

LENEXA PARKS AND RECREATION  
ADVISORY BOARD

**MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 9, 2024, PARKS AND RECREATION  
ADVISORY BOARD MEETING  
BLACK HOOF PARK, OAK SHELTER, 9053 MONTICELLO RD., LENEXA, KS**

The meeting was called to order at 5:29 p.m. by Chairperson Jeff Mark.

Parks and Recreation Advisory Board members present: Sarah Hanson, Wanda Kiewiet, Mike Rzeszut, Diane Schmidt, Aivars Sics and Pat Thomas.

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

Staff members present: Logan Wagler, Parks and Recreation Director; Danny Huntsinger, Parks Superintendent; Marisa Shartzer, Recreation Superintendent; Curt Talken, Parks Landscape Supervisor; and Cheryl Doleshal, Senior Administrative Assistant.

**BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR**

None

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Motion for approval of the September 11, 2024, minutes was made by Mr. Thomas, seconded by Mr. Rzeszut, and approved 7-0.**

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

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

**PARK BENCH DONATION REQUEST – SAR-KO-PAR TRAILS PARK  
(CABRINA MAGEE FOR ANN AND TONY RIZZI)**

A donation of a park bench at Sar-Ko-Par Trails Park has been requested from Cabrina Magee in memory of her parents Ann and Tony Rizzo. The bench will be located west of the Rose House well and will face southwest over the Grand Pavilion.

**Motion for approval to accept the park bench donation request at Sar-Ko-Par Trails Park from Ms. Cabrina Magee was made by Mr. Thomas, seconded by Ms. Schmidt, and approved 7-0.**

## REPORTS TO THE BOARD

### Members' Reports

Pat Thomas – Mr. Thomas reminded everyone that this weekend is the Lenexa Chili Challenge.

Wanda Kiewiet – Ms. Kiewiet shared that she visits Centennial Park often and came across a peace pole. Mr. Wagler explained that the Rotary Club donated the pole a few years ago which the Board approved. This year's peace pole auction is scheduled for November 15. Ms. Kiewiet also commented she liked the Johnson County Library book walk at Sar-Ko-Par Trails Park.

Diane Schmidt – Ms. Schmidt attended the Food Truck Frenzy on September 21. The event had vendors, food trucks and music. It was a wonderful night. Ms. Shartzer stated it is a Public Market event, but some park staff do assist with the event.

Mike Rzeszut – Mr. Rzeszut reported there is a sign missing on Little Mill Creek Trail on 79<sup>th</sup> Street. Mr. Huntsinger said new etiquette signage will be installed along the trails soon.

Jeff Mark – Mr. Mark stated the trails on Prairie Star Parkway west of Clare Road need some asphalt maintenance. Mr. Wagler said they will pass this information along to Municipal Services.

### Director's Report

Mr. Wagler reported the following:

- In the past few years, the December Park Board meeting has been canceled due to the busy time of the year. At next month's meeting the Board can discuss if there is a need for the December meeting.
- The first meeting discussion regarding the requested CIP projects will be at the November 12 City Council meeting. Discussions will also begin on the 3/8 cent sales tax renewal for 2025.
- **Lenexa Old Town Activity Center Renovation** is 4-5 weeks behind schedule. Staff is working together to navigate construction issues. Due to weather restrictions the project will lead into next year on the completion of exterior items. Late October is the tentative date to move the Senior Center operations to the Haskins wing.
- Demolition work on the **Ad Astra Pool Reconstruction** project begins October 14. Staff and the public seem happy with the concept selected. Formal design process begins soon and construction will start next year.

## **Staff Reports**

Ms. Shartzter reported the following:

- The Lenexa Chili Challenge is this weekend followed by the Enchanted Forest on Thursday, October 24.
- The first City Center Live performance of the fall season was held October 12. The next one is scheduled November 9.
- The last adult/senior overnight trip of the year was held last week.

Mr. Huntsinger reported the following:

- Facilities' staff has begun hanging holiday lights. Some lights will be on display at the Enchanted Forest this month.
- The turf and landscaping crews are finishing their annual fall maintenance (aerating, seeding, applying fall/winter applications).
- All staff will be on hand for the upcoming chili and Enchanted Forest events.

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

Meeting adjourned at 5:52 p.m.

Cheryl Doleshal, Recording Secretary