



AGENDA

City of Bloomington Board of Park Commissioners
Work Session: Thursday July 27, 2023 1:45pm – 3pm

City Hall
Hooker Conference Room #245

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CALL TO ORDER - ROLL CALL

A-1. WORK SESSION AGENDA

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| a. Use of Structures on Parks Properties | (Paula McDevitt) |
| b. Incident Reports – Data Review | (Tim Street) |
| c. Draft policy | (Paula McDevitt) |
| d. Schedule special Park Board meeting | (Paula McDevitt) |

ADJOURNMENT

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STAFF REPORT

Agenda Item: A-1
Date: 7-23-2023

Administrator
Review\Approval
PM

TO: Board of Park Commissioners
FROM: Paula McDevitt, Administrator
DATE: July 23, 2023
SUBJECT: POLICY DISCUSSION "USE OF STRUCTURES IN PARKS"

Background

The parks, properties, and facilities under the authority of the Board of Park Commissioners and Bloomington Parks and Recreation Department are intended for the recreational use and enjoyment for all people in the community. The Department is responsible for maintaining parks, facilities, trails and program spaces throughout the park system.

Individuals have erected and occupied camping structures and makeshift enclosures at Park locations, prohibiting the use and enjoyment of these spaces by the whole community. These structures are often used in violation of the Special Use Policy (overnight 11pm – 5am). Camping structures and makeshift enclosures have become a serious public health risk and safety issue due to vandalism, illegal activity, and the accumulation of abandoned property and garbage.

The Parks and Recreation Department operates under policies approved by the Board of Park Commissioners. The Board of Park Commissioners have the authority to set policies to support the mission and goals of the Department. Pursuant to Indiana statute 36-10-4-9 "The board has exclusive control of all property within the district used for park purposes," and the Board may "make rules not in conflict with statutes or the ordinances of the city for the management of the property under its control."

Staff plans to discuss this issue and a proposed policy with the Board of Park Commissioner at the July 27, 2023 work session.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Paula McDevitt".

Paula McDevitt, Administrator