

MINUTES
PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD
CITY COMMISSION ROOM
JULY 10, 2006
4:30 P.M.

Present were the following members of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board: Mr. Bruce McMillan, Mrs. Beverly Page, Mr. Roger Brannan, and Mr. Reed Scott. Ms. Jean Darbyshire reported later to the meeting. Mr. Randy Martin was absent at this meeting. Also present at this meeting was Mr. Terry DeWeese, Director of Parks and Recreation; Mr. Frank Gibbs, Park Planner; Mr. Eddie Eastes, Park Superintendent; Mr. Scott Shoemaker, Zoo Director; Mr. Mike Buchanan, Assistant Recreation Superintendent; Mrs. Debbie Dugan, Administrative Supervisor; Mr. Ron Fehr, City Manager; and Mr. Bruce Snead, Mayor.

Mr. McMillan 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 June 5, 2006. On vote, motion carried 4-0.

STAFF REPORTS

Mr. Mike Buchanan, Assistant Recreation Superintendent, Mr. Eddie Eastes, Park Superintendent, Mrs. Debbie Dugan, Administrative Supervisor, Mr. Scott Shoemaker, Zoo Director, and Mr. Frank Gibbs, Park Planner, gave staff reports.

NAMING OF TWIN OAKS FIELDS 5 AND 6 AND ANNEBERG LAKE

Mr. DeWeese explained that City Administration advertised naming fields 5 and 6 and the lake at Anneberg Park. He stated that letters of support were included in the Board's packet. City Administration is recommending naming fields 5 and 6 at Anneberg Park after Jim Colley, former Recreation Superintendent; and the lake at Anneberg Park after Jerry Dishman, former Park Superintendent. He stated that this is a good way to recognize these two gentlemen for their countless years of contribution to the Quality of Life in Manhattan.

The following individuals spoke in favor of naming fields 5 and 6 and the lake at Anneberg Park after Jim Colley and Jerry Dishman. It was also suggested that the word pond be used instead of lake. Ed Phelps, Tuttle Creek Lake Association; Paul Miller, Retired Kansas Wildlife and Parks; Chuck Bever, Kansas Wildlife and Parks; and Glen Lojka, Retired Professor.

After discussion, it was moved by Mr. Scott, seconded by Ms. Darbyshire to approve City Administration's recommendation of naming fields 5 and 6 at Frank Anneberg Park Jim Colley Fields 5 and 6; and the lake at Frank Anneberg Park be named Jerry Dishman Lake/Pond. On vote, motion carried 5-0.

COMMENTS FROM TERRY DEWEESE, DIRECTOR OF PARKS AND RECREATION

Mr. DeWeese stated that he wanted to make comments since this would be his last board meeting. He spoke about the Parks and Recreation Staff, his family, working with the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, and the leadership of the City Manager and City Commission. Mr. McMillan thanked Mr. DeWeese for his hard work and leadership and the breadth of responsibilities of the Parks and Recreation Department.

ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON/VICE-CHAIRPERSON

It was moved by Mr. Brannan, seconded by Mrs. Page to recommend Mr. McMillan serve as Chairperson. On vote, motion carried 5-0. It was moved by Ms. Darbyshire, seconded by Mr. Scott to recommend Mr. Brannan serve as Vice-Chairperson. On vote, motion carried 5-0.

MISCELLANEOUS

Mayor Snead spoke to the Board and thanked them for serving on the board. He welcomed the board to attend the Work Session on July 25, 2006, dealing with the Family Indoor Recreation/Aquatic Facility.

The Board inquired about an Interlocal Agreement with the School District. Mrs. Dugan will mail a copy of the agreement to them.

Mr. Fehr, City Manager, thanked Mr. DeWeese for his service and his leadership of the Parks and Recreation Department. He explained that Mr. DeWeese leads by example and has been involved throughout the community. Mr. DeWeese will be missed and is a true legacy. Mr. Fehr explained that Mr. Eastes would serve as Interim Director.

The meeting was adjourned.