

## **LENEXA PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD**

### **MINUTES OF THE MAY 10, 2017 PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD MEETING PARKS AND RECREATION SERVICE CENTER CONFERENCE ROOM, 13321 WALNUT, LENEXA, KS**

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Chairperson Mike Rzeszut.

Parks and Recreation Advisory Board members present: Craig Denny, Gary Ewing, Nancy Klunder, Diane Schmidt, Aivars Sics and Kelly Tines.

Parks and Recreation Advisory Board members absent: Jeff Mark and Pat Thomas.

Staff members present: Gary Ristow, Parks and Recreation Director; Logan Wagler, Deputy Director of Parks and Recreation; Lindsay Hart, Recreation Superintendent; Danny Huntsinger, Parks Superintendent; and Cheryl Doleshal, Parks and Recreation Administrative Assistant.

Mr. Rzeszut welcomed new board member Aivars Sics. Mr. Sics shared some information about himself to the group. He has lived in Lenexa most of his life. He currently resides in Lenexa (Ward 2) with his wife and two sons. He feels serving on the board will be a good opportunity to give back to the city.

Everyone on the board introduced themselves and welcomed Mr. Sics.

### **BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR**

None

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Motion for approval of the April 12, 2017 minutes was made by Mr. Denny, seconded by Ms. Tines, and approved 7-0.**

### **ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

**Motion for approval of the adoption of the agenda was made by Ms. Schmidt, seconded by Mr. Denny, and approved 7-0.**

**PARKS AND RECREATION STAFF UPDATE – LOGAN WAGLER AND LINDSAY HART (GRAND OPENING ACTIVITIES OVERVIEW)**

Mr. Wagler said they would share a tentative schedule of important dates pertaining to the Rec Center next month. The facility is slated to open for business on July 31. Ms. Hart passed around a draft of “Lenexa’s September to Remember” which listed the dates and events that the City has tentatively scheduled for September. The grand opening will be a month long celebration for Lenexa families and residents to enjoy.

**BENCH DONATION REQUEST – BLACK HOOF PARK (RICK AND JULIE LOEVENSTEIN FOR DEREK ALAN LOEVENSTEIN)**

Mr. Wagler discussed the memo sent to the board relating to a donation of a bench at Black Hoof Park from Rick and Julie Loevenstein in memory of their son Derek who recently passed away. This new bench will replace a rugged cut-log bench that is currently near the site the family has requested.

**Motion for approval to accept the donation of a park bench and plaque at Black Hoof Park from Rick and Julie Loevenstein was made by Mr. Denny, seconded by Mr. Ewing, and approved 7-0.**

**BENCH ADOPTION REQUEST – LITTLE MILL CREEK TRAIL (JANET FILIP FOR ALAN W. FILIP)**

Mr. Wagler said the department was offered the adoption of a bench located on the Little Mill Creek Trail from Janet Filip in memory of her husband Alan Filip who recently passed away. She and her husband would regularly walk that portion of the trail where the bench is located.

**Motion for approval to accept the adoption of a park bench and plaque along the Little Mill Creek Trail from Julie Filip was made by Mr. Denny, seconded by Ms. Klunder, and approved 7-0.**

**METAL SUNFLOWER ART DONATION REQUEST – HERB GARDEN AT SAR-KO-PAR TRAILS PARK (LORI SAVING FOR MARIE SAVING HORMANN)**

Mr. Wagler reported the department has been offered the donation of a metal sunflower art piece and plaque to be located in the herb garden near Legler Barn at Sar-Ko-Par Trails Park. Lori Saving has made the request in memory of her mother-in-law Marie Hormann. Ms. Hormann spent many hours planting and weeding the herb garden and community garden.

**Motion for approval to accept the metal sunflower art and plaque which will be placed in the herb garden in Sar-Ko-Par Trails Park from Lori Saving was made by Ms. Klunder, seconded by Mr. Ewing, and approved 7-0.**

## **REPORTS TO THE BOARD**

### **Members' Reports**

Craig Denny – Mr. Denny shared he will not be at next month's meeting. He has the ambassadors lined up for the BBQ event

Nancy Klunder – Ms. Klunder said while playing at the park with her grandson, a patron inquired about having a water fountain at Scouting Park. Staff will follow up with the suggestion since water is available at the location.

Mike Rzeszut – Mr. Rzeszut passed along his thanks to the city for the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Volunteer Appreciation Dinner that he and the board attended last month.

Kelly Tines – Ms. Tines inquired how long charter memberships to the Rec Center would be available. Mr. Wagler said they are available through July 30 when the facility opens, but that some of the promotional items may not be available.

### **Director's Report**

#### **Civic Campus Update**

Mr. Ristow shared that the Lenexa Rec Center reached its 1000 member mark today. The charter membership goal was set at 980 members. Staff is very pleased that patrons are excited about joining the facility. He said City Council toured the facility last evening and everyone enjoyed seeing all the areas and water features operational. Inspections are being completed. The third floor is complete minus the fitness equipment and most staff offices are near completion. June 2 is the tentative date for City Hall and the Rec Center to be turned over to the city. Rec Center Staff is hoping to move in mid-June and be open around July 5 for membership sales and public tours.

#### **Election of Officers**

Mr. Ristow reported the election of officers will be held at next month's meeting. The chair and vice chairperson positions will be selected.

### **Recreation Report**

Ms. Hart reported the following:

- Staff is busy hiring the part time positions for the Rec Center. A few offers for front desk staff have been made.

- Outdoor pools are being prepped for opening day, Saturday, May 27. Lifeguard trainings are on-going.
- The Lenexa Art Fair is Saturday, May 13 from 10 a.m. – 7 p.m.
- The first Movie in the Park is Friday, May 19 at Buffalo Meadows. “Back to the Future” will be shown. The event begins at 5:30 p.m. with games and music.
- Shining Stars Dance Recital will be held Friday, May 26 at St. Thomas Aquinas High School beginning at 7 p.m.
- BBQ preparations are moving along. This year’s dates are June 23 and 24.

## **Parks Report**

Mr. Huntsinger shared several photos of the following:

- The Diane Linver Heritage Tree has been planted in Black Hoof Park. Ms. Linver selected a Sugar Maple tree. A plaque will be added soon.
- The Clear Creek trail and storm water basin project in Centennial Park is complete. The area is comprised of 180 acres with 40 acres planned for park land.
- Several of the tree groves along the Evan Knaus Memorial Tree Walk have been planted.
- Staff is excited about the updated poly house and nursery operations. The nursery grows and houses numerous perennials and trees that are used each year.
- Facilities division has been repairing pool leaks, sealing, and painting pools for this year’s outdoor pool season.
- Annuals have been planted at City facilities and the second round of pre-emergent has been applied.
- All ash trees along the 87<sup>th</sup> street corridor have been removed and replaced with three different varieties of trees.

## **Projects Report**

Mr. Wagler reported the following:

- Bid award for the Sar-Ko-Par Trails Park Pavilion Project were approved at last Tuesday’s City Council meeting. Limited site work will begin in the next week or two. The 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Shelter has been closed for reservations.
- Selection of the consulting firm to perform a building use study on the Lenexa Senior Center and Lenexa Community Center will begin this week.
- Staff will be seeking City Council approval next week for the Gateway Landscape Improvements bid. Work will begin in June.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Mr. Denny, seconded by Mr. Ewing, and approved 7-0.**

Meeting adjourned at 6:47 p.m.

Cheryl Doleshal, Recording Secretary