

City of Franklin
Parks & Recreation Committee
June 23rd, 2022 Meeting Minutes

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

The meeting was called to order at 10:02am.

Councilor Dzjuna made a motion to accept the March 30th, 2022 minutes, seconded by Councilor Blake. Motion passed.

Director Alpers discussed with the committee about the need for an additional person in Buildings and Grounds Department that is specifically for the parks. That would alleviate a lot from the Buildings and Grounds Department and the Parks and Recreation Department. This person would be responsible for the mowing of all the ballfields and city parks, assist with lining the fields for the different sporting events, dragging the fields for sporting events, and various other tasks. Then Buildings and Grounds could focus on more city related grounds and the buildings and the Parks and Recreation Department would have someone to assist with the various seasonal field preparation.

Director Alpers explained to the committee that for the most part hiring of staff for the summer program has gone well however she's having a very hard time finding someone to do the Beach Supervisor position. She's hoping to find somebody to at least clean up trash and stay on top of the goose poop, but she will likely not be able to find somebody to be there daily to administer parking passes.

Director Alpers is excited to announce that she did get the 21st Century Grant. This will assist with staff wages, academic support in the afterschool program and various enrichment opportunities for the students in the before, after and summer program. This will be \$330,000 per year for 3 years with the ability for funding for two additional years should the assessments go well with the DOE in the first 3 years.

Director Alpers explained to the committee that the department is still without a city vehicle. A vehicle for her department is very much needed, however she is currently relying on her personal vehicle which is not fair. The wear and tear that is being put on the personal vehicle is concerning.

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

Meeting Dates:
December 22nd, 2022 at 10am
March 23rd, 2022 at 10am

Respectfully Submitted,

Krystal Alpers
Parks and Recreation Director