

LENEXA PARKS AND RECREATION
ADVISORY BOARD

**MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 8, 2025, PARKS AND RECREATION
ADVISORY BOARD MEETING
BLACK HOOF PARK, OAK SHELTER, 9053 MONTICELLO RD., LENEXA, KS**

The meeting was called to order at 5:31 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 and Diane Schmidt.

Parks and Recreation Advisory Board member absent: Pat Thomas.

Staff members present: Logan Wagler, Parks and Recreation Director; Mandy Danler, Assistant Parks and Recreation Director; Danny Huntsinger, Parks Superintendent; Sarah Hirst, Recreation Superintendent; Curt Talken, Horticulture and Forestry Operations Manager; and Cheryl Doleshal, Senior Administrative Assistant.

BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion for approval of the September 10, 2025, minutes was made by Mr. Mark, seconded by Mr. Rzeszut, and approved 8-0.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Motion for approval of the adoption of the agenda was made by Ms. Kiewiet, seconded by Mr. Rzeszut, and approved 8-0.

**BENCH DONATION REQUEST – CENTENNIAL PARK (MARY GUNTERT
FOR COKER FAMILY)**

Ms. Mary Guntert has offered the donation of a park bench and plaque at Centennial Park. The Guntert family owned the park land from 1955 to 2002. She wishes to honor her family's long history with the property as the area continues to evolve. The bench will be located on the northeast side of the future park along the Clear Creek Trail.

Motion to accept the bench donation request at Centennial Park by Mary Guntert was made by Mr. Mark, seconded by Mr. Ewing and approved 8-0.

REPORTS TO THE BOARD

Members' Reports

Jeff Mark – Mr. Mark commented the new Rec Center bikes are great and work well.

Gary Ewing – Mr. Ewing inquired if the group has seen outdoor toilets designed for females. Some outdoor events and concerts are offering them.

Wanda Kiewiet – With the meeting tonight at the Oak Shelter at Black Hoof Park, Ms. Kiewiet commented on the barren hill leading down to the shelter from the parking lot. She wondered if there was a way to dress up the area. Staff explained it is not intended to be a walkway but does get overused. Dry conditions are not helping either.

Diane Schmidt – Ms. Schmidt shared some tree concerns along Renner Road and the Park Hurst Trail. Mr. Huntsinger said many trees have experienced stress due to dry conditions and might look dead, but they will survive.

Director's Report

Mr. Wagler reported the following:

- Next week there will be a ribbon cutting for the Santa Fe Trail Drive improvements.
- At the October 14 council meeting there will be a big discussion on the renovation plans for Fire Station #6 (former Old City Hall facility). Plans are for a fully functional station. The IT Department will be housed in the new facility along with the Fire Department.
- The 2026-2030 CIP has been turned in.
- Ideas were discussed for a Park Board Retreat next year.

Staff Reports

Ms. Danler reported the following:

- Plans are moving along on the Cemetery Master Plan. Early next year information may be ready to share with the board.
- Staff is really excited about the playground and Ninja course that's being planned for Central Green Park. It will be a nice addition to the City Center area.

Ms. Hirst reported the following:

- The Lenexa Chili Challenge is this weekend (October 10 & 11).
- Saturday, October 25 is the last Farmers Market of the season. There will be a few monthly Holiday Markets and Winter Markets.

- The Art Gallery is featuring the “Place of Peace” exhibit beginning October 28.

Mr. Huntsinger reported the following:

- Little Mill Creek Park is receiving topdressing as needed.
- Due to tree stress staff is busy with leaf cleanup earlier this season.
- The Black Hoof Park Disc Golf Course is receiving some hole improvements.
- Work continues on winterizing pools and painting shelter picnic benches.
- Many of Sar-Ko-Par Trails Park holiday lights will need to be ready for the Enchanted Forest on October 30.

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

Meeting adjourned at 5:57 p.m.

Cheryl Doleshal, Recording Secretary