

LENEXA PARKS AND RECREATION
ADVISORY BOARD

**MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 11, 2023, PARKS AND RECREATION
ADVISORY BOARD MEETING
BLACK HOOF PARK, OAK SHELTER HOUSE, 9053 MONTICELLO ROAD,
LENEXA**

The meeting was called to order at 5:42 p.m. by Chairperson Jeff Mark.

Parks and Recreation Advisory Board members present: Nathalie Aquino-Brech, Wanda Kiewiet, Diane Schmidt and Pat Thomas.

Parks and Recreation Advisory Board members absent: Gary Ewing, Amanda Hoernicke, Mike Rzeszut and Aivars Sics.

Staff members present: Logan Wagler, Parks and Recreation Director; Marisa Shartzler, Recreation Superintendent; Curt Talken, Landscape Supervisor and Cheryl Doleshal, Senior Administrative Assistant.

BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

Shawnee Mission Northwest seniors Emma Doleshal and Mattaya Hager are attending the meeting tonight as a requirement for their AP Government class.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion for approval of the September 13, 2023, minutes was made by Mr. Thomas, seconded by Ms. Kiewiet, and approved 5-0.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Motion for approval of the adoption of the agenda was made by Ms. Schmidt, seconded by Ms. Kiewiet, and approved 5-0.

REPORTS TO THE BOARD

Members' Reports

Wanda Kiewiet – Ms. Kiewiet has been taking advantage of the free mulch the city offers. She has been sharing the news with her neighbors. Free mulch is available at Little Mill Creek Park and Freedom Fields.

Jeff Mark – Mr. Mark inquired about who takes care of trail bridges for the city. Both Municipal Services and the Parks and Recreation Department play a part.

Diane Schmidt – Ms. Schmidt shared a concern she has with the bridge at Central Green Park that leads into her Parkhurst neighborhood. There is a dip in the concrete. Mr. Wagler said that is probably a settling issue from a bollard. He suggested anytime someone has a concern to create a service request through the city website. This will help create a work order and allow residents to track progress.

Director's Report (Logan Wagler)

KCMPRDA Boards and Commissions Appreciation Banquet - Children's Mercy Park (November 17). RSVP's Due by 10/23

Remember to send your RSVP to Cheryl Doleshal before October 23. The department will have a table so there is room for everyone.

November 8 Park Board Meeting (Staff requesting to cancel)

Mayor Mike Boehm is hosting a celebration for all city staff on Wednesday, November 8. Since all Parks and Recreation staff are encouraged to attend the event, the board agreed with staff that the November meeting be cancelled.

December 13 Joint Board Meeting – Lenexa Parks and Recreation Advisory Board and the Lenexa Arts Council

The Parks and Recreation Master/Comp Plan update will be shared with both groups at the regularly scheduled December 13 Park Board meeting. Staff would like to hold the meeting at Thompson Barn with a start time of 6 p.m. An approval of the recommended plan will be requested from each group.

Sar-Ko-Par Aquatic Center Renovation

This project is taking shape. All walls within the deep well and lap lanes are in and utility issues have been resolved.

Lenexa Old Town Activity Center (Community Center/Senior Center) Renovation

The LOTAC project is making nice progress. The contractor will send bids to the subcontractors in mid-October.

Cedar Station Park

The work continues to move fast. This park will be a good addition to the park system. The board was invited to visit the park and see the nice view down to Mize Lake.

Little Mill Creek Trail Replacement

This is a proposed 2024 new project to replace approximately one mile of concrete trail.

Mr. Wagler also shared these items: The Rec Center will be closed this Sunday, October 15 for floor repairs and there is a strong chance the fireworks scheduled Friday night at the Chili Challenge will be cancelled due to the forecast of high winds and strong gusts.

Staff Reports

Ms. Shartzter reported the following:

- Staff are reviewing the first draft and working on the Executive Summary piece of the Parks and Recreation Master Plan.
- The aquatics team is digging into pool operations to prepare for the Sar-Ko-Par Aquatic Center opening next May. They also are continuing to hire new guards and swim instructors.
- The seniors are currently in Albuquerque, New Mexico for the Hot Air Balloon Ascension Festival. The last overnight trip is in November (Ozark Mountain Christmas in Branson, Missouri.)
- Call for artists are out for the Lenexa Artists' Show, Lenexa Art Fair and Cupids Gems.
- The Lenexa Rotary Club is partnering with the city for a Peace Poles exhibit at Black Hoof Park in 2024.
- Fall pickleball, t-ball and coach pitch have wrapped up. Soccer and flag football run until November 4. Youth basketball begins next week.
- Farmers Market Saturdays last day is October 28. Holiday markets take place on November 18 and December 16.
- The Learning About Lenexa program hosted four schools this fall. Next spring the program will continue with five more schools.
- The Lenexa Chili Challenge is this Friday and Saturday in Old Town.
- The first fall City Center Live performance is Saturday, October 14 with Marimba Sol de Chiapas in the Community Forum at City Hall.
- Enchanted Forest is Thursday, October 26 from 4-8pm.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Mr. Thomas, seconded by Ms. Aquino-Brech and approved 5-0.

Meeting adjourned at 6:02 p.m.

Cheryl Doleshal, Recording Secretary