

## **LENEXA PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD**

### **MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 10, 2018 PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD MEETING LENEXA REC CENTER, 17201 W. 87 STREET PARKWAY, LENEXA, KS**

The meeting was called to order at 5:31 p.m. by Chairperson Mike Rzeszut.

Parks and Recreation Advisory Board members present: Craig Denny, Gary Ewing, Jeff Mark, Diane Schmidt, Aivars Sics, Pat Thomas, Kelly Tines and Brooke Wurdack.

Staff members present: Gary Ristow, Parks and Recreation Director; Logan Wagler, Deputy Director of Parks and Recreation; Lindsay Hart, Recreation Superintendent; Danny Huntsinger, Parks Superintendent; and Cheryl Doleshal, Parks and Recreation Administrative Assistant.

Mr. Todd Pelham, Deputy City Administrator, was also in attendance.

#### **BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR**

None

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Motion for approval of the November 8, 2017 minutes was made by Mr. Mark, seconded by Mr. Sics, and approved 8-0.**

#### **ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

**Motion for approval of the adoption of the agenda was made by Mr. Denny, seconded by Mr. Ewing, and approved 8-0.**

#### **WELCOME NEW MEMBER – BROOKE WURDACK**

Mr. Rzeszut welcomed new board member Brooke Wurdack. Ms. Wurdack shared some information about herself to the group. She studied to become a park ranger in Colorado and has an extensive background in recreation. She is looking forward to being a member of the board.

Everyone on the board introduced themselves and welcomed Ms. Wurdack.

## **SKPT PARK NEW PAVILION NAME DISCUSSION**

Mr. Wagler covered the memo and Naming Public Property Policy that was distributed to the Board. The new pavilion at Sar-Ko-Par Trails Park will be available to reserve beginning May 1. Staff feels a name should be established for the new shelter. The shelter has been referred to as "The Pavilion" throughout the project. Staff is requesting the P & R Advisory Board consider a recommendation to the Governing Body with the name "The Pavilion" for the new large-capacity shelter at Sar-Ko-Par Trails Park.

Several Park Board members felt a more appropriate name should be considered. Some of the names suggested were: Sar-Ko-Par Trails Park Pavilion, Outlook Pavilion, Grand Pavilion, Overview Pavilion and People's Pavilion. Since there was no consensus met, Mr. Denny suggested they table the discussion until next month and see if any name rises to the top. Mr. Ristow asked them to send any name suggestions to Cheryl Doleshal and she will compile the list and share with the group.

Ms. Schmidt arrived at 5:50 p.m. to the meeting.

## **REPORTS TO THE BOARD**

### **Members' Reports**

Craig Denny – Mr. Denny stated the lights at Sar-Ko-Par Trails Park this season are beautiful. Everyone agreed.

Gary Ewing – Mr. Ewing seconded Mr. Denny's statement about the city's holiday lights. He said the lighting that has been added this year around the Civic Campus is amazing.

Kelly Tines – Ms. Tines inquired if the portable ice rink has been set up this year on the tennis courts at Bois D'Arc Park. Mr. Huntsinger said hopefully with next week's predicted cold temperatures it will be ready for use.

Aivars Sics – Mr. Sics offered his compliments to city staff on all the bright white lights on display around the Civic Campus. He asked when all the Gateway signs are planned to be replaced. Mr. Wagler said currently there is no dedicated funding for that project. He said usually when new roads are being constructed the signs might be included with those projects.

Diane Schmidt – Ms. Schmidt commented about some of the views into the Public Market leased spaces. Some concerns are kitchens, storage areas, mechanical spaces, etc. Mr. Pelham said they plan to place glazing film with Public Market branding on the windows so people passing by are not able to see in.

Jeff Mark – Mr. Mark said his children are enrolled in swimming lessons here at the Rec Center. He passed along his compliments to the instructors for their poise in working with young kids.

Mike Rzeszut – Mr. Rzeszut reported he has unofficially deemed himself “track marshal” of the Rec Center. He is teaching members track etiquette.

### **Director’s Report**

Mr. Ristow reported the following:

- The city will have a complete street study underway soon. The study will cover transportation needs.
- The ETC Citizen’s Survey results will be released soon. They will be presented at the January 16 City Council meeting. As soon as they are available they will be shared with the Park Board. The P & R department received high marks.
- The State of the City luncheon is scheduled for Wednesday, February 21 at the Hyatt Place, Lenexa Conference Center.
- Two new public art pieces are being purchased. *Splash*, by artist Shan Shan Sheng will be installed at the south entrance of the Rec Center and *Body Politic*, by artist Joe O’Connell (two spheres) will be placed outside the Commons west entrance.

The October – December 2017 Lenexa Parks and Recreation Quarterly newsletter was handed out. Mr. Ristow stated the Rec Center year-to-date membership numbers listed have been very strong.

Mr. Rzeszut asked if Mr. Pelham would give the Board an update on the construction going on around the area.

Mr. Pelham gave an update of the following:

- JE Dunn has begun work on the state-of-the-art aquatic facility for the Shawnee Mission School District. The facility will also have a 200 car parking lot.
- Construction has begun on a new signature two story Johnson County Library. The project will take 12-14 months for completion.
- Within the next few weeks a restaurant row of 5 at 87<sup>th</sup> & Renner will be announced.
- The Public Market continues to attract new businesses. Mad Man’s BBQ opens full time beginning this Friday.

### **Recreation Report**

Ms. Hart reported the following:

- Jenny Doty, Recreation Supervisor, is preparing for the first season of the Farmers’ Market which will be operating April through October.

- The Lenexa Rec Center has been very busy during the last several weeks. Current numbers show 2,585 membership units have been sold. This is well above the proposed goal.
- Lauren Ozburn resigned from her aquatics supervisor position in late November. Dan Seutter is scheduled to begin Monday, February 12.
- About 1,000 people attended the Sar-Ko Aglow event in early December.
- Cupid's Gems Jewelry Show is Saturday, February 3 at the Thompson Barn.
- This summer the Rec Center will offer summer long day camp for kids. Registration begins January 18.

### **Parks Report**

Mr. Huntsinger reported the following:

- The holiday lights will be turned off on Monday. Staff has begun taking down some of the lights in Old Town.
- Staff will be finishing the landscaping at Sar-Ko-Par Trails Park pavilion. The seeding and sodding will be completed soon. Improvements have been completed on the 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Shelter.
- ROW annual tree trimming program kicks off next week.
- All trees have been trimmed and the underbrush cleaned up along the trail system.
- New seeds, plantings and trees are being planted at the poly house and nursery.
- Irrigation and landscaping are being installed on several roundabouts.
- Staff is cleaning and servicing equipment to prepare for the spring.

### **Project Report**

Mr. Wagler reported the following:

- Construction is nearly complete at the Sar-Ko-Par Trails Park pavilion. Remaining items include stone veneer columns, electrical hook-up, final grading, seeding, sodding and landscaping. On May 1, reservations will begin for the large pavilion.
- The Renner mixed-use trail project and Lackman mixed-use trail projects are moving along.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Mr. Denny, seconded by Mr. Thomas, and approved 9-0.**

Meeting adjourned at 6:54 p.m.

Cheryl Doleshal, Recording Secretary