

LENEXA PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD

MINUTES OF THE JUNE 13, 2018 PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD MEETING LENEXA REC CENTER, 17201 W. 87 STREET PARKWAY, LENEXA, KS

The meeting was called to order at 5:52 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; Heather Reynolds, Customer Service Supervisor; and Cheryl Doleshal, Parks and Recreation Administrative Assistant.

BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion for approval of the May 9, 2018 minutes was made by Ms. Tines, seconded by Mr. Mark, and approved 8-0.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

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

Ms. Schmidt arrived to the meeting at 5:35 p.m.

PARKS & RECREATION STAFF UPDATE – HEATHER REYNOLDS (CHILD WATCH AREA)

Ms. Reynolds said she is the Customer Service Supervisor for the Rec Center. She oversees the Welcome Desk and Kid Zone areas. The Kid Zone is open Monday – Thursday, 8 a.m. – noon and 4 – 8:30 p.m. Friday – Saturday hours are 8 a.m. – noon. Eligible ages are 6 weeks to 11 years old. The service is available for a maximum of two hours per visit on a first-come, first-served basis. Parents/guardians must remain at the Rec Center while kids are in child watch. Fees for a Rec Center member are \$3 per child for a single visit or monthly

unlimited visits for \$15 per month for the first child and \$10 per month for each additional child. Non-members cost is \$4 per single visit. Ms. Reynolds shared some attendance numbers. The average for June mornings is 34 children. The record number of children attending is 67, which was on a Saturday morning in April. She currently has a staff of 13. Most of them are high school or college students. She has one retired employee and one from Johnson County Development Supports. The Kid Zone also provides rotating programs with themed games, crafts and team-building challenges.

NEW BENCH DONATION REQUEST – BLACK HOOF PARK (JOSH ELISEUSON FOR MARY LOU ELISEUSON)

Mr. Wagler discussed the memo sent to the Board relating to a new bench donation request for Black Hoof Park. The request is from Josh Eliseuson in memory of his mother Mary Lou Eliseuson who loved to walk her dog at the park.

Motion for approval to accept the donation of a new park bench and plaque at Black Hoof Park from Josh Eliseuson was made by Mr. Thomas, seconded by Ms. Tines, and approved 9-0.

PLAQUE APPROVAL FOR TREES DONATION (50) – CLEAR CREEK TRAIL (LENEXA ROTARY CLUB FOR CHARLIE SMITH)

Mr. Ristow stated the Rotary Club of Lenexa, in collaboration with the Parks and Recreation Department, has donated and planted 50 trees at Centennial Park on the Clear Creek Trail and have offered a memorial plaque donation to accompany the tree donation. The trees were planted as part of the Rotary International's challenge to plant one tree per member by Earth Day 2018.

The Rotary Club of Lenexa has requested to donate a plaque next to the commemorative grove of 50 trees.

Motion for approval to accept the plaque donation which will be placed in Centennial Park on the Clear Creek Trail from the Rotary Club of Lenexa was made by Mr. Mark, seconded by Ms. Tines, and approved 9-0.

VISION 2040 EXERCISE

Mr. Wagler reported this past weekend was the first outreach for community input for Vision 2040. Committee volunteers worked information booths at the Farmers Market, Get Outdoors Lenexa and the Sunday evening Outdoor Concert. Mr. Wagler had the Board participate in the survey and fill out "In 2040, I'd Like Lenexa. . . ." sheets. He handed out yellow 2040 t-shirts and blue sunglasses. Each member was asked to compile their top 5 things/ideas they want to see in 2040 in Lenexa. A group photo was taken of the Board with their Vision 2040 glasses on.

Mr. Sics left the meeting at 6:03 p.m. during the Vision 2040 discussion.

REPORTS TO THE BOARD

Members' Reports

Kelly Tines – Ms. Tines commented she has been enjoying the trails at Sar-Ko-Par Trails Park. The finishing touches to the park staff did are well done. She thanked Mr. Huntsinger and his staff.

