

MINUTES
PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD
CITY COMMISSION ROOM
May 1, 2017 - 4:30 P.M.

Present were the following members of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board: Mr. Ed Klimek, Ms. Marcia Rozell, Mr. Dave Schafer, Mr. Brian Thomason, Mr. Mark Bachamp, Ms. Linda Teener, and Ms. Leah Fliter.

Absent: None.

Employees present: Mr. Eddie Eastes, Director of Parks and Recreation; Mr. Randi Clifford, Recreation Director; Mr. Scott Shoemaker, Director of Sunset Zoo; Ms. Susan Adams, Director of Flint Hills Discovery Center; Ms. Melissa Kirkwood, Community Relations Officer; Mr. Wyatt Thompson, Senior Park Planner; and Mr. Casey Smithson, Park Superintendent.

MINUTES

Mr. Klimek called the meeting to order. It was moved by Mr. Bachamp, seconded by Ms. Rozell, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on April 3, 2017. On vote, motion carried 5-0.

Ms. Teener arrived.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Jim Fawcett, 711 Crestview Dr, Junction City, Kansas, father of Emily Fawcett owner Pampered Pet. He would like to have "Buck" adopted. His daughter is willing to adopt the dog and release the City of liability for the dog. Linea Alt, 6925 Rockwood Drive, Milford, Kansas, Friends of Animals and Junction City Animal Shelter Board, proposed a shelter to shelter transfer. She would like "Buck" to be transferred to a rescue facility in Denver. They would like to find a place for "Buck" to go and not get put to sleep. Chris Soupene, 2624 Georgetown Place, Manhattan, Kansas, would like "Buck" to receive a second chance. Mr. Soupene was in contact with the mother about the dog biting and he does not want the dog put down. Chad McCowskey, 10886 Boulder Rd, Junction City, Kansas. He spoke about policies and procedures for the animal shelter. He would like shelter adoption policies to be reviewed. He indicated that an online petition had been started and has 1,600 signatures.

Larry McGillivray, 309 Poliska Lane, Manhattan, Kansas, he is a part of Little Apple Disc Golf Club, was puzzled by the Warner Park Survey results. He would like a copy of the survey results from Survey Monkey released to the public. The disc golf club has asked to have the course expanded to an 18-hole course constructed at Warner Park. He spoke to the board about the recent tournament in Emporia which had 1,100 players and lasted a week.

Mr. Eastes responded to the animal shelter comments. The Animal Shelter is not under the purview of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board. The advisory board does not have any authority over the animal shelter. Mr. Eastes will continue to interact with City Manager, Ron Fehr, and the City legal department to achieve a positive outcome for this situation. We don't know what the resolution will be at this point. A determination does not have to be made on the 5th of May, that date is when the animal will be released from quarantine. We continue to research and gather information. We will continue to gather information until a positive outcome is achieved. Mr. Klimek encouraged the City to resolve the situation in a timely manner.

Leah Fliter arrived.

WARNER PARK NEIGHBORHOOD SURVEY UPDATE

Mr. Wyatt Thompson, Senior Park Planner, presented the results of the Warner Park Neighborhood Survey. A summary report has been prepared and included in the packet. Wyatt is working with K-State to develop a scope and fee for planning park improvements utilizing landscape architecture studios in the Spring 2018 semester. The City Commission will consider an agreement with K-State at a future meeting.

CITY PARK – NO PARKING ZONE, PARALLEL PARKING OR ONE WAY FOR CENTRAL PARK

In 2010, Central Park Road was altered to a one way road and parallel parking allowed on the west side of the roadway. While this parallel parking has benefited the various activities at the Wefeld Pavilion and Larry Noble Band Shell, the parking of cars not associated with park events has escalated to the point of causing congestion from unattended cars in the park from the surrounding neighborhoods. Since the Parks and Recreation Department has relocated offices to City Hall, additional parking is available for various events in the park and the need for parallel parking on Central Park Road is unnecessary. Ms. Fliter moved to remove all parking from. Ms. Rozell seconded the motion. On 7-0 vote, motion carried

STAFF UPDATES

Monthly Reports may be viewed at <http://cityofmhk.com/DocumentCenter/View/41762>.

FUTURE BUSINESS

None.

MISCELLANEOUS

OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Klimek shared information on the Johnny Kaw project with the advisory board.

Meeting Adjourned.