



**ADVISORY BOARD**  
**Meeting Minutes – July 10<sup>th</sup>, 2018 - 5:30 p.m.**  
**Leawood City Hall- Maple Room**

Board members in attendance: Chair Karen Ward-Reimer, Lorrie Hamilton, Gary Swanson, Steve McGurren, Bob Wright, and Kim Galbraith

Board Members absent: Amy Vlasic and Council Liaison Julie Cain

Council Liaisons present: Chuck Sipple

Staff members present: Brian Anderson, April Bishop, Chris Claxton, Kim Curran, and Camille Sumrall

Chair Karen Ward- Reimer called the meeting to order at 5:33 p.m.

Chair Karen Ward- Reimer made a motion to approve the June 12<sup>th</sup>, 2018 meeting minutes.

Lorrie moved the motion and Kim seconded the motion. The minutes were approved unanimously.

**I. Old Business**

**A. Update on Tennis Court Project**

Brian stated the pre-bid meeting had approximately four contractors in attendance, however, there was only one bid received for the project. Most of the contractors that attended are primarily road builders and the project was not a good fit for their businesses. The winning bid was from McConnell and Associates, who specialize in sport courts. The bid came in \$4,000 under Continental Engineering estimate for a total bid of \$324,977.15. There was an add alternate for the bid that included the resurfacing of the basketball courts, but the cost was approximately \$20,000 higher than Continental Engineering had estimated. The tennis resurfacing project includes removing three inches of asphalt, removing surrounding fencing and adding a new layer of asphalt with a special fiber layer. The new fiber will add strength to the asphalt and increase the life of the courts. There will be tennis striping on all courts and pickleball striping on two courts.

Council Liaison Sipple asked what the useful life of the tennis courts is.

Brian stated he thought it would be over a decade, possibly even 20 years especially with the new fiber reinforcement.

Kim G. asked if the courts were considered a capitalized asset.

Chris stated the courts are a capitalized asset but depreciation is not something we typically do.

Chris stated that the pickleball presence in Leawood is still active. She met with Leawood resident Pam Morris several weeks ago to discuss pickleball options. The pickleball advocates would like to utilize roll-on/ off nets for the courts instead of the portable nets currently used. There are two designated tennis courts for pickleball, which is the equivalent of eight pickleball courts. Chris stated there are several issues with roll-on/ off nets including staffing and storage. There will not be permanent pickleball nets as of now.

Lorrie asked how many of the players in the pickleball group are Leawood residents.

Lorrie and Steve noted they felt this is a sufficient set up and number of courts for the pickleball constituency to which the board agreed.

#### **B. Discuss Timeline of Road/Parking Lot Work – Ironwoods**

Chris informed members that the bid would open on July 24, 2018. There is \$560,000 budgeted for the project. We are hopeful to receive a reasonable bid based on the time of year when the work will take place, which is in late August and September. We will have the results of the bid at the next Parks Advisory Board meeting on August 14<sup>th</sup>.

Brian added that in the current plan, they would raise the trail next to the road near the playground because it is currently indistinguishable from the road.

#### **C. Update on Survey of Ironwoods Pond**

Chris informed the group that the bathymetric survey has been completed. The result found 3,000 cubic feet of silt and is estimated to be a minimum of \$40,000 to remove but realistically it would probably be closer to \$65,000 to remove. The silt could be buried on city land in Ironwoods Park, in order to save money on transportation costs. Burying the silt should not affect any aspect of the park. This was done previously when silt was removed approximately 10 years ago.

Council Liaison Sipple asked when the removal would take place.

Chris replied that if the project happens it would be best to complete in the winter.

Council Liaison Sipple asked if any new surrounding construction would contribute to the silt drainage in to the pond.

Chris replied that water typically drains in from all the surrounding housing, the road, and a variety of other places. It is a large watershed. She did not think the new housing to the south would be a large contributing factor to the pond silt.

#### **D. Discuss CIP Meeting with Council, RE: Trail from City Hall to Tomahawk Creek**

Chris informed the committee that the Mayor and City Administrator have inquired about applying for potential grants that were discussed in the June 12<sup>th</sup> Parks Advisory Board meeting. Chris informed them that the department was not planning to apply this year for the federal grant that was discussed. There were several factors in why we would not apply including needing a five year recreational trail master plan that we currently do not have in place. In addition to the trail plan, there was not complete consensus on the project from City Council or Park's Advisory Board. The City Administrator asked that the item be put on the agenda for tonight's Parks Advisory meeting for further discussion.

Kim G. asked how we would know if it is a top priority for City Council, did they recommend it or vote on the project.

Council Liaison Sipple clarified that they discussed the project at the Capital Improvement Program meeting. He believes the City Council would like a trail to show off the new “Dancers” art piece.

Steve asked if there was a funding discussion between City Council regarding the trail expansion.

Chris reminded the group that the County would like to see the project in one phase rather than two and asked if the thought of City Council was to build a trail directly up to the art piece. She reminded the group that if they would build a trail directly up to the art piece it would need to be ADA compliant, which would be difficult.

