



ADVISORY BOARD

Meeting Minutes – July 14, 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: Chair Karen Ward-Reimer, Amy Vlastic, Kim Galbraith, Bob Wright, and Greg Williams.

Board members absent: Gary Swanson and JoLynn Hobbs.

Council liaisons present: Chuck Sipple.

Staff members present: Chris Claxton, Brian Anderson, Camille Sumrall and Holly York and Interim City Administrator Patrick Geschwind

Chair Karen Ward-Reimer called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. Kim Galbraith made a motion to approve the minutes from June 15, 2022. Amy Vlastic seconded the motion. The minutes were approved unanimously.

I. Special Business

A. Introduce Interim City Administrator

Chris introduced the Interim City Administrator Patrick Geschwind.

Patrick gave a brief bio of himself.

II. Old Business

A. Update on Pool Project

Chris reported they are working on completing the floor in the multipurpose room. Rentals for the space will not be available until the fall.

Brian added that they are still working on one of the interior bathrooms for the multipurpose building. They will also need to assemble all of the tables for the multipurpose room. They are also working on installing the overhead door. They are still working on the concrete for the bike hub station.

Chair Karen Ward-Reimer asked when the bike hub would be completed and if/when there might be a city sponsored biking event.

Brian responded that he believed it would be completed in early fall and a bike related event will likely happen this spring.

B. Update on Parks Maintenance Facility

Brian stated that the contractors have begun grading work and moving dirt at the site. Staff will need to relocate bulk materials at the site in order for work to continue.

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

Brian reported that the project is still on track and they are working on irrigation repairs on property that the trail covers. The contractors are still working on pouring concrete with the completion of the trail schedule for October.

D. Update on Restroom Project at North Lake

Chris reported that a contract with the manufacturer has been approved. The new restroom will be manufactured in five months. Chris added that staff is having a meeting next week with McCarthy Construction who will be the project's general contractor.

E. Update on Ironwoods Pond Project

Brian stated the project is almost complete with the exception of seeding around the pond incorporating the dirt that was removed from the pond. Pond stocking will happen in the next few months.

Kim asked if WaterOne will help with the cost of the pond restocking.

Brian stated he will follow up with WaterOne to see if they will help.

Council Liaison Sipple asked if both bridges are open to the public.

Brian responded that both pedestrian bridges are open and look great.

F. Update on 75th Anniversary Planning

Chris stated that they have a meeting with Willoughby Designs and the 75th Anniversary task force to finalize brand strategy and event ideas for the 75th anniversary. They will present ideas to City Council at a work session on September 6th.

Council Liaison Sipple asked if there would be new street banners for the 75th.

Chris stated that she did not know for sure if that would happen, but will check to see. She stated that the banners would cost at least \$30,000 if they replaced all of them, but there may be an option to replace some in key areas.

III. New Business

A. Department Staff Updates

Chris stated that Katie Curatola-Burruss tendered her resignation. Her last day will be July 26th. Katie has done a great job in the two and a half years she has been here.

Chris added that Brian Anderson has been promoted to Assistant Director of the department. Brian will now supervise the recreation staff in addition to the Parks Maintenance staff.

IV. Staff Reports

Brian

- Thanked the staff on their hard work for the 4th of July.
- Brian stated he has met with engineers to look at the trails that need renovation, especially the trail from 119th street north to the north lake and some areas from College Boulevard.

Holly

- Leawood Stage Company's production of The Addams Family has been postponed due to an outbreak of Covid-19.
- City Council approved the agreement for the 75th anniversary art piece. The artist is William Nemitoff who is originally from Leawood and is now based in New Orleans. Staff is still working on getting an estimate on the site work at the sculpture location at Mission and Lee Boulevard.
- City Council approved the contract for the new temporary art piece for the art on loan location. It is called "Purple Twist" by Jessie Cargas.
- Grinnin' and Groovin' kid's concerts series was completed in June.
- Art camps have begun at City Hall and will wrap up at the end of this week.
- History Camp at the Oxford Schoolhouse begins next week.
- The glass public art piece at Leawood Aquatic Center will likely be installed after Labor Day weekend once the pool is closed.
- Continuing work on the 75th Anniversary history book.

Camille

- Working on upcoming fall/winter Program Guide.
- Working on ongoing social media.
- Working on bi-monthly newsletter.
- Working on invites, and banners for upcoming events.

Chris

- The decision package for the mobile stage was approved. It takes approximately one year to arrive. She added that Connie Aversmen of Commerce Bank submitted a partnership request to the Commerce Bank Foundation who provided \$10,000 towards the purchase.
- Meeting with Landworks Studio on the Tomahawk Park playground project next week.
- Meeting with Plaid Collaborative on landscape plans for several art pieces.
- Doggie Dunk will take place on September 6th.
- Rotary Labor Day run/walk will take place on Labor Day at 7 am.
- Electronics recycling event will take place on July 23rd at Town Center Plaza.
- Added more money to the budget for 2023 4th of July Fireworks for the 75th anniversary.

V. Miscellaneous

Council Liaison Sipple asked about the status of pickle ball courts.

Chris responded that the project is still currently unfunded. She added that Brian spoke with representatives at City of Lenexa and discovered that their eight, lighted pickleball courts project cost approximately \$650,000. She added the 2023 Capital Improvement Plan has already been approved for 2023 but there may be an opportunity to get pickleball courts on the budget for 2024 if the council would like to move forward with adding them.

Amy stated she supported pickleball courts due to the large volume of players.

Kim stated she was in favor of revisiting a future community center as well, which could potentially have indoor pickleball courts available.

Bob Wright made a motion adjourn the meeting. Amy Vlasic seconded the motion.
The motion was approved unanimously.

The next meeting will be held August 11, 2022.

The meeting adjourned at 7:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Chris Claxton, Parks and Recreation Director

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