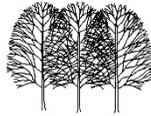


LEAWOOD



Parks, Recreation and Cultural Arts

ADVISORY BOARD

Meeting Minutes – February 18, 2020 - 5:30 p.m.

Maple Room- Leawood Community Center

Board members in attendance: Amy Vlastic, Kim Galbraith, Bob Wright, and JoLynn Hobbs.

Board members in absent: Chair Karen Ward-Reimer, and Gary Swanson.

Council liaisons present: Chuck Sipple, and Julie Cain.

Staff members present: Holly York, Chris Claxton, Kim Curran, Brian Anderson, and Camille Sumrall.

Amy Vlastic called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

JoLynn Hobbs made a motion to approve the January 14th, 2020 meeting minutes. Kim Galbraith seconded the motion. The minutes were approved unanimously.

I. Old Business

A. Update on North/South Loop Bike Kiosk at City Park

Brian informed the committee that they have acquired all the stone material and it is in storage. They are working on getting a final grading plan for the area before they begin work. Inclement weather has slowed the project down. Brian stated the shelter, water bottle filler, bike racks, bike repair station, and furniture will cost approximately \$41,000.00. City Council will need to approve the purchase. They have determined colors and materials for all of the elements of the kiosk and they will be purchasing soon.

Council Liaison Cain stated she thought the kiosk was in a very visible area, which will help attract visitors.

Council Liaison Sipple asked what signage or artwork will denote the purpose of the kiosk for people driving by.

Amy suggested hiring Zack Newton to design a flag or banner.

Council Liaison Sipple suggested placing a large bicycle inspired piece of artwork high above the shelter for people to see from afar.

Chris added that we will need to see what the roof can support.

Bob asked where the funding from the project came from.

Brian replied that the funds came from the annual operating budget, and the bike loop signage projects. Most of the funds will come from the south loop project.

B. Update on New Restroom to be Constructed at North Lake

Chris informed the committee that they are working on a brochure for the Foundation, which will be presented to donors with information and images about the new restroom. They are currently working on a digital rendering to place in the brochure.

Council Liaison Cain suggested adding the number of trail users to the brochure so that donors know how needed the restroom is.

Council Liaison Sipple asked where the restroom is going.

Chris responded it is going on the northwest corner of the parking lot at the North Lake.

C. Discuss Potential Names for New Parkland (89th and Sagamore)

The following names were suggested:

- Country Club Crossing
- Clover Crossing
- Country Club Ridge
- Old Club Crossing
- Old Leawood Crossing

The board will vote electronically and confirm at the March meeting.

II. New Business

A. Review of Park Impact Fees

Chris reminded the committee they are required to review the Park Impact Fee annually. An email was sent with minutes from the Council work session and the Park Board meeting from early in 2019 where fee recommendation changes were made. After review of the Council members discussion, it was suggested not to raise the fees this year because they were raised in 2018.

Council Liaison Sipple asked if we are able to charge a fee for homes that have been remodeled in addition to the fee we charge for new addition of square footage on commercial development.

Chris stated there is nothing in the ordinance that provides for a fee of this kind.

Kim Galbraith moved not to raise the Park Impact Fee for the year of 2020.

JoLynn Hobbs seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

B. Review of CIP Projects

Chris distributed the Capital Improvement Plan to the board members. She suggested the board members review the list, which was emailed out with the other meeting documents.

JoLynn suggested adding new park signage to the entrance to City Park that includes park hours. She suggested adding the signage just outside the park before entering.

Council Liaison Sipple asked if we have the creek bank near the Leawood Dog Park to the Capital Improvement Fund in the next several years. A sanitary manhole is half exposed on the bank.

Brian responded that Johnson County Wastewater is responsible to protect their structures located along the creek bank and they have been notified of this particular situation.

Council Liaison Cain added that she believes that maintaining our current facilities should be our top priority.

Chris replied that she believes a Parks Master Plan is a top priority for the future of the department. It will give us a better understanding what should come next after maintenance to current facilities.

Council Liaison Cain stated she believed that \$325,000.00 was a low estimate for the future park at 96th and Lee.

Amy stated she believes the restroom at Tomahawk Park should be a higher priority.

Chris added that a roof over the Amphitheatre awning is also a high priority for the Stage Company. In addition, the cost of renting the trusses, etc. annually is very expensive

Council Liaison Cain stated that she did not believe the bridge at I-Lan to the additional three acres or the small parkland at 143rd and Windsor should be on the unfunded list because they are not a priority. She restated that taking care of what we have is more important rather than expanding. She also added that pickleball courts should be a higher priority because she hears requests for pickleball courts from residents quite frequently.

Council Liaison Sipple stated that he agreed with Julie and that we should take care of our current facilities and service what our residents most desire. Building pickleball courts may be a better use of funds than a bridge at I-Lan Park.

Council Liaison Sipple stated he would like the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board to see the rental statistics from Vista 154 because Ironhorse Golf Course pulls money from the Parks and Recreation budget.

III. Staff Reports

Brian reported the following:

- City Park Pond project is on schedule and should be done by the end of April.
- Brian stated that he would like to add centerlines to our trails. The center line would divide the trail for bikers and walker and would aid in trail etiquette. Johnson County has done this on one of their trails and it is very successful. He will discuss with Bike/Walk committee at the next meeting.
- Brian stated that several council members have suggested a natural grass goose buffer along the edge of city ponds.

Chris reported the following:

- Stated that she would like the Park Board to view the new programs in the Program Guide. She congratulated staff on the new programs they are offering.

Kim reported the following:

- 1,600 enrolled in spring soccer.
- Searching for a new Aquatics & Special Events Supervisor.
- Hiring seasonal employees for a variety of positions.

Holly reported the following:

- “Civil War” musical will take place at the lodge from March 26th- March 29th. A military history lecture will take place in conjunction with the show on Sunday, March 15th at 3:00 p.m. here in the Maple Room
- Offering new art camps this summer.
- Looking into acquiring “Skywriting I” and potential locations.
- Looking to hire a spring and summer intern.

IV. Next scheduled Meeting Date

The next meeting will be held March 10th at 5:30 p.m. in the Maple Room of the Community Center.

JoLynn made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Kim G. seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 6:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Chris Claxton, Parks and Recreation Director