

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

### **MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 14, 2018 PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD MEETING LENEXA REC CENTER, 17201 W. 87 STREET PARKWAY, LENEXA, KS**

The meeting was called to order at 5:32 p.m. by Chairperson Mike Rzeszut.

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

Parks and Recreation Advisory Board members absent: Pat Thomas and Kelly Tines.

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; Colin Hurd, Rec Center Front Desk Attendant; and Cheryl Doleshal, Parks and Recreation Administrative Assistant.

### **BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR**

Mr. Rzeszut welcomed City Council member Bill Nicks. Mr. Nicks said he wanted to attend tonight's Parks and Recreation Advisory Board meeting to meet the members of the Board. Mr. Nicks held the Parks and Recreation Director position for 29 years before retiring in April, 2008. In January he began serving his elected position on the City Council. Mr. Nicks thanked the Board for serving and told them they are a vital part of the Parks & Recreation Department.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Motion for approval of the January 10, 2018 minutes was made by Mr. Denny, seconded by Mr. Ewing, and approved 7-0.**

### **ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

**Motion for approval of the adoption of the agenda was made by Mr. Mark, seconded by Mr. Denny and approved 7-0.**

### **PARKS & RECREATION STAFF UPDATE – COLIN HURD (INTERNSHIP / ON THE JOB TRAINING)**

Mr. Ristow introduced Colin Hurd. Mr. Hurd was an intern last year and currently works for the department part-time. Mr. Hurd shared a little background

information about himself and why he wanted to work his internship at Lenexa. He said he was most excited about the opening of the new Rec Center. He listed the many programs, activities and festivals he assisted with. He thanked Jenny Doty who oversaw his internship. He was very impressed with how she managed the program. He currently works the Rec Center Front Welcome Desk, helps with scheduling birthday parties and fills in as Manager on Duty when needed. Since the opening of the facility he has given many tours.

Ms. Schmidt thanked him for coming and sharing how the internship program and on-the-job training functions.

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

Mr. Ristow said at last month's meeting P & R staff suggested the new large pavilion at Sar-Ko-Par Trails Park be named "The Pavilion". The Board suggested a few names they thought might be appropriate. Mr. Rzeszut suggested they continue the discussion this month. Mr. Ristow gave a complete list of the submitted names. After a small discussion they agreed they like the name "Grand Pavilion".

**Motion to recommend the name "Grand Pavilion" for the new large pavilion at Sar-Ko-Par Trails Park was made by Mr. Denny, seconded by Mr. Ewing, and approved 7-0.**

## **REPORTS TO THE BOARD**

### **Members' Reports**

Aivars Sics – Mr. Sics said he is curious about the Farmers Market. Ms. Hart provided a brief update. The first day of business for the Farmers Market will be Saturday, April 21. The Market will be open on Saturday and Tuesday mornings from 8 a.m. – noon. Currently 11 vendors are confirmed. The parking garage has 18 stalls available for vendors. Jenny Doty has been working diligently to have everything ready for opening day.

Craig Denny – Mr. Denny had a few questions regarding his Silver Sneakers membership and how it correlates with his Lenexa Rec Center membership. Mr. Ristow advised him to contact the Rec Center Welcome Desk and they can answer all his questions and get his membership aligned with the Silver Sneakers program.

Gary Ewing – Mr. Ewing brought in the winter issue of JOCO, the Johnson County Government Magazine. The magazine has an article on the Lenexa City Center Library that is under construction.

Diane Schmidt – Ms. Schmidt inquired if the glazing has been completed on the Public Market windows along 87<sup>th</sup> Street Parkway. Mr. Ristow said the

Public Market graphics will be installed at a later date. She inquired if everyone saw the article in Money Magazine that says Lenexa is the best place to live in Kansas.

Brooke Wurdack – Ms. Wurdack asked if the department had any plans to add a community garden out west. She mentioned Buffalo Meadows as a possible location. Mr. Wagler suggested she contact Jenny Doty who oversees the community gardens.

Mike Rzeszut – Mr. Rzeszut shared he saw Mr. Huntsinger's picture in the new Town Talk that came out recently. Mr. Huntsinger stated the little boy on the front cover is also his son.

## **Director's Report**

### **Chair & Vice-Chairperson Elections (March Meeting)**

Mr. Ristow reported chair and vice-chair positions will be voted on at next month's meeting.

### **State of the City Luncheon – February 21**

Mr. Ristow stated the event is next Wednesday, February 21 at the Lenexa Conference Center at the Hyatt Place, 11:45 a.m. to 1 p.m. To register for the event, call the Lenexa Chamber of Commerce.

Mr. Ristow also reported the following:

- The ETC Direction Finder Survey results will be shared at the March Parks & Recreation Advisory Board meeting.
- Mayor Boehm will kick-off Vision 2040 at next week's State of the City address. Sean McLaughlin, Assistant City Attorney, and Logan Wagler, Deputy Director of Parks and Recreation, will co-chair the event.

Mr. Wagler said he is excited to get started. He hopes to have the plan finalized and ready to present to the Governing Body in about 12 months. A steering committee will be formed, a consultant hired and the task forces established.

## **Recreation Report**

Ms. Hart reported the following:

- Dan Seutter, Aquatics Supervisor, started on Monday. He will be invited to a meeting soon so the Board can meet him.
- Cupid's Gems Jewelry Show was held on Saturday, February 3 at the Thompson Barn. Estimated attendance was 500 – 600 people.
- Enrollment for spring break activities is moving along.

- The new full day licensed summer camps are almost full. The only week with openings is July 4. The camp accommodates 60 youth.
- Rec Center membership hit the 7,000 mark on Monday.

## **Parks Report**

Mr. Huntsinger reported the following:

- The last of the holiday lights were removed last week.
- Staff will be grading the area around the new pavilion at Sar-Ko-Par Trails Park.
- ROW annual tree trimming program is in full swing. Street trees are also being planted.
- Staff is busy cleaning and repairing picnic tables, servicing equipment and completing equipment safety training.
- Several small snow events have kept the parks division taxed this season. The added man hours to maintain the Civic Campus has been quite challenging.

## **Project Report**

Mr. Wagler handed out a list of the 2018 City of Lenexa CIP (Capital Improvement Projects). He went over the items associated with P & R.

Mr. Wagler also reported the following:

- The ESPN Game Day Bus will be parked in front of the Public Market tomorrow afternoon from 4 – 7 p.m. It is open to the public to visit.
- The Community Center / Senior Center study funding has been approved by the Community Development Block Grant.
- Work on the Aquatics Master Plan should begin soon. It will include both indoor and outdoor pools.
- The baby pool at Ad Astra Pool is being removed. It will be filled with a sodded berm area.

Mr. Rzeszut wanted to publicly thank Mayor Boehm for coming to his HOA (Oak Hill) meeting. He said the Mayor gave an outstanding presentation.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Mr. Denny, seconded by Mr. Mark, and approved 7-0.**

Meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

Cheryl Doleshal, Recording Secretary