

# **LENEXA PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD**

## **MINUTES OF THE MAY 9, 2018 PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD MEETING SAR-KO-PAR TRAILS PARK, GRAND PAVILION, 87<sup>TH</sup> STREET PARKWAY & GREENWAY LANE, LENEXA, KS**

The meeting was called to order at 6:03 p.m. by Chairperson Mike Rzeszut, following the Grand Pavilion & Park Enhancements Dedication.

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; John Giambalvo, Parks Supervisor; Julian Marquez, Parks Crew Leader; Adam Bennett, Park Maintenance Worker I; and Cheryl Doleshal, Parks and Recreation Administrative Assistant.

### **BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR**

None

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Motion for approval of the April 11, 2018 minutes was made by Mr. Denny, seconded by Mr. Mark, and approved 9-0.**

### **ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

**Motion for approval of the adoption of the agenda was made by Ms. Schmidt, seconded by Mr. Ewing, and approved 9-0.**

### **PARKS & RECREATION STAFF UPDATE – JOHN GIAMBALVO, JULIAN MARQUEZ AND ADAM BENNETT (LARGE PROJECT COMPLETION RESPONSIBILTIES)**

Mr. Giambalvo stated that for the last several years the department has taken over the landscape and turf portions of several projects. It not only saves money, but the department can make sure it is done to their specifications. Mr. Bennett shared numbers of how much sod, grass seed and other materials were used on the project. Mr. Marquez demonstrated how the Hydro-seeder works. He also

showed some of the products that go inside the machine. Mr. Wagler said all three of the parks divisions (turf, landscape and facilities) worked on aspects of the project.

Everyone agreed the updates to the park are superb.

## **REPORTS TO THE BOARD**

### **Members' Reports**

Craig Denny – Mr. Denny said the Lenexa Art Fair is this Saturday. The Lenexa Chamber of Commerce has their “After Hours” social beginning at 4:30 p.m. at the Art Fair. He commented the Art Fair is improving each year.

Jeff Mark – Mr. Mark expressed his appreciation for the well-done job on the Sar-Ko-Par Trails Park project. The park looks beautiful.

Diane Schmidt – Ms. Schmidt said it's very exciting to see the Farmers and Public Market performing well. She also shared she has seen some traffic issues around the Civic Center area. Mr. Ristow said he would pass the concern along.

Kelly Tines – Ms. Tines also commented that the Farmers Market is great. She said it's well organized and offered kudos to Jenny Doty.

Aivars Sics – Mr. Sics suggested the operating hours of the Farmers Market be added to the signs that are placed around the Civic Campus.

### **Director's Report**

Mr. Ristow reported the Farmers Market has been open for three weeks and early reports are good. The vendors are pleased with their sales. A need for a Farmers Market was #2 on the Parks and Recreation Master Plan which was completed in 2012. Our main goal is to offer quality products. The market is off to a great start.

Mr. Rzeszut inquired about the Kansas City BCycle bike sharing program. Mr. Ristow said it will be up and running in 2019. The group discussed some of the issues big cities are having with bikes being left everywhere.

### **Recreation Report**

Ms. Hart reported the following:

- The Lenexa Art Fair is this weekend. Tents are being delivered tomorrow and artists are able to begin setting up Friday morning at 8 a.m. Staff is anxious to see how the setup at the Civic Campus plays out.

- The three outdoor pools open Memorial weekend.

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

### **Parks Report**

Mr. Huntsinger reported the following:

- The past month staff has been busy completing the Sar-Ko-Par Trails Park project.
- Facilities division is getting the outdoor pools ready for opening day. Water will be added to Flat Rock Creek tomorrow and Ad Astra Pool this weekend. Prep work is still being done on Indian Trails Aquatic Center.
- Winter annuals have been removed and summer annual flowers are going in. With the warm temperatures, grass is growing like crazy.
- The next phase of replacement park signs will begin next month.

### **Projects Report**

Mr. Wagler reported the following:

- The Aquatics Master Plan update will be presented at next week's City Council meeting, May 15, 2018.
- The SKPT Park project has been accepted.
- A walk through on the I-35 and 95<sup>th</sup> Street landscape project has been scheduled.

### **Vision 2040 Update**

Mr. Wagler updated the Board on Vision 2040. He stated the consultant has been selected. A kick-off meeting with city staff who have signed up to participate in the endeavor was held today. Selection of the steering committee is next.

Mr. Wagler introduced City Construction Inspector David Zentz from Community Development. He is the inspector on the SKPT Park project.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

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

Meeting adjourned at 6:39 p.m.

Cheryl Doleshal, Recording Secretary