Jeff Mark – Mr. Mark thanked staff for a great job with the Lenexa Art Fair. He inquired about the big fountain in the roundabout on Prairie Star Parkway and Canyon Creek Boulevard. He said it has been out of commission for a while now. Mr. Huntsinger said they are replacing all the lights with new LED bulbs and it is quite time consuming. Staff will have more time to devote to it after the BBQ event next week.

Craig Denny – Mr. Denny stated the Great Lenexa BBQ Battle, Kansas State Championship is next week. He has the ambassadors all lined up and ready to go. He mentioned there are two big trees on the southeast corner of Widmer & 95th Street that need trimming. Drivers' visibility is quite poor. Mr. Huntsinger said they will take care of it. He also echoed that the Lenexa Art Fair went well.

Diane Schmidt – Ms. Schmidt said she and her husband are enjoying the trails and sidewalks at Central Green Park and throughout the Civic Campus. She stated she has some concerns about pedestrian safety in the crosswalks, especially streets, without stop lights.

Mike Rzeszut – Mr. Rzeszut said the Lenexa Rec Center is listed in the new Athletic Business Magazine that came out this week. Mr. Ristow said he is planning on discussing the article under his report. Mr. Rzeszut stated it's good publicity for the Rec Center.

Brooke Wurdack – Ms. Wurdack shared she took her kids swimming at Indian Trails Aquatic Center recently. She said they had a nice time at the city pool.

Director's Report

Mr. Ristow reported the following:

- In the June issue of the Athletic Business Magazine, 31st Annual Architectural Showcase, the Lenexa Rec Center is one of 62 state-of-art facilities in the national competition. Judging will take place in July, winners will be announced in October, and the awards handed out at the annual conference held in New Orleans in November.

- The 2019 budget will be presented at the June 26 City Council meeting. Most major requests were approved for the Parks and Recreation Department.
- Congratulations to Mr. Wagler who will celebrate his 10 year anniversary with the City this month.

Recreation Report

Ms. Hart reported the following:

- The Lenexa Art Fair was a great success this year. The new location worked well. Attendance was estimated around 8,000. She thanked everyone from the Board who volunteered at the event.
- Get Outdoors Lenexa was last Saturday at Black Hoof Park. The weather was good and the fishing derby was a huge draw.
- Friday night, June 15, is the second Movie in the Park Event, which will be held at Electric Park. The Muppet Movie will begin at dusk. The event begins at 7:30 p.m. with lawn games followed by live music at 8 p.m.
- The BBQ is next weekend, June 22 and 23.
- On July 4 the Lenexa Freedom Run begins at 7 a.m. followed by the 4th of July Parade at 10 a.m. Anyone interested in volunteering, should contact Jeremy Reimer.
- Week two is underway for the state day-care licensed summer camps and everything is running smoothly. The specialty camps are in full swing also.
- Greg Grant, newly hired Rec Center Assistant Manager, will begin Monday, June 25.

Parks Report

Mr. Huntsinger reported the following:

- Festival season is here. Staff is currently gearing up for BBQ next week.
- The three outdoor pools have opened and are operating.
- Sunflower and Meadowlark Shelter House roofs at Sar-Ko- Par Trails Park are being replaced.
- The amount of trash and dog waste collected during the busy season is quite large. New seasonal staff is learning the daily trash schedules.
- Dry hot weather is keeping the turf and irrigation crew busy.
- The tree and landscape crew are busy watering all the new trees that have been planted the last few years.
- Phase III of the monument signs project is rolling along. There will be 18 new signs constructed this year completing nearly all of the park signs.

Projects Report

Mr. Wagler reported the following:

- The first meeting with Waters Edge Aquatic Design regarding the Aquatics Study was held last week. The study should be completed this fall.
- The Community Center / Senior Center study is scheduled to begin soon.
- There are a number of dead landscape plants at the Civic Campus that need to be replaced. A meeting with the contractor is scheduled.
- The department will present a tennis court report to the City Council in early July. Several of the City's courts are in poor shape.

Mr. Wagler thanked the Board members for attending last month's Sar-Ko-Par Trails Park enhancement ribbon cutting event. Nothing but great feedback has been received regarding the park improvements.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Meeting adjourned at 6:51 p.m.

Cheryl Doleshal, Recording Secretary