

LENEXA PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD

MINUTES OF THE APRIL 11, 2018 PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD MEETING LENEXA REC CENTER, 17201 W. 87 STREET PARKWAY, LENEXA, KS

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Vice Chairperson Jeff Mark.

Parks and Recreation Advisory Board members present: Craig Denny, Gary Ewing, Mike Rzeszut, 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; Jeff Carlson, Parks Facilities Supervisor; Barry Conley, Park Maintenance Worker II; and Cheryl Doleshal, Parks and Recreation Administrative Assistant.

BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

Ms. Hart introduced the new Aquatics Supervisor, Dan Seutter. Mr. Seutter shared a little history of his aquatic background experience. He is from the Kansas City area and most recently had been working in Florida. He wanted to come back to the area and was excited to accept the position with us. The Board welcomed him to Lenexa.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion for approval of the March 14, 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. Denny, seconded by Ms. Tines, and approved 7-0.

Mr. Thomas arrived to the meeting at 5:32 p.m.

PARKS & RECREATION STAFF UPDATE – JEFF CARLSON AND BARRY CONLEY (POOL PREP AND CHALLENGES)

Mr. Carlson said he has been with the City for 33 years and Mr. Conley for 25 years. He stated they have lots of experience prepping and operating pools. Mr. Conley shared the procedures staff performs every year getting the pools ready

to open Memorial weekend. While the pools are open the facility staff performs a pool check every morning, 7 days a week. Even when the pools are closed for the season they routinely check on the pool pumps to keep them from freezing. Indian Trails Aquatic Center and Ad Astra Pool are quite dated which adds additional maintenance issues for staff. Mr. Carlson shared photos of some of the challenges they deal with each season. Leaks are one of the biggest problems and most leaks are difficult to locate. He demonstrated how a camera is used to locate leaks. He also shared issues of waxing the slides (both indoor and outdoor), pump and filter problems, peeling and breaking of pool base, etc.

Mr. Rzeszut arrived to the meeting at 5:39 p.m. during the pool discussion. He thanked Mr. Carlson and Mr. Conley for their presentation.

SKPT PARK NEW PAVILION NAME REVISITED

Mr. Ristow reported at the March 20, 2018 City Council meeting that the name for the new pavilion was discussed. He stated the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board approved the name recommendation of the "Grand Pavilion" at their February 14 monthly meeting. Councilmember Bill Nicks recommended the amenity have more of a historical name which reflects an aspect of the community's history. Mr. Nicks offered several examples for consideration. After discussion, the City Council requested the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board reconsider a name for the facility. Mr. Ristow stated the name is being revisited at tonight's meeting.

Mr. Ristow went over several suggested names from Mr. Nicks and the associated reasoning for the names. They are:

- Place Octave Chanute Pavilion
- The Nancy Klunder Pavilion
- The Don Opplinger Pavilion
- The Lenexa BBQ Pavilion

Mr. Denny provided some historical perspective regarding observed protocol in the past when considering names. The Board expressed an appreciation for each of the suggestions but at the end of the discussion, everyone felt the Grand Pavilion name was more suitable.

Motion to re-recommend the name "Grand Pavilion" for the new large pavilion at Sar-Ko-Par Trails Park was made by Mr. Denny, seconded by Mr. Thomas, and approved 9-0.

REPORTS TO THE BOARD

Members' Reports

Aivars Sics – Mr. Sics asked for clarification on the blue stars around the campus. Mr. Ristow stated they are boundaries for the common consumption area, walk your wheels and smoking areas.

Diane Schmidt – Ms. Schmidt inquired about the funding for the bike share program. Mr. Ristow indicated it is a combination of City, grant funding, sponsors and users.

Jeff Mark – Mr. Mark said he has heard good feedback from neighbors regarding our kids' programs. Kudos to staff.

Mike Rzeszut – Mr. Rzeszut inquired why the kiddie pool does not open until noon on weekends. He commented that most toddlers are taking their naps at that time. Mr. Wagler said attendance dictates when areas are open and early morning weekend numbers were low. Surveys are sent to members seeking their feedback periodically regarding programs and times.

