

MINUTES
PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD
CITY COMMISSION ROOM
OCTOBER 7, 2002
4:30 P.M.

Present were the following members of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board: Mr. Larry Weaver, Ms. Jean Darbyshire, Mr. Roger Brannan, Mr. Bruce McMillan, and Mrs. Beverly Page. Mr. Reed Scott and Mrs. Marie Steichen reported later to the meeting. Also present at this meeting was Mr. Terry DeWeese, Director of Parks and Recreation; Mr. Jerry Dishman, Park Superintendent; Mr. Frank Gibbs, Park Planner; Mr. Scott Shoemaker, Zoo Director; Mr. Ivan Wilkinson, Recreation Superintendent; Mr. Ron Springer, Park Supervisor; Mrs. Melanie Godsey, Recreation Supervisor; and Mrs. Debbie Dugan, Administrative Supervisor.

Mr. Weaver called the meeting to order.

MINUTES

It was moved by Mr. Brannan, seconded by Mrs. Page to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on September 9, 2002. On vote, motion carried 5-0.

UPDATE ON WILDCAT AND RECREATION LEAGUES

Mr. Wilkinson explained the Wildcat League, which is a competitive league for youth sports that provides a choice from the recreation league. He stated that the Wildcat League was started in 1999 with baseball. In 2000, the Wildcat League was also offered for softball, basketball, and soccer with two seasons. He reviewed the numbers of each sport. Discussion was held and questions were answered at that time.

STAFF REPORTS

Mrs. Debbie Dugan, Administrative Supervisor; Mr. Ivan Wilkinson, Recreation Superintendent; Mr. Scott Shoemaker, Zoo Director; Mr. Jerry Dishman, Park Superintendent; and Mr. Frank Gibbs, Park Planner; gave staff reports. Mrs. Steichen inquired if the park in the Northview area will be named. Mr. DeWeese explained that there are not any plans to name the park other than the name, which is currently being used - Northeast Park. It was suggested to reserve naming the park in the event a large donation was made to add amenities to the park.

PLAYGROUND SAFETY

Mr. DeWeese introduced Mr. Springer to the Board. Mr. Springer explained that employees from Kansas Wildlife and Parks would be observing the placement of the rubber surface on the playground at Northview Park. He explained that Kansas Wildlife and Park employees are interested in placing the rubber surface around their playgrounds. Mr. Springer informed the Board of the public meeting that was held on the playground equipment at Douglass and Longs Park, which will be installed in 2003.

Mr. Springer explained that there are two employees, which are playground certified for the Parks and Recreation Department. He stated that he would like to have one more person certified in the department. He discussed the playground guidelines and questions were answered at that time.

INFORMATION TO CITY COMMISSION

Mr. DeWeese explained that the City Commission approved the Parks and Recreation Fee Resolution at their meeting on September 17, and the Animal Shelter Ordinance at their meeting on October 1, 2002.

MISCELLANEOUS

Mr. DeWeese explained that the Singing Tower Dedication went well.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. DeWeese informed the Board that the City Commission would be receiving the Privatization Report on Tuesday, October 8, 2002.

The Warner Park Boundaries will be discussed at the November meeting.

It was moved by Ms. Darbyshire, seconded by Mrs. Page to adjourn the meeting. On vote, motion carried 7-0.

Approved by Chairperson Parks and Recreation
Advisory Board

Date