



ADVISORY BOARD
Meeting Minutes – June 9, 2022 - 5:30 p.m.

To reduce the likelihood of the spread of COVID-19 and to comply with social distancing recommendations, this meeting of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board was conducted remotely using the Zoom media format and in person at Leawood City Hall. The meeting was livestreamed on [YouTube] and the public could access the livestream by going to www.leawood.org/.

Board members in attendance: Amy Vlastic, Kim Galbraith, Gary Swanson, Greg Williams, and JoLynn Hobbs.

Board members absent: Bob Wright and Chair Karen Ward-Reimer.

Council liaisons present: Chuck Sipple and Julie Cain.

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

Amy Vlastic called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. Kim Galbraith made a motion to approve the minutes from May 19, 2022. JoLynn Hobbs seconded the motion. The minutes were approved unanimously.

I. Old Business

A. Update on New Park Maintenance Facility

Chris reported they are working with Johnson County Wastewater on their building plans in order to receive the building permit.

Brian added that they are switching the type of metal roofing in order to stay within budget.

B. Update on Pool Project

Chris stated the pool was able to open on Tuesday, June 7. They are hoping to have most everything done by the 4th of July Celebration. Chris added that every pool member who purchased their pass before June 7 will receive a complimentary daily guest pass in order to compensate for the delayed opening. She added that she is very grateful for staff that sacrificed their Memorial Day holiday time in order for the pool to open.

C. Update on Trail Project from City Hall to Tomahawk Creek Parkway.

Brian reported that the project is on track and concrete for a large portion of the trail has been poured. The bridge has been set and they are making good progress.

D. Update on Restroom Project at North Lake

Chris reported that the contract with Greenflush Technologies for manufacturing the restroom was approved by City Council at the June 6th meeting. Construction and shipping time will take approximately 5 months. The Foundation continues to fundraise for the project.

E. Update on Ironwoods Pond Project

Brian stated they have finished both abutments for the new pedestrian bridge at the switchback. He added the contractor will seed the southern side of the pond.

Chris asked Brian if there have been any further conversations with WaterOne about financial compensation for re-stocking the pond with fish following the break in their line that sent chlorinated water into the pond that killed most of the fish.

Brian stated he has not spoken with them again, but will reach out to them after this meeting.

F. Update on 75th Anniversary Planning

Chris stated that they have had several meetings with Willoughby Design regarding the brand strategy for the 75th anniversary. Chris added that the consultants will share the proposed brand strategy with the City Council during a work session scheduled for September 6, 2022.

Council Liaison Sipple asked if there would be events throughout all of 2023.

Chris responded that there would be several events throughout the year. The committee is looking at four to five events to celebrate the 75th. The events will be diversified in nature so to attract as many residents/participants as wish to attend.

II. New Business

A. Department Staff Updates

Chris stated that Kim Curran, Superintendent of Recreation tendered her resignation. Her last day will be June 17. Kim has been a very important part of our team who is a very dedicated and talented employee. The staff will miss her.

Council Liaison Cain and Amy Vlasic stated they will miss Kim very much.

III. Staff Reports

Brian

- Staff is spending lots of time planting flower beds around the City.
- Staff has done quite a bit of work at the new Aquatic Center buildings. He stated he is very please and grateful for their work.

Holly

- "Praise" sculpture has been installed at Fire Station 3 and the dedication event will be on June 23rd.
- Parade of Hearts is ending next week. There will be a live auction for a number of the hearts at the June 17th Gala, which she and Chris are planning to attend..
- Work session on the 75th Anniversary art piece happened last night and the artist was selected. The artist is William Nemitoff who is originally from Leawood and is now based in New Orleans.
- Working on the contract for the new temporary art piece for the art on loan location.
- Grinnin' and Groovin' kid's concerts series started Tuesday and continues every Tuesday in June.
- Art camps have begun at City Hall.
- Glass art piece at Leawood Aquatic Center will likely be installed in August.

Camille

- Working on upcoming fall/winter Program Guide.

- Working on ongoing social media.
- Working on bi-monthly newsletter

Kim/Recreation Division (Reported by Chris Claxton)

- Swim team has begun practicing.
- First tee summer session has begun.
- Coach Pitch and T-Ball beginning with good numbers of participants.
- Lego Camps have begun at City Hall.
- Half-Day camps at City Park will begin next week.
- Switched credit card processing systems.
- Preparing for the 4th of July Celebration.

Chris

- Working on updated Tomahawk Park playground replacement plan. Concepts will be presented via QR code at the park once completed.
- Location for 75th anniversary art piece will need significant work. She and Public Works Director, David Ley are working with Olsson to determine the work needed and to find out if the area is a designated wetland.

IV. Miscellaneous

Council Liaison Cain asked if the Art in Public Places Committee would consider extra funds to beautify the area for the 75th anniversary piece

Chris stated there may be funds from the Arts Council budget or funds in the Arts Impact fee.

Amy Vlasic asked if there was any damage from the storm in the parks.

Brian responded that there was not significant damage at any of the parks. Mostly just limbs here and there.

Council Liaison Sipple asked when the footings for the new restroom at the north lake will be installed.

Chris stated they finally have all the information and final plans needed to send to McCarthy Construction. McCarthy Construction will let the city know what they would like to do pro bono. Chris stated McCarthy Construction would act as the general contractor on the project.

Council Liaison Sipple asked if the restroom would be installed by Christmas.

Brian responded he will have more information on timing at the next meeting and will report back.

Kim Galbraith made a motion adjourn the meeting. The motion was approved unanimously.

The next meeting will be held July 14, 2022.

The meeting adjourned at 7:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Chris Claxton, Parks and Recreation Director