

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE
4:00 p.m. | January 10, 2024
City Hall

MINUTES

Attendance: Chairperson Lauren Wolf, Vice Chair Tyler Agniel, Matthew Geary, Randy Knight, Diane Mares, Caety Meyer, Jay Moorman, Kevin Murphy, Lauren Ozburn, Assistant City Administrator Meghan Boom, Field Superintendent James Carney

Public Participation: NONE

Reports

1. Chairperson's Report – Chairperson Lauren Wolf welcomed the committee to the January meeting. She introduced new Council Member Tyler Agniel as the Vice Chair of the committee and asked committee members to introduce themselves. She discussed the time changed and thanked members for their flexibility.
2. Recreation Report – Meghan Boom reported that Daniel Jackson and Suzanne McCullough will be returning to the pool this summer. Suzanne will oversee the administration of hiring, payroll and programs as aquatics supervisor and Daniel will oversee the pool operations as pool manager. Other seasonal positions have been posted and recruitment efforts have started.

With the return of Suzanne as aquatics supervisor, the City will be adding a swim lessons program to our summer offerings. Lessons had previously been administered by JCPRD but staffing had become challenging and it has been several years since lessons have been held at the pool complex. Swim team, dive team, Junior Tennis League and Skateboarding 101 should return in 2024. Additional tennis programming is being considered by JCPRD.

Tennis changes

Jay – Would support limits

Matt – Would support limits as this is a public good is uncomfortable with a private entity monopolizing the courts and a fee change, including the school

Diane supports limits

Randy – we have also lost tennis courts to pickleball over the last several years. Add change in Village Voice

Kevin – In support of parameters

Jay move to update the tennis court policy for tournaments to include a maximum of two tournaments per month based on committee feedback, Diane seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

3. Public Works Report – James Carney

Finished -

- Windsor Park kiosk roof repair
- Filter House roof repair
- McCrum Park nature play replacement
- Aeration and over-seeding in all parks
- Franklin Park sand pit rebuild

In-progress -

- Leaf removal in all parks (on-going all winter)
- FEMA reimbursement for park damages
- McCrum Park fence replacement (storm damage)
- McCrum Park swing set replacement (storm damage)

Consent Agenda

1. Minutes from October 11, 2023 – Diane Mares moved to approve the minutes from the October meeting. Caety Meyer seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Old Business

New Business

1. Summer Recreation Program Agreements
 - a. JCPRD Day Camp Agreement – Ms. Buum outlined the JCPRD summer day camp agreement. KEvin moved to approve the agreement. The motion was seconded by Caety and passed unanimously.
 - b. SuperPass Interlocal Agreement/Swim Meet Letter of Understanding – Ms. Buum outlined proposed changes to the agreements. Primarily, the Cities of Leawood and Roeland Park will not participate in the programs in 2024. The fees associated with the SuperPass program have also changed to an individual upgrade fee instead of a family fee to better reflect the pass structure of the participating cities. The fee was based on the cost of paying the gate fee at other cities. Diane moved to approve the agreements. The motion was seconded by Lauren O. and passed unanimously.
2. Fee Schedule – There are no proposed changes to the fees in 2024 since they were adjusted in 2023.

Tyler said knowing there is the demand, it makes sense to make a change now. Lauren asked about increased personnel demands for tournaments. James Carney stated it is a nominal amount of work.

Lauren suggested moving to a per-court fee for the tournament which may incentivize renters to use fewer courts. Matt moved to change private tournament fees to \$60 per court per day. Lauren suggested that that cost may be too low compared to the hourly rental fee. Diane seconded the motion. Everyone but Lauren

needs more justification

Diane moved to approve the remaining items on the fee schedule. Lauren seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Fees are typically adjusted in even increments every 5 years. BLAH moved to approve the fee schedule.

3. Park Improvements Update – James Carney reported on behalf of Melissa Prenger.
 - a. Taliaferro Playground Update: This project will be going to the governing body in the near future to award project. We have 2 companies and the difference between the quotes is approximately \$100,000. This difference does not take into account a discount we get as we use GreenBush for a large source bidding entity, which allows cities to use negotiated pricing.

The new playset includes swings, a spinner, a climber, a see saw and a new “Little Prairie Village” playhouses for littles. The new items incorporate the Cities plan to move to include inclusive play at parks when the opportunity arises. The inclusive items are swings, spinner, see saw, village and pour in place play surface. Staff has submitted a Waste Tire Grant Application to the State which assists in paying for the pour in place play surface.
 - b. Windsor Restroom Update: Windsor restroom is scheduled to open in late January/early February. This is about a 2-3 week delay in the schedule due to electrical manufacturing delays.
 - c. Harmon Park Inclusive Play: The parking lot and sidewalk have been constructed. Play vendor should be installing play equipment in March for a late spring completion. Pour in place play surface requires warm temperatures for placement.
4. Signage Update – On behalf of Ms. Prenger, Ms. Buum shared updated signage based on City Council feedback to check for ADA accessibility for vision impairment. The designer modified the map colors, and staff compared the foreground and background colors against the new images. The white background proved to be the best for accessibility to allow all park users to utilize the new signs.

Information Items

Meeting Schedule

January 10, 2024

March 13, 2024 (spring break – may need to move?) – MOVE to 6th!

May 8, 2024 (parks tour)

September 11, 2024

October 9, 2024

November 13, 2024

Adjournment – Diane / Kevin