

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

### **MINUTES OF THE MARCH 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, Jeff Mark, Diane Schmidt, Aivars Sics, Pat Thomas and Brooke Wurdack.

Parks and Recreation Advisory Board members absent: Gary Ewing and Kelly Tines.

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

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

None

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Motion for approval of the February 14, 2018 minutes was made by Mr. Denny, seconded by Mr. Mark and approved 7-0.**

#### **ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

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

#### **PARKS & RECREATION STAFF UPDATE – JENNY DOTY (FARMERS MARKET OVERVIEW)**

Mr. Ristow introduced Jenny Doty Recreation Supervisor. Ms. Doty reported the opening day for the new Lenexa Farmers Market is Saturday, April 21. The market will be open on Saturdays, April 21 – October 27 and Tuesdays, May 28 – August 28, 8 a.m. – noon. She shared the new logo which is similar to the Public Market logo. Currently there are 22 vendors confirmed for a total of 220 different products being offered. She stated there is a nice variety of quality vendors. Vendor booth availability is: 18 stalls under garage canopy; 2 – 10'x10' spaces for sponsors (season and daily sponsor); 1 – 10'x10' space for Artist of

the Market; 11 – 10'x10' vendor spaces in the area in front of the stage; and 2-3 spaces for food trucks. Activities offered at the Market include: Artist of the Market; music on the stage every Saturday from 9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.; Rec Center fitness demos; cooking demos in partnership with the Public Market; special food related days; and Parks & Recreation program demos. Lenexa is only one of two markets in Johnson County to provide these two services: SNAP - Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (formerly food stamps) and Double Up Food Bucks – Federal grant provided through the Farm Bill to double SNAP participants' dollars to purchase fruit and vegetables.

Ms. Doty encouraged the Board to stay involved by signing up to receive the Farmers Market e-newsletter, participating with the Facebook group and volunteering. Mr. Rzeszut said he is looking forward to seeing the Farmers Market up and running. He thanked Ms. Doty for the update.

### **ELECTION OF OFFICERS (CHAIR AND VICE CHAIRPERSON)**

Mr. Denny suggested Mr. Rzeszut and Mr. Mark continue as the Chair and Vice Chair of the Board. Everyone agreed and there was no other discussion.

**Motion for approval to have Mr. Rzeszut continue as Chairperson and Mr. Mark continue as Vice Chairperson was made by Mr. Denny, seconded by Mr. Thomas, and approved 7-0.**

Ms. Wurdack left the meeting at 6:05 p.m.

### **REPORTS TO THE BOARD**

#### **Members' Reports**

Diane Schmidt – Ms. Schmidt shared a resident's concern about drivers failing to stop for the crosswalks around the Civic Center Campus. Mr. Ristow indicated stop lights are planned in the future.

Jeff Mark – Mr. Mark inquired about prescribed burning of the native grass areas. Mr. Wagler said the City establishes a burn plan each year, but weather conditions play a huge factor regarding when burning can occur. Mr. Mark also wondered why so many large hay bales have been kept all winter long on several empty fields on Prairie Star Parkway just west of K-7.

Mike Rzeszut – Mr. Rzeszut said he noticed there were some "No Golfing" signs posted at Little Mill Creek North Park. Mr. Wagler said they often have people who practice golf shots on the open fields. Mr. Rzeszut also commented the new trail signs are nice. He will send them a photo of the sign. Staff will provide an update at the next meeting.

## **Director's Report**

### **Shan Shan Sheng Art Update**

Mr. Ristow reported the art contract with artist Shan Shan Sheng was approved at the March 6, 2018 City Council meeting. He anticipates her art piece, "Splash" could be installed by the end of the year. Progress on the piece, "Body Politic" by artist Joe O'Connell is moving along and should be installed by late summer.

### **Park Board Meeting Locations Change (April and May)**

Mr. Ristow stated the April and May meeting locations have changed. The April 11 meeting will now be held here at the Rec Center Conference Room (normal meeting location) and the May 9 meeting will be at Sar-Ko-Par Trails Park new pavilion.

### **SKPT Park Improvements Dedication (May 9)**

Mr. Ristow handed out a draft of the invitation for the pavilion dedication on May 9. The dedication of the pavilion and park improvements will begin at 5:30 p.m. followed by the Board meeting.

### **Kansas City BCycle**

Mr. Ristow shared the City plans to participate in Kanas City BCycle, BikeWalkKC's bike share program. Bike share is a self-service bike rental system designed for short trips between locations in a network of docking stations. The City has submitted a grant application which included 50 bikes and five docking locations. Locations include: City Center Campus; Black Hoof Park; Trail head at Little Mill Creek Park; Old Town Lenexa; and Sar-Ko-Par Trails Park.

### **Recreation Report**

Ms. Hart reported the following:

- The Lenexa Art Fair is Saturday, May 12. Details are being finalized.
- Great Lenexa BBQ Battle team registrations began on Monday. With the new pavilion and park improvements, some booth locations will be moved.
- The licensed summer camps are almost all full. Staff is finalizing permits, paperwork and hiring needed additional staff.
- Spring break activities are in full swing at the Rec Center. The pool, gym and kid zone are busy at the facility.

## **Parks Report**

Mr. Wagler reported the following:

- Spring is here and the crews are very busy.
- Staff is removing the baby pool at Ad Astra, repairing pool leaks and beginning their pre-season pool maintenance.
- Picnic tables are being painted, assembled and installed at the new SKPT Park pavilion.
- Park restrooms are being prepped for opening around Easter.
- Seeding, sod and top dressing is occurring at Sar-Ko-Par Trails Park and other areas.
- Irrigation systems are being checked.
- The annual ROW tree trimming program is finished for this year.
- Spring beds are being cleaned up.

## **Project Report**

Mr. Wagler also reported the following:

- Five playgrounds will be replaced this year. The large one at Sar-Ko-Par Trails Park will be replaced after July.
- Phase III of the monument signs project will begin next month.
- Parks staff will finish the final details on the pavilion and landscaping.

Mr. Wagler stated he would provide an update monthly to the Board on Vision 2040. He invited them to sign up if they are interested in participating on the committee. Currently, there is a RFP out to hire the consulting firm.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Mr. Denny, seconded by Mr. Thomas, and approved 6-0.**

Meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Cheryl Doleshal, Recording Secretary