Council Liaison Sipple asked for clarification on if we would or would not be applying for a County grant.

Chris clarified that it would not be a County grant but rather a federal grant administered through Kansas Wildlife and Parks. The federal grant is an 80/20 reimbursable match grant and the city would pay all funds upfront and be reimbursed throughout the project. This means we would need to budget for the full amount of the project upfront. The County is still drafting their grant application and once it has been completed, we will know more.

Chris reminded the board that the County is especially fond of applications for projects that include multiple cities collaborating on connectivity. The County grant varies in dollar amounts from year-to-year. The Johnson County Parks and Recreation staff makes a recommendation to the Johnson County Board of Park and Recreation Commissioners who ultimately makes the final decision. The County grant is not a matching grant.

Steve asked if there was anything that precludes us from receiving either of these grant monies.

Brian reemphasized that the County would like the project in one phase rather than two for a variety of reasons.

Steve stated that if we reallocated \$325,000 from the hillside drainage project at the nature center and the County and federal grants potentially contributed another \$325,000, we would be close to having all the funds needed to start the project in 2020.

Chris reminded the group that no matter how much money we receive in grants we would need all \$691,000 for the project appropriated up front in case we did not receive either grant.

Brian stated it seemed in the application that they wanted the financial assurance from the city.

Steve stated that it would be best to go on as if the grant money did not exist and find the \$691,000 in the budget.

Chris asked if the Parks Advisory Board would like to support the trail from City Hall to Tomahawk Creek project.

Lorrie stated this is a top priority for herself. Applying for grants is a smart use of taxpayer money.

Steve noted that the 2020 budget has expendable funds in the hillside drainage project and the spray ground replacement project, for a total of \$675,000, which is close to the \$691,000 needed to complete the trail from City Hall to Tomahawk Creek expansion project.

Kim G. asked what happens to the spray ground project. Will the project be moved to the unfunded list.

Chris responded yes. She noted that trails consistently still rank very high on national surveys of demographics of use.

Bob made a motion to defer any necessary funds including the spray ground funds and the hillside drainage repair funds from the year 2020 to use for the Trail from City Hall to Tomahawk Creek.

Kim G. amended the motion to include applying for any and all applicable grants.

Steve seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Council Liaison Sipple asked if we had enough time to put a trail plan together to apply for the federal grant.

Chris responded we would need to pay a consultant to construct a trail plan.

## **II. Staff Reports**

Brian reported the following:

- Tree planting and landscaping this fall at corner of College and Tomahawk Creek Parkway. They had to replace irrigation after construction.
- Maintenance at Leawood Dog Park, dogs have dug holes that need to be filled in. Dog wash station will be installed soon.
- Bike Repair Station donated by Scheel's to be installed at I-Lan in the next few weeks.
- Crew continues to try to keep up with weeds and mowing.
- Cleaning algae at Gezer Park, pond will need to be drained in the next few weeks.
- Setting up for West Side Story.

Chris reported the following

- Excited to be starting a partnership with Kincaid Bus Trips. There will be several trips in the fall and early winter including a trip to Arkansas and Warm Springs. Kincaid brought one of their luxury motor coaches to the Community Center and let people on board to view the amenities and people were very excited. Kincaid is underwriting the risk so it is a great service offered to our citizens with no financial risk.

Kim reported the following:

- 4<sup>th</sup> of July event at Leawood City Park went well with a larger crowd than last year. Several vendors who were prepared to serve 3,000-4,000 people ran out of food. The event being in the middle of the week helped gather larger crowds.
- Fall soccer deadline is July 18<sup>th</sup>.
- League swim championships are at Prairie Village on July 11<sup>th</sup>.

- Dive championships will be hosted at Leawood Aquatic Center on July 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>.
- Kirby Wiley, the new Program and Facilities Supervisor started on Monday.
- Camps and Swim lessons are winding down.
- Food Truck Festival on Saturday, August 25<sup>th</sup>, from 5- 9 PM with the band Cherry Bomb performing.
- Pre bid meeting for Lodge at Ironwoods staining is on Monday, July 14<sup>th</sup>.

April reported the following:

- West Side Story tech rehearsal on Wednesday, July 11<sup>th</sup> and production opens Friday, July 13<sup>th</sup> at the Amphitheatre at Ironwoods Park.
- Concert Series starts August 12<sup>th</sup> at Ironwoods Park and runs four consecutive weeks. In case of heat or rain, the event will be move inside the Lodge at Ironwoods.

### **III. Miscellaneous**

Chris informed the group that there would be further discussion on the 96<sup>th</sup> and Lee future park on August 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM at Leawood City Hall.

April noted that the Leawood Chamber of Commerce Taste of Leawood Tickets are now on sale.

### **IV. Next scheduled Meeting Date**

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 14<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m. at the Leawood Community Center in the Maple Room

Bob made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Lorrie seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 7:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Chris Claxton, Parks and Recreation Director