



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

Board members in attendance: Chair Karen Ward-Reimer, Amy Vlastic, Kim Galbraith, Lorrie Hamilton, and Bob Wright

Board Members absent: Gary Swanson and JoLynn Hobbs

Council Liaison present: Julie Cain and 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 5:40 p.m.

Chair Karen Ward- Reimer made a motion to approve the June 11th, 2019 meeting minutes. Kim G. moved the motion. Lorrie seconded the motion. The minutes were approved unanimously.

I. New Business

A. Discuss Cost of Possible Trail Repairs – South Trail Loop, Ironwoods Park

Chris informed the committee that there are trail safety issues at Ironwoods Park.

Brian explained that the switchback area behind the pond at Ironwoods Park is steep and uneven. The switchback trail was originally constructed with asphalt and that was removed and replaced with concrete by park staff. There are several other areas of trail at Ironwoods that need to be replaced. The approximate length of trail to be replaced is 3,750 feet. The cost for the project is estimated to be \$236,000.00, which does not include replacing 100% of the trails at Ironwoods Park.

Kim G. asked if we require pulverized granite in the concrete mix.

Brian replied yes, we do require pulverized granite for strength.

Chris added that the project would be completed in phases. We have \$100,000.00 in the CIP for trail repairs in 2020, in addition to our annual emergency repair budget of \$100,000.00.

Bob asked how bad the trail is.

Brian stated that it is patchy and has cracks. The cracks are getting large enough that bike tires may get caught in them.

Chris added that we will have a trail master plan completed by this fall prior to discussion of the next CIP cycle. It will incorporate repairs to other trails within Leawood over the next 15 years.

Kim G. asked when the project at Ironwoods would start.

Brian stated that the funding will not be available until 2020.

Council Liaison Sipple asked if we would have one contractor for several of the trail repair locations throughout Leawood to save money.

Chris stated that we would likely not realize any cost savings unless the projects were close in proximity.

B. Discuss E Bikes on Trails

Brian stated that he recently met with Parks and Recreation agencies and other Government employees from all over the Kansas City Metro Area to discuss whether e-bikes should be legal on trails. The Kansas City Metro Area Directors Association has decided to create a letter of recommendation regarding e-bikes on trails. The group clarified that there are three types of e-bikes:

1. Class One
 - Rider must pedal to get assistance from battery; motor has a max speed of 20 mph.
2. Class Two
 - Rider does not need to pedal; motor has max speed of 20 mph
3. Class Three
 - Rider must pedal to get assistance from battery; motor has a max speed of 28 mph.

Brian stated that the group is recommending class one and class three e-bikes be allowed on trails.

Amy asked if this policy is leaving out anyone with a disability.

Brian stated we are currently working on a policy that specifies ADA accommodations as well. This would include motorized wheelchairs.

Chris added that having a unifying rule will help people if they are traveling across city and state lines, as there are many connections throughout the metro and beyond.

Council Liaison Sipple asked what the timeline for the recommendation is.

Brian stated that they have a draft letter prepared. They will next take it to the Kansas City Are Metro Directors Association meeting for approval. We should have an official position by the end of this calendar year at the latest.

C. Bike Kiosk at City Park

Brian informed the committee that a trail-head is in the design phase for the North and South Bike Loops. It will be located just southwest of the pool at Leawood City Park. We engaged Vireo for this work and they have sent several preliminary design concepts. The trail-head will include a pergola for shade, benches and tables, a bike repair station, water bottle filler, a mister, and bike parking. The park staff will be building and completing this project.

April added that this might be a great opportunity to incorporate some artistic bike racks.

Bob asked what the approximate budget for the project is.

Brian stated that he did not know but the funds would come out of the annual operating budget. We will know more when we determine final design that will include materials and equipment.

Council Liaison Sipple asked if there will be any signage directing people to the closest bathroom.

Brian replied that he will definitely add signage for the closest restrooms, which are located at the Lion's Shelter. During the winter, we can also relocate a portable toilet nearby.

II. Old Business

A. Recommendation for Design Consultant – Future Park 96th and Lee

Chris stated that the selection task group would like to make the recommendation to the board that BBN Architecture be awarded the contract for the future park at 96th and Lee. The task group interviewed four consulting firms: BBN, Landworks Studio, Vireo, and Plaid Collaborative. Several of the companies had STRATA Architecture and Preservation as a consultant on their proposals. It is recommended that we use BBN with a caveat of adding STRATA to their team for an additional fee. The scope for Strata would only be to provide insight and possible restoration assistance on any of the buildings that the Governing Body decides to keep, which to date has only been determined to be the former City Hall. Staff would like to bring the recommendation to the City Council at the second City Council meeting in September.

Following discussion, Bob made a motion to recommended BBN Architecture for the of 96th and Lee park project. Lorrie seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

B. City Park Pond Project

Brian informed the committee that the pond at Leawood City Park has sustained damage from the flood of 2017. We have submitted the damages to FEMA and funds have been approved for repairs. We will be reaping past damage and mitigating future damage by setting the new limestone perimeter stones in a concrete footing. We will also be replacing the pond aerators and working hard to preserve the surrounding trees. Kissick Construction will be completing the project with a bid of \$344,000.00. FEMA will pay approximately \$200,000.00. We will begin this November and finish in early 2020.

III. Staff Reports

Brian reported the following:

- The repairs to the sinkhole at the entrance to Tomahawk Park is almost complete. We have also widened a portion of the trail at Tomahawk Park.

April reported the following:

- June was very busy for Oxford Schoolhouse with Book Club and History for All Ages.
- Children's Concert Series at the Lodge at Ironwoods were very well attended with approximately 300 attendees for each performance.
- Busy putting together the set for "Kiss Me Kate". Performances begin on July 11th and run through July 20th at the Ironwoods Park Amphitheater.

- Sunday Night Concert Series at Ironwoods Park begins first weekend in August and runs for 5 weeks.

Kim reported the following:

- We are hosting Johnson County Swim Championships tomorrow at the Leawood Aquatic Center.
- 4th of July had slightly smaller crowds this year due to rain.
- Fall soccer deadline is next week.
- Girl Scout Twilight Heritage camps have concluded.
- Gearing up for Truckin' in the Park on Saturday, August 24th.
- Doggie Dunk is September 3rd.

IV. Miscellaneous

Bob stated that he has visited the new Meadowbrook pickle ball courts and they have been completely full. He suggested doing whatever we can to support this sport since it is increasing in popularity for people of all ages.

Amy added that perhaps we could potentially add pickle ball courts to Ironwoods Park in the future.

V. Next scheduled Meeting Date

The next meeting will be held August 13th at 5:30 p.m. in the Maple Room of the Community Center.

Amy 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