

LENEXA PARKS AND RECREATION
ADVISORY BOARD

**MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 10, 2025, PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY
BOARD MEETING
LENEXA REC CENTER, OUTDOORS BY BODY POLITIC, 17201 W. 87 ST.
PKWY., LENEXA, KS**

The meeting was called to order at 5:29 p.m. by Chair Aivars Sics.

Parks and Recreation Advisory Board members present: Jenny De Cicco, Gary Ewing, Sarah Hanson, Wanda Kiewiet, Jeff Mark, Mike Rzeszut, Diane Schmidt and Pat Thomas.

Staff members present: Logan Wagler, Parks and Recreation Director; Danny Huntsinger, Parks Superintendent; Sarah Hirst, Recreation Superintendent; and Cheryl Doleshal, Senior Administrative Assistant.

BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion for approval of the August 13, 2025, minutes was made by Mr. Thomas, seconded by Mr. Mark, and approved 9-0.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

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

**BENCH DONATION REQUEST – BLACK HOOF PARK (MICHAEL KELLER
FOR BARBARA JO KELLER)**

Mr. Michael Keller has offered the donation of a park bench and plaque at Black Hoof Park in memory of his late wife Barbara Jo Keller. The bench will be located eastside of the trail facing west towards the lake.

Motion to accept the bench donation request at Black Hoof Park by Michael Keller in memory of Barbara Jo Keller was made by Ms. Kiewiet, seconded by Ms. Schmidt, and approved 9-0.

REPORTS TO THE BOARD

Members' Reports - None

Director's Report

Mr. Wagler reported the following:

- The Governing Body adopted the 2026 recommended budget September 2, 2025.
- Kansas Department of Transportation is moving forward with the K-10 & Lone Elm Road Interchange Project.

Staff Reports

Ms. Hirst reported the following:

- About 8,500 people attended the Spinach Festival last week. The baby crawling contest had 21 babies and the rock skipping contest attracted 70 participants from ages 3-71.
- The Lenexa Chili Challenge is Friday October 10 and Saturday October 11.
- Enchanted Forest follows on Thursday, October 30 at Sar-Ko-Par Trails Park.

Mr. Huntsinger reported the following:

- Trail connections are being identified through the **Trails Alignment Study**. We currently have the consultant working on our top 5 connections. They will get us rough budget costs for each section which will be used to build the trail program within the CIP. The first sections will be Buffalo Meadows to Black Hoof Park, along Clare Road from Prairie Star Parkway to 83rd Street, as well as along all of Monticello Road from Prairie Star Parkway to Freedom Fields.
- Work begins on holiday lights the first of October.

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

Meeting adjourned at 5:39 p.m.

Cheryl Doleshal, Recording Secretary