

MINUTES
PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD
CITY COMMISSION ROOM
OCTOBER 1, 2012
4:30 P.M.

Present were the following members of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Members: Mr. Bruce McMillan, Mr. Oscar Montenegro, Ms. Linda Teener, and Mr. Dave Schafer. Ms. Ashalen Sims, Mr. Walt Pesaresi, and Mr. Curt Herrman were absent. Present at this meeting was Mr. Curt Loupe, Director of Parks and Recreation; Mr. Eddie Eastes, Assistant Director of Parks and Recreation; Mr. Scott Shoemaker, Director of Sunset Zoo; Mr. Mike Buchanan, Recreation Superintendent; Mrs. Buffy Woodward, Administrative Assistant.

MINUTES

Ms. Teener called the meeting to order. It was moved by Mr. McMillan, seconded by Mr. Schafer, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting on September 10, 2012. On vote, motion carried 4-0.

SUNSET ZOO NATURE EXPLORATION CENTER UPDATE

Mr. Shoemaker gave an overview of the Zoo's Nature Exploration Center. The Center opened on June 2 in conjunction with the Wine in the Wild Event. The facilities worked great as the home for the summer camps. A nature-based daycare will open in the Center in April 2013. A large number of rentals have been held since June, which has created a great revenue stream for the Zoo. A Sales Coordinator has been hired to handle the reservations. The new gift shop is open year round. The Center has exceeded expectations.

RECREATION PROGRAMMING UPDATE

Mr. Buchanan gave an overview of the recreation programming. Fall participation numbers have been pretty consistent. Allowing Kindergarteners to play soccer has increased the fall soccer numbers. PetPoolooza was a great event that raised a good amount of money for the Animal Shelter. The Ice Rink will open for the season in mid-November. Manhattan Parks and Recreation will be hosting the Kansas Recreation Professionals Association (KRPA)'s annual conference in January in Manhattan.

MISCELLANEOUS

Future agenda items – Douglass Community Center update, Flint Hills Discovery Center update

OTHER BUSINESS

A dedication of new bricks at the Flag Plaza in City Park was held on September 30.

It was moved by Mr. Schafer, seconded by Mr. Montenegro, to adjourn the meeting. On vote, motion carried 4-0.