

**LENEXA PARKS AND RECREATION  
ADVISORY BOARD**

**MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 13, 2024, PARKS AND RECREATION  
ADVISORY BOARD MEETING  
LENEXA OLD TOWN ACTIVITY CENTER, 9301 PFLUMM RD., LENEXA, KS**

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

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

Staff members present: Logan Wagler, Parks and Recreation Director; Mandy Danler, Assistant Parks and Recreation Director; Danny Huntsinger, Parks Superintendent; Joel Patterson, Lenexa Old Town Activity Center Manager; Ryan Latta, Recreation Supervisor; Jenny Wassom, Recreation Supervisor; and Cheryl Doleshal, Senior Administrative Assistant.

**BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR**

None

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Motion for approval of the October 9, 2024, minutes was made by Ms. Hanson, seconded by Mr. Rzeszut, and approved 9-0.**

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

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

**LENEXA OLD TOWN ACTIVITY CENTER OVERVIEW**

- A. Introduction of Facility Staff Members  
Joel Patterson, Lenexa Old Town Activity Center Manager, Ryan Latta, Recreation Supervisor – Sports, and Jenny Wasson, Recreation Supervisor – 50 Plus, shared some background information about themselves and their roles in the department. All three will office out of this facility.
- B. Operations Overview  
The Lenexa Old Town Activity Center Project, facility staffing, drop-in programs, youth, adult, and 50 plus programs were covered. The project goals for a renovated facility are: Weave together Old Town, enhance Old

Town visibility, connect to adjoining neighborhoods, build and uplift the 50 plus community, and improve operations and maximize recreational opportunities.

C. Project Update

Phase I of the project is near completion (Haskins Room complete with a kitchen, Haskins Lobby, Oak Room, Walnut Room). The entire project is 4-5 weeks behind schedule which has moved the completion timeline to the spring of 2025. Senior Center operations has moved to the new location. The vacated senior facility is nearing demolition. Staff is very excited about the renovation and looks forward to adding new indoor and outdoor programming for all ages.

## REPORTS TO THE BOARD

### Members' Reports

Aivars Sics – Mr. Sics mentioned that the monument sign at Sar-Ko-Par Trails Park has not been updated with the new name of the pool, Sar-Ko-Par Aquatic Center. Mr. Wagler stated they are working on plans for sign updates.

Diane Schmidt – Ms. Schmidt inquired if plans were to add a camera to the pickleball courts at the Rec Center like the ones at Bois D'Arc Park so patrons are able to see if people are there playing the game. Staff implied that there are no plans to add public cameras at this time.

Jeff Mark – Mr. Mark thanked the staff for another great year. He appreciates the work done to make Lenexa a great place.

### Director's Report

Mr. Wagler reported the following:

- Staff and the Board agreed there is no need to meet in December so the December 11 meeting will be cancelled. The next meeting is scheduled for January 8, 2025, at Lenexa City Hall in the Community Forum.
- Demo is nearly complete at Ad Astra Pool. Soil testing and Geotech boring is being done for the **Ad Astra Pool Reconstruction** site. Formal design process begins soon with construction slated to start next year.
- Discussion is moving forward for the renewal of the **3/8 cent sales tax** in 2025. Many parks and recreation projects have benefitted from those funds.

An overview of the recommended Parks and Recreation projects that will be considered for the 2025-2029 CIP was shared.

## **Staff Reports**

Ms. Danler reported the following:

- There are two Holiday Markets planned: November 23 and December 21.
- The current art exhibit "Place of Peace" runs until November 24 with pieces created by military veterans.
- Plans are moving forward to hire a new Rec Center Manager.
- Thompson Barn will receive a new technology update soon.
- A new Lenexa Parks and Recreation App will be available in the next few months.

Mr. Huntsinger reported the following:

- A good portion of October was spent with festivals (Lenexa Chili Challenge and Enchanted Forest.)
- Staff is now preparing for Sar-Ko Aglow which is on Friday, December 6 from 6-7pm.
- The final mowing of the season will be soon. Leaf cleanup throughout the city continues for the next month or two. Winterizing irrigation systems and winter fertilizer are near completion.
- Daffodil bulbs are being planted along the renovated section of the Little Mill Creek Trail to match the existing area. Season tree planting begins, along with starting next year's plants in the greenhouse.
- Fountains and restrooms are being winterized. Staff has been active around the Lenexa Old Town Activity Center with irrigation and landscaping.
- Crews are preparing for snow removal and plowing.

**Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Mr. Ewing, seconded by Mr. Rzeszut, and approved 9-0.**

Meeting adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

Cheryl Doleshal, Recording Secretary