019 4:00 P.M.
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL
109 EAST OLIVE STREET
BLOOMINGTON, ILLINOIS

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mr. David Stanczak; Mr. John Protzman; Ms. Megan Headean; Mr. Mark Muehleck; Mr. Thomas Kreiger; Ms. Megan McCann; Chairman Justin Boyd

MEMBERS ABSENT: Mr. Kevin Seuss; Mr. Eric Penn; Mr. Tyson Mohr

OTHERS PRESENT: Ms. Katie Simpson, City Planner; Mr. George Boyle, Assistant Corporate Council; Mr. Jay Tetzloff, Parks, Recreation & Cultural Arts Director and Zoo Director; Mr. Eric Veal, Assistant Director of the Parks, Recreation & Cultural Arts Department.

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Boyd called the meeting to order at 4:00 PM. Ms. Simpson called roll. With seven members present, a quorum was established.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

MINUTES: The Commission reviewed the minutes from the February 13, 2019 regular meeting. Mr. Krieger motioned to approve the minutes as presented; Mr. Muehleck seconded the motion. The minutes were approved by voice vote 7-0.

REGULAR AGENDA

Mr. Jay Teztloff, Director of the Parks, Recreation & Cultural Arts Department and Zoo Director provided a brief presentation on the recently adopted *Comprehensive Parks & Recreation Master Plan,* prepared by GreenPlay, LLC. Mr. Teztloff shared a plan presented to City Council on January 22, 2019. He discussed the planning process and methodology, the outreach results, the general recommendations and specific recommendations for maintenance. Mr. Tetzloff explained the GRASP analysis, performed by GreenPlay LLC, which shows the city is below average for levels of service per acre/population per acre. The Plan recommends focusing on increasing the level of service within parks. The Plan focused on the need for renovating existing parks to meet the needs and demographics of the neighborhoods. It recommended the addition of dog parks, spraygrounds, fitness stations, and pickleball courts. According to the Plan the City should have 10 acres of developed parkland per 1000 people, but the City is deficient and has 6 acres of developed parkland per 1000 people. Chairman Boyd requested clarification on this. Mr. Tetzlolff noted the City has 39 developed parks, approximately 983 acres. He stated the City owns other land reserved for parks but is lacking the funds to develop the park. MR. Tetzloff highlighted ongoing projects including the Tree Replacement Program, Route 66 Trail Extension, additional canoe and kayak launches, and new programming. He discussed the need to improve the Lincoln Leisure Center and O'Neil Pool, a 10 million dollar project. The Commission discussed in further detail the O'Neil plans. Mr. Tetzloff answered a few questions

from the Commission and closed identified future areas of study such as individual maintenance plans for each park as well as further planning for the BCPA and Pepsi Ice Center.

OLD BUSINESS: none.

NEW BUSINESS: Chairman Boyd asked when elections would occur. Ms. Simpson stated the Commission would hold elections at the first meeting in May and the new Chair would take office the first meeting in June.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 4:30 by voice vote, motioned by Ms. Hadean and seconded by Mr. Protzman.

Respectfully submitted,
Katie Simpson
City Planner