Craig Denny – Mr. Denny stated he needed two more BBQ ambassadors. Park Board member Jeff Mark and Tom Wurdack, husband of member Brooke Wurdack, have volunteered to help at this year's event. Member Pat Thomas and Mr. Denny co-chair the ambassadors.

Director's Report

SKPT Park Improvements Dedication (May 9)

Mr. Ristow said the dedication ceremony will be held on Wednesday, May 9. The program will begin at 5:30 p.m. followed by the monthly Parks and Recreation Advisory Board meeting.

Mr. Ristow also reported the following:

- At last Friday's Employee Appreciation Luncheon John Forbis, Rec Center Manager, was awarded the Dedication Award, Nia Barksdale-Bey the Service Award and the Parks and Recreation Department was awarded the Teamwork Award for their work on the Rec Center.
- An updated Parks and Recreation Advisory Board meeting attendance report was handed out to all members.

Ms. Schmidt left the meeting at 6:30 p.m.

Recreation Report

Ms. Hart reported the following:

- The Farmers Market opens Saturday April 21. At last month's meeting a question regarding wine was brought up. Vendors will be able to sell bottled wine and offer samples, but wine by the glass will not be available. There are Public Market merchants who sell by the glass.
- The Lenexa Art Fair is Saturday, May 12 here at the Civic Campus. With the new location this year, staff is challenged working out all the details for artists, food truck vendors, Farmers Market and Rec Center traffic.
- Registration opened on Monday for new BBQ teams. There were 23 spots available at 8 am and the contest was full by that evening. All teams will be placed soon.
- The shirts handed out to the Park Board tonight are from a design submitted by artist, Sarah LeBarge, who participated in the HeART of Lenexa contest in February. Staff liked the design so much they decided to make it into a T-shirt.

Parks Report

Mr. Huntsinger reported the following:

- Park restrooms should open this weekend.
- Pool prep has begun on the three outdoor pools.
- Forty new picnic tables have been built.
- Shelter houses are being cleaned to prepare for spring rentals.
- The turf crew has begun mowing. They are also working on spring seeding and sodding.
- Irrigation systems are ready to go.
- The native plants on the medians are being cleaned up.
- Spring cleanup of landscape beds have been completed.
- Spring planting and mulching continue.
- Landscaping on the 89th Street and Renner Blvd. roundabout has begun and should be completed in a few weeks.
- About 8,000 annuals and perennials are growing at the poly house. Most are from seeds harvested last fall from our landscape beds throughout the City.
- April 27 is Arbor Day. All third graders attending Lenexa schools will be given a tree sapling.

Projects Report

Kansas City BCycle Program Proposal

Mr. Wagler handed out a map of the Bike Share Cycles Phases. The proposed phase 1 would begin with 25 bikes and five docking locations.

Locations include: City Center Campus; Black Hoof Park/Coon Creek Trail Head; Little Mill Creek Park and Trailhead; Old Town Lenexa; and Sar-Ko-Par Trails Park. More locations will be added in future phases. Grant funding through Mid America Regional Council is available. The program will be implemented in 2019.

Vision 2040 Update

Mr. Wagler updated the Board on Vision 2040. He stated the consultant interviews have been completed and a selection will be made soon. All four consultants were high quality and brought different perspectives to the table. Community volunteer applications are being accepted through April 16.

Mr. Wagler also reported the following:

- The scope and fee with SFS Architects for work on the Community Center / Senior Center study is being finalized. The project is scheduled to take six months.
- The project scope for the aquatics masterplan is being developed. Discussions with the City Council will occur at a later date.
- Construction on the Sar-Ko-Par Trails Park pavilion and park enhancements project is complete. There are a few items on the punch list. Staff finished seeding, sodding, installing drinking fountains, picnic tables and landscaping.
- At last month's meeting Mr. Rzeszut inquired about some new signs along the 83rd Street trail. Three interpretive signs have been erected along the trail from a K-State Extension grant.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Mr. Denny, seconded by Mr. Mark, and approved 8-0.

Meeting adjourned at 7:02 p.m.

Cheryl Doleshal, Recording Secretary