

City of Franklin
Parks & Recreation Committee
December 22nd, 2022 Meeting Minutes

Present: Councilor Jay Chandler, Councilor George Dzjuna and Parks and Recreation Director Krystal Alpers

The meeting was called to order at 9:01am.

Acceptance of the minutes from the last meeting was postponed to the next meeting as there was not a quorum.

Director Alpers reviewed program numbers. There are currently 141 children signed up for basketball, 152 students in the after school program with an average of 100-115 attending daily. The no school days/teacher workshop days have about 50-60 students. The December break has 55 students signed up. Snow days will be done a little different where parents have to register and we will post space based on staff that can commit to coming in. We currently have 18 students on the waitlist. Councilor Dzjuna asked about staffing. Staffing is getting better but we need staff from 2pm-3pm as most can't get here until 3pm. If we can get another staff or two that can come in at 2pm we could pull the entire waitlist in. Director Alpers explained staffing is great right now as the college kids are home for break. Otherwise it is pretty tight but has improved.

Director Alpers also explained the parent issues that we have had do continue. The one family that was of issue seems to be better at the moment but we have another family that has received a warning in the way they are treating the staff.

Director Alpers explained the current credit card processing rate is 2.5%. Currently, the processing fee is coming out of the revolving fund. Director Alpers would like to incorporate this fee into the registration fee to families. Additionally, Director Alpers is looking into doing a different processing fee. It is currently 2.5% across the board on all transactions. However, each credit card company charges a different fee. The other processing fee option is based off of the actual credit card type opposed to a set rate across the board. If most of the transactions are Visa or Mastercard then it is better to do it based off of the credit card type as this rate is lower. However, if the transactions are from American Express or Discover it is better to lock in a set rate across the board. In reviewing the transaction over the past few years, the majority are from Visa and Mastercard so transitioning to the processing fee by type of card will be more economical.

Director Alpers stated that for the most part the budget will stay the same. Director Alpers proposed budget will include \$1 increase again for staff wages in an effort to get funding closer to what is being paid with grant funding. Additionally, Alpers plans to include a City truck in the budget that has been in the CIP for many years.

Director Alpers explained the new plan for the Mentoring Grant. Mentoring will be done in a group setting with the K-3rd grade right as they arrive off the bus. Outside mentors will come and implement

various programming centered around self care and wellness. Councilor Chandler explained a possible STEM program through the Civil Air Patrol.

Councilor Dzjuna made a motion to adjourn seconded by Councilor Chandler.

Meeting Dates:

March 23rd, 2022 at 10am

June 22nd, 2022 at 10am

Respectfully Submitted,

Krystal Alpers

Parks and Recreation Director