

LENEXA PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD

MINUTES OF THE JULY 11, 2018 PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD MEETING LENEXA COMMUNITY CENTER, 13420 OAK, LENEXA, KS, C-ROOM

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 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 and Brooke Wurdack.

Parks and Recreation Advisory Board member absent: 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; David Stockdale, Building Services Crew Leader; and Cheryl Doleshal, Parks and Recreation Senior Administrative Assistant.

BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

Mr. Rzeszut welcomed Boy Scout Aedan Grube and his parents to the meeting. Aedan said he will be in the 7th grade this fall at Holy Trinity School. He is from troop 186 and is attending tonight's meeting as a requirement for his Communications Merit Badge.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion for approval of the June 13, 2018 minutes was made by Mr. Denny, seconded by Mr. Thomas, and approved 5-0.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Motion for approval of the adoption of the agenda was made by Mr. Mark, seconded by Mr. Ewing, and approved 5-0.

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

PARKS & RECREATION STAFF UPDATE – DAVID STOCKDALE (FLOOR CARE OVERVIEW)

David Stockdale, Building Services Crew Leader, gave a short update on some of the City's different floor care operations. He invited the Board into the multi-purpose room (gymnasium) to demonstrate a new floor machine that was

purchased to clean and maintain the gym floor. He explained the features of the machine and how it functions. He stated the Building Services division is responsible for multiple facilities and there are a number of different types of floors which require various machines.

Mr. Rzeszut thanked Mr. Stockdale for his update.

Mr. Denny stated Mr. Stockdale does so much more than just take care of facilities. He works most special events, oversees ordering supplies, takes care of set-ups and tear-downs and has his hand in ensuring programs, rentals and events are ready to go.

Ms. Schmidt arrived to the meeting at 5:43 p.m. during the staff update.

REPORTS TO THE BOARD

Members' Reports

Gary Ewing – Mr. Ewing stated he was able to attend the BBQ event this year and thought staff did an excellent job. Everyone agreed the weather was exceptional. He thanked Mr. Denny and Mr. Thomas for their work overseeing the BBQ Ambassadors.

Aivars Sics – Mr. Sics congratulated Lindsay Hart on receiving the Founders' Award at the Great Lenexa Barbeque Battle, Kansas State Championship. He also wanted to extend his thanks to the entire department for a well run event.

Craig Denny – Mr. Denny shared his appreciation for the Parks and Recreation staff for their efforts on the BBQ, Lenexa Freedom Run and the parade. Community spirit was on full display at the events. Kudos to staff. He also thanked the Parks division for taking care of the tree sight issues on the corner of 95th Street & Widmer.

Diane Schmidt – Ms. Schmidt said she enjoyed seeing patrons using the Grand Pavilion, new restrooms and other park improvements at Sar-Ko-Par Trails Park during the BBQ. Ms. Schmidt questioned why there were so many trains running through the parade. Mr. Wagler said they notify the railroad about special events and the times, but they have very little control over the railroad. Mr. Ristow mentioned the trains did travel at a slow speed to help ensure patrons safety and a future meeting is scheduled to discuss the railroad.

Jeff Mark - Mr. Mark also commented the Freedom Run and parade were nice. He jokingly requested the last hill on the Freedom Run be made easier.

Mike Rzeszut – Mr. Rzeszut inquired how many parks the City actually has. Mr. Wagler said there are 34 developed parks and several what staff consider “green spaces.” Mr. Rzeszut shared a story about visiting his son and daughter-in-law in Valley Stream, New York. Both Valley Stream and Lenexa were named “best cities to live in.” He said Valley Stream, New York is very nice, but he enjoys the many beautiful areas Lenexa offers.

Brooke Wurdack – Ms. Wurdack stated she and her family have visited all three of the outdoor pools. Her children prefer our City pools over their neighborhood pool. She said her favorite is Flat Rock Creek Pool.

Director’s Report

Mr. Ristow reported the following:

- The art piece “Body Politic” by artist Joe O’Connell is scheduled to be installed on August 6-9. The dedication ceremony is being scheduled.
- A RFP will be going out for the private development of approximately 60 acres at Centennial Park. The area will be divided in three tracts. The City will be looking for developers to develop the land and offer top amenities. The Clear Creek trail, pond and retention areas have been completed by the City.
- Thank you to the Board members who volunteered at the BBQ, Freedom Run and parade this past month. Our festivals are successful due to great volunteers and staff.

Recreation Report

Ms. Hart reported the following:

- Staff survived the three big events the past month: BBQ, Freedom Run and parade. Everything went very smoothly.
- A Teddy Bear Picnic will be held at the Farmers Market this Saturday, 8:30 – 9:30 a.m. Bring a blanket and your favorite teddy bear.
- Missoula Children’s Theatre Camp is here this week at the Lenexa Community Center. The performance is Friday evening at 6 p.m.
- The next Movie in the Park night is next Friday, July 20 at Electric Park. The movie “Grease” will be featured.
- The first Community Orchestra concert was held on Saturday, June 30. Due to extreme temperatures, the concert was moved inside to Shawnee Mission West High School.

Mr. Mark inquired how business was going with the Farmers Market sales on Tuesday mornings. Ms. Hart said naturally the numbers are lower than Saturdays, but the vendors seem to be content with sales. Ms. Doty is collecting

feedback from the vendors and will decide after the season ends whether any adjustments need to be made.

Parks Report

Mr. Huntsinger reported the following:

- Most staff time was spent working festivals this past month. It's a challenge keeping attitudes positive with heavy workloads and hot temperatures.
- With a small break between festivals, work has resumed on the fountain on Prairie Star Parkway and Canyon Creek Boulevard. The current lights are being replaced with LED lights. Removing each glass panel is quite time consuming.
- The site for the two spheres, "Body Politic," is being prepared by Parks staff.
- Over 3,000 bags of trash has been collected this season so far.
- Grub control has been applied and irrigation systems are running high.
- Trees are being treated for the Japanese Beetle and iron injections are being administered to yellow leaf oak trees.
- Stone work on the new monument signs will begin soon.

Mr. Ewing suggested the City needs to design some public educational material for residents to show them how they should commute through roundabouts and diamond diversions.

Projects Report

Mr. Wagler reported the following:

- A workshop was held today on the Aquatics Study. The study should be completed this fall.
- The Community Center / Senior Center study is moving forward. The final scope and fee should be negotiated soon.
- Warranty work is being completed at the Civic Campus. Several damaged concrete areas are being replaced.
- The Civic Campus has lost 40% of the plants that were planted last year. They will be replaced this fall.
- The City is reviewing four trail options from 95th Street and Santa Fe Trail to Old Town along with road improvement work in the area.
- Vision 2040 has been moving full speed. During the last month, a ton of feedback has been collected and two steering committee meetings held. The first task force meeting was held and the second joint task force and steering committee meeting is scheduled for July 18 at the Thompson Barn, 7 p.m. A vision summit, titled "Vision Fest" is being

planned for Thursday evening, September 20 at the Civic Campus.
Details will follow.

Mr. Wagler thanked everyone for returning their Vision 2040 homework.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Meeting adjourned at 6:31 p.m.

Cheryl Doleshal, Recording Secretary