

LENEXA PARKS AND RECREATION
ADVISORY BOARD

**MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 14, 2026, PARKS AND RECREATION
ADVISORY BOARD MEETING
LENEXA CITY HALL, COMMUNITY FORUM, 17101 W. 87 ST., PKWY.,
LENEXA**

The meeting was called to order at 5:40 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; Mandy Danler, Assistant 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 November 12, 2025, minutes was made by Mr. Rzeszut, seconded by Mr. Mark, and approved 9-0.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Chairperson Mr. Sics suggested that the Members' Reports be moved to the bottom of the agenda to follow the Director's Report so the Board may offer their remarks to Mike Rzeszut following Mr. Wagler's farewell to him.

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

TREE ADOPTION REQUEST – SAR-KO PAR TRAILS PARK (HELEN EDGE AND ALLEN ROOS FOR MARILYN (TRUAN) RIEDEL)

The department has been offered the adoption of a tree at Sar-Ko-Par Trails Park near Rose's Pond from Helen Edge and Allen Roos of Gillette, New Jersey. The tree is in honor of their dear friend Ann's mother, Marilyn (Truan) Riedel. The tree is intended as a lasting tribute to Marilyn's memory and a place of comfort and reflection for Ann.

Motion for approval to accept the tree adoption at Sar-Ko-Par-Trails Park from Helen Edge and Allen Roos was made by Ms. Hanson, seconded by Mr. Mark, and approved 9-0.

BENCH ADOPTION REQUEST – LITTLE MILL CREEK TRAIL (HOLLY SPRICK FOR DUANE SPRICK)

Ms. Holly Sprick would like to adopt a bench near Little Mill Creek Trail and the 83rd Street Bridge in honor of her late husband, Duane Sprick. The Sprick lived in Lenexa for 20 years and spent many hours walking their dogs and riding bikes along this trail making it a place of special meaning.

Motion for approval to accept the Little Mill Creek Trail park bench adoption request from Holly Sprick was made by Ms. Schmidt, seconded by Ms. Kiewiet, and approved 9-0.

REPORTS TO THE BOARD

Director's Report

Department 2026 Focus & Priorities (Logan Wagler)

Items addressed: Councils, Boards & Partnerships (City Council, P & R Advisory Board, Lenexa Arts Council, Lenexa Historical Society); Staffing (Retainage of existing staff, Continued Support and Indoctrination, and Other – new Chief of Police and new HR Director); Lenexa Foundation (Fundraising Plan and Strategic Use of Funding); Public Art (Ad Astra, Justice Center, Black Hoof Park); Projects; Operational Efforts (Rec Center, Old Town Activity Center, Trail Etiquette and Signage Program, Rec Program Strategic Growth, Outdoor Pools); and World Cup (Influx of Tourists/fans, Key Lenexa Dates, Operational Changes).

Cemetery Master Plan Update (Mandy Danler)

The newly completed Cemetery Master Plan was presented. Items highlighted: Background; Cemetery Planning Resource Alliance Partnership; Cemetery Today; Cemetery Visioning and Goals; Land Use Planning – Overall Land Use; Land Use Planning – Vehicle Circulation; Land Use Planning – Cremation Options; Land Use Planning – Landscape Enhancement; Land Use Planning – Casketed Burial Options; Land Use Planning – Burial Pod Options; Land Use Planning – Grove Burial Options; and Cemetery Priorities.

Cemetery Priorities are:

- Topographic Survey of Property
- Entrance & Roadway Improvements
- Landscape Enhancements
- Cremation Options
- Casketed Burial Options

- Signage Upgrade
- Pricing & Fees Review

Farewell to Member Mike Rzeszut (Logan Wagler)

Mr. Wagler announced that tonight's meeting would be Mike's last meeting as a board member. He thanked Mike for his time on the board. Mr. Rzeszut chose to not serve another term. During his 12 years he served in both roles as Chair and Vicechair. He also was the board's liaison for multiple city committees. He has always been a strong supporter of the city and the parks and recreation department. Staff wishes him well.

Mr. Rzeszut thanked staff and members of the board. He enjoyed his time meeting and working with everyone. His parting thought is to get involved, find areas you are interested in and enjoy being a part of the city.

Members' Reports

Aivars Sics – Mr. Sics thanked Mr. Rzeszut for his many years of service on the board. He will remember Mike as a great mentor and welcomes him back any time.

Gary Ewing – Mr. Ewing who is a former Illini shared that it's good press for the University of Illinois having Logan's son Keaton Wagler as a starting freshman for the men's basketball team.

Jeff Mark – Mr. Mark wanted it on record his big thanks to Mr. Rzeszut for his dedication as a member of the Park Board and service on the committees he devoted his time and passion to.

Mr. Mark inquired about future Centennial Park and the proposed residential development's impact on it. Mr. Wagler walked the board through a sitemap of the property and explained that the development does not impact the future park in any way. Centennial Park development is funded in the city's CIP and will go under construction in 2027.

Diane Schmidt – Ms. Schmidt shared her thanks and appreciation to Mr. Rzeszut for his service and his encouragement for others to get involved. He will be missed!

Wanda Kiewiet – Ms. Kiewiet commented on the current Citizen's Survey results that recently came out. The numbers are great and she's proud to be a resident of Lenexa.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:08 p.m.

Cheryl Doleshal, Recording Secretary