



ADVISORY BOARD
Meeting Minutes – April 9th 2019 - 5:30 p.m.
Leawood City Hall- Maple Room

Board members in attendance: Amy Vlastic, JoLynn Hobbs, Gary Swanson, and Lorrie Hamilton

Board members absent: Bob Wright and Kim Galbraith

Council liaisons absent: Chuck Sipple and Julie Cain

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

Amy Vlastic called the meeting to order at 5:40 p.m.

Amy Vlastic made for a motion to approve the March 12th, 2019 meeting minutes. Lorrie moved the motion JoLynn seconded the motion. The minutes were approved unanimously.

I. Old Business

A. Update on Leawood Foundation Projects

Chris stated that there is information posted at the park and on Facebook on taking donations for the new Leawood agility course. She is still researching options for portable restrooms that will potentially be located along the trail or Tomahawk Creek Parkway. Chris will bring information on the portable restrooms to the next meeting on June 11th. The foundation has funds it can use for portable restrooms, but will likely fundraise to match those funds. We will also explore more options and locations for exercise stations, but they are currently not as high of a priority as the portable restrooms.

B. Update on Road Work Project – Ironwoods Park

Brian reported that the project has started up again, now that the weather is warmer. They will be doing extensive milling but must work around our lodge rental schedule. Brian stated that the ADA improvements including sidewalks, handicap parking spots, and ramps are a nice upgrade for people with mobility issues.

C. Update on Art Pieces

April informed the group that “Faith” located at Brooke Beatty Park has been removed from the park and is being restored. It was damaged from a tree branch during a winter storm.

JoLynn asked if our insurance will cover the repairs.

April stated that it will likely not cover the full cost. If it is determined that the damage resulted because of wind, the deductible will be \$1,000.00 versus \$10,000.00 for a standard deductible.

“The Sentinel” which is located in the median in front of City Hall is also out for restoration.

The deed of gift for “Inspiration” by Rita Blitt has been accepted. It will be taken for restoration before it is place at the corner of College and Tomahawk Creek Parkway.

The deed of gift for “Women of The World” by Kwon Wu has also been accepted. The location will be determined by the Art in Public Places initiative group.

“Walking Woman” by Michael Stutz will be delivered within the next few weeks. We will keep everyone posted on a dedication date.

The new City of Leawood banners will be delivered and installed shortly after Memorial Day. KC Banner will install the five banner designs in a randomized pattern.

We are currently exploring kinetic art pieces for the art on loan location outside of City Hall.

II. New Business

A. 2019 Governing Body Goals

Chris informed the committee that the 2019 Governing Body Goals that pertain to Parks and Recreation are:

1. Inventory and place pet waste stations within city parks.

Brian informed the group that we currently have 18 pet waste stations. Brian asked the group if they have any suggestions on where to put more pet waste stations.

Lorrie suggested adding one near the pond at Leawood City Park.

JoLynn suggested putting a station on the trail, on the west side of Mission road, outside of Leawood City Park.

April suggested adding another at Ironwoods Park, specifically near the Amphitheater at Ironwoods Park.

Brian stated we are currently spending approximately \$8,000 annually on pet waste bags.

2. Place maps of bike loops, trail systems, and information on art on the City’s website.

Chris informed the committee that we are currently working on this with our IT department. We are working to make these items easily accessible for web users.

3. Place stepping stones leading up to City art pieces.

Chris stated this is difficult because stepping stones are not necessarily ADA compliant. Another issue is that several of the pieces should not necessarily be viewed up close.

4. Increase visibility and information for QR codes on arts pieces and increase awareness on how the city art pieces are acquired.
Chris stated the response will be to put a link to our website page on every available QR code on the art pieces.
5. Investigate possibility on potential public use of the former parks maintenance facility.
Chris stated she thought it was not an ideal location for a park.

B. 2020 Budget- Decision Packages Submitted

Chris informed the committee that each department is allowed to submit two decision packages. We have submitted:

1. Irrigation booster pump for Gezer Park- \$37,000.00
Brian informed the committee that we have a two inch water line at Gezer Park which is not conducive to watering an entire park quickly. Currently they must be constantly running water because they cannot run all of the sprinkler zones at once. The booster pump will increase of the capability of watering the entire park at once; shortening the watering time. This will make the park more usable for everyone.
2. Remove silt in Ironwoods Pond (including burying silt)- \$87,000.00
Brian stated we will also need to fix several areas of the creek on the west end, which are directing silt into the pond.

C. Fishing Derby

Chris informed the group that the Fishing Derby will take place April 27th, 8:30 a.m.- 11:00 a.m., at the North Lake on Tomahawk Creek Parkway. This event is for kids 12 and under and a variety of prizes will be awarded. There will be staff available to provide fishing poles and help instruct kids on how to fish.

III. Staff Reports

Brian reported the following:

- They have completed cleaning the pond at Gezer Park.
- Ironwoods fence installation will start soon. We have help clearing brush from several Girl Scout Troops and Boy Scout Troops.
- We will celebrate Arbor Day on May 4th with the Leawood Rotary planting 20 trees in the Leawood Rotary Grove located in Ironwoods Park.
- The trail at I-Lan Park has been resurfaced including the trail continuing to Overland Park.

Kim reported the following:

- First Tee began this week with 42 participants.
- The cabins at Ironwoods Park have opened this week.
- Eggstravaganza is this Sunday, April 14th at Leawood City Park. The event will begin at 11:00 a.m. with lunch, activities and an egg hunt.

- Second annual Family Stride N' Ride will take place on May 11th, at The Leawood Justice Center at 9:00 a.m. This event will include free bike demos, fun run, and several other fun family activities.
- Coach pitch and tee ball deadlines coming up soon.
- Pool passes are currently on sale.

April reported the following:

- Historic Oxford School House has several more field trips before the school year is over.
- National Dance day at Ironwoods Park was a huge success, we had approximately 600 people with all varieties of dancing.
- April 20th we will host the second round of auditions for "Kiss Me Kate".
- Tea with Shakespeare is almost sold out. This year the Heart of America Shakespeare festival will present a Shakespearean Costume fashion show.
- May 9th, we will dedicate a plaque to the Historic Leawood Shops located at Somerset and Lee. The dedication will take place at 6:00 p.m.
- They received several Asian inspired sculptures that will be placed in I-Lan Park.

Chris reported the following:

- We will be purchasing new pickle ball nets that will be assembled and stored on the tennis courts.
- We will also be reaching out to the Barstow School to use their new indoor pickle ball courts, once they are open. We may try and provide pickle ball programming there.
- Researching requiring people to obtain photography permits in order to take professional pictures at our parks. This has become a problem at the Lodge at Ironwoods in particular, especially when we have special events and lodge rentals.

IV. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 14th or Tuesday, June 11th at 5:30 p.m. in the Maple Room in the Leawood Community Center.

Lorrie made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Garry seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 7:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Chris Claxton, Parks and Recreation Director