



LEAWOOD PARK BOARD MEETING Meeting Minutes – June 12, 2007

5:30 p.m. – Maple Room

Board members in attendance were Amy Vlastic, Mark Mergen, Karen Reimer and new board member, Rod Crawford. Staff members in attendance were Chris Claxton, Kim Curran, Dan Mahanke, Brock Shafer, Jeff Peterson, Brian Anderson, Lindsay Youle and Jackie Buser.

Mark Mergen called the meeting to order at 5:40 p.m. Karen Reimer made a motion to approve the April 10, 2007 meeting minutes and Amy Vlastic seconded the motion. The minutes were approved unanimously.

I. Discussion of Planning Commission Meeting at 6:00 pm

II. Staff Reports

Brian reported that sod had been placed at the amphitheater at Ironwoods Park and will be ready for the upcoming performance.

The crews have been watering the sod placed around the new parking lot at I-Lan Park.

The trail behind City Hall is being paved and we need to look into restoring the lighting east of the tunnel. We also need to consider linking it to the existing trail system in the future.

Kim reported the pool opened for the season on Saturday, May 26. Swim Lessons and Swim and Dive Team started on Monday June 4. The first swim meet of the season is tonight at the Aquatic Center.

Lindsay reported on the upcoming July 4th Celebration and handed out parking passes to the Park Board.

The Celebration is from 5:00-9:00pm, Nervous Rex is playing from 7:30-9:30pm and we were able to obtain Jack 105.1 FM as a sponsor to simulcast the music for the fireworks display.

Jackie reported that summer camps started on June 4. The maximum number of participants for Balloon Tree Camp was raised from 60 to 70 and the camp is filled to capacity. Other camps such as Outdoor Camp, Super Sports Camp and Art in the Park Camp are filling as well.

She also reported the summer wedding season has been keeping the facilities busy.

Brock reported that Junior Tennis League participation is up from last year, approximately 55 kids are participating this year.

We are offering many new classes this fall such as Pilates, fencing and a cheerleading program.

Dan reported that T-Ball games have started for the season and this week is picture week.

Soccer camp is starting in two weeks and is hosted by Challenger Sports.

Jeff reported that the cabins have been busy with rentals during the week and every weekend in May and June.

The Challenge Course is hosting a number of team building and recreational programs throughout the summer.

Visitation at the Nature Center has been steadily increasing.

III. Misc.

Amy Vlasic made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Karen Reimer seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 5:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chris Claxton, Director
Parks and Recreation Department