



## **ADVISORY BOARD**

**Meeting Minutes – August 8, 2017 - 5:30 p.m.**

**Maple Room, Leawood Community Center, 4800 Town Center Drive**

Board members in attendance: Chair, Karen Ward-Reimer, Lorrie Hamilton, Steve McGurren, Gary Swanson, Amy Vlastic

Board Members absent: Doug Stevens, Bob Wright

Council Liaisons present: Julie Cain

Staff members present: Chris Claxton, Brian Anderson, and Kim Curran

Karen Ward - Reimer called the meeting to order at 5:36 p.m.

Karen called for approval of the July 11 minutes

Amy made a motion to approve the minutes

Steve seconded the motion. The minutes were approved unanimously.

### **I. Old Business**

#### **A. Update on Progress of Trail Project – Tomahawk Park to Roe**

Brian reported that all of the concrete work has been completed and the contractor is now working on backfilling along the trail. He also reported that there was not any damage to the concrete due to recent flooding.

Brian reported that some of the older asphalt trails did sustain damage from the recent flooding, which demonstrates the durability of concrete as opposed to asphalt.

Brian reported that the contractor will be putting down fabric and seeding along the trail.

Chris inquired when the project will be completed.

Brian replied that the trail should be open by Labor Day if not before. He also stated the trail project would have been completed earlier if not for the recent flooding. There is some silt and debris in the storm structures that needs to be removed. He has been getting estimates to have them flushed out. The project will require a smaller machine due to the new concrete. The cost will be approximately \$5,000 for the clean out.

Chris inquired if the contractor has removed his construction trailer.

Brian stated that the trailer was removed and the remaining equipment has been relocated to higher ground.

## II. New Business

### A. Report on Impact of Recent Flooding

Chris stated that the equipment and vehicles at the maintenance shop are covered under insurance but the building is not. She also stated that each flood event has been worse than the previous one. The watershed starts west of Olathe and we are at the bottom of it here.

Chris reported that Scott Lambers will be submitting options of what to do with the facility and what the future work location of the shop might be to the Governing Body at the September 5 meeting.

Brian stated that the crews have been finding ways to continue to get their work completed. The Parks staff has been borrowing equipment from the golf course, Public Works and the Planning Department. Brian and the supervisory staff have temporarily moved their offices to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor in City Hall.

Brian stated that the contractor that mows other parts of the city is currently mowing the grounds at City Hall and the Library.

Brian reported that he is starting to get pricing to replace vehicles.

Karen inquired about the number of vehicles damaged.

Brian replied; 1 Gator, 9 mowers, 22 trucks and 7 trailers were damaged.

Amy stated that the dog park looks to be in good shape following the flooding.

Steve inquired about the timeline for replacing equipment and vehicles.

Brian stated that the vehicles will need to be ordered and can take up to six months to replace in some cases.

Gary inquired if the replacement value is depreciated.

Brian replied that the equipment is depreciated and there is a \$1,000 deductible on each vehicle.

Chris stated that the Park Department will be working with the Finance Department and the Public Works Department to revise the vehicle and equipment replacement schedule so we do not incur a spike in expenses when the time comes to replace the items.

Lorrie inquired if any of the equipment is salvageable.

Brian responded that the assessor will decide if items are totaled or if they are useable. The insurance adjuster said they would pay to get the equipment running and if we want to buy back the items, we would have first right of refusal.

Steve inquired if the Public Works Facility flooded.

Chris replied that it did not. She also stated that the Parks Maintenance Facility has a salt dome and fuel pumps, which are useful for crews working in the north part of the city, as well as Police and Fire Station #1.

Karen inquired if the pool flooded

Chris replied that the pool did not flood but the pump room did which caused damage to the main pool pumps. This was a result of a lack of power, which did not allow the sump pump to kick-on. The pool was closed for two days to have the pool pumps rebuilt and reinstalled.

Chris stated that the park was closed on Thursday, camps and tennis lessons were held as scheduled on Friday and the pool was re-opened on Saturday.

Lorrie stated that the Parks Staff did an excellent job cleaning up the trails.

Chris stated that the Ironhorse was scheduled to host the Blue Valley West Golf Tournament and Auction last Friday. The Ironhorse staff was able to open the course in time for the tournament regardless that many of the bunkers were unplayable. The staff has a large project of repairing the bunkers along the course.

## **B. Staff Reports**

Brian reported:

- The staff is continuing their clean-up efforts at the Parks Maintenance Facility and the parks. The staff is also working to catch up on mowing.

Kim reported:

- The permit for the waterslide was received on July 19.
- Tonight is the last game of the T-Ball / Coach Pitch Baseball League for the season.
- The pool will be going to reduced hours on August 16. The hours have been posted on social media, the website and at the pool.
- Upcoming events; Food Truck Festival, August 26; Labor Day Run, September 4; Doggie Dunk, September 5 and the Fall Soccer League starts September 9.

Chris reported:

- The Leawood Stage Company's summer production of "Annie" has concluded. Two of the performances were cancelled due to rain however; just under 4,800 people attended the show. The case was excellent and the production has received rave reviews.
- The Sundays in the Park Summer Concert Series starts on August 13 with the Nace Brothers. The David Basse concert will be held in conjunction with the Charlie Parker Celebration. David will have guests from New York performing with him on August 20. The concert will be preceded by a charity luncheon at the Lodge.
- A Governing Body Work Session will be held on September 18 to discuss two new pieces of art to be potentially placed in the city, as well as a recommendation on the purchase, and possible relocation of the art piece "Pointe Defiance".
- Staff is reviewing fees to bring to the Park Board for review in September.

**C. Misc.**

Lorrie inquired about the property that was previously owned by the Leawood Country Club.

Chris stated that the city has agreed to accept the land but we have not executed any documents at this time.

Next Scheduled Meeting Date: September 12.

Lorrie made motion to adjourn the meeting. Steve seconded the motion.

The meeting adjourned at 6:20pm

Respectfully submitted,

Chris Claxton, Director  
Parks and Recreation Department