

**PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE**  
**4:00 p.m. | April 9, 2025**  
**City Hall**

**Minutes**

**Attendance:** Council Member Tyler Agniel, Council Member Cole Robinson, Greg Bortnick, Matt Geary, Diane Mares, Matthew Moder, Andrew Mohn, Jay Moorman, Kevin Murphy, Staff: Meghan Buum, James Carney

**Public Participation**

Matt Shaffer –Neighborhood children frequent Taliaferro Park to play soccer and would like to see a goal installed for casual play. The committee will consider this item at a future meeting.

**Reports**

1. Chairperson’s Report—Tyler Agniel welcomed committee members to the meeting.
2. Recreation Report—Meghan Buum reported that hiring for the summer is complete and the pool is fully staffed. Recreation programs and pool pass sales are well underway.

Ms. Buum outlined Council Policy 001 that establishes City Committees, specifically as it relates to the code of conduct, provided an overview of the Kansas Open Meetings Act, and asked committee members to sign their annual waivers.

3. Public Works Report – James Carney reported on the following:
  - Fall surface (kiddie cushion mulch) refreshing this month.
  - Tree trimming is ongoing at Franklin Park, Porter Park, Wassmer Park, and the old playground area of Harmon Park.
  - Brick repair completed at Wassmer Park church monument.
  - Ball diamond at Windsor Park - infield repairs completed; two red & blue dugout benches installed on new concrete pads; backstop was repaired and wooden base added to better protect backstop fencing.
  - Shaffer Park fountain cleaning and repairs were completed.
  - Shaffer Park island irrigation will be repaired this month.
  - Fence installation for City Hall basketball court approved and started.
  - Pre-emergent has been deployed at all parks.
  - Flower planting target – late April/early May.
  - Statue covers removed.
  - Decorative and drinking fountains being prepped for opening.
  - Trash/Recycle cans for Harmon and Schliffke Parks are due this week.

## **Consent Agenda**

1. Minutes from January 8, 2025 – Jay Moorman moved to approve the minutes. Diane Mares seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

## **Old Business – NONE**

## **New Business**

1. Consider change to Community Garden fence at Harmon Park—Max Palmer attended the meeting on behalf of the community garden. The city removed a tree that was formerly located near the garden, and the community gardeners would like to request that the site of the tree be incorporated into the usable garden space by straightening the existing fence.

Mr. Robinson moved to approve the fence plan. Mr. Moorman seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

2. Consider updates to pool rules—Ms. Buum provided a list of existing pool rules with suggested changes. Many changes were related to the implementation of the new county aquatics code. The only additional change was the addition of language to require that offensive tattoos be covered.

The committee expressed concern about the changes related to the drop-off age for unsupervised children. Ms. Buum will follow up to see if there is an option to opt out of this provision.

Mr. Robinson moved to approve the pool rules as directed by the health department, with additional conversation related to the age provision to be discussed at the May meeting. Andrew Mohn seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

3. Discuss Hollub Rose Garden at Franklin Park – Mr. Carney reported on behalf of Melissa Prenger that the Hollub Rose Garden is no longer being financially supported by the original donors. A polo field monument and themed play element were approved in the Parks Capital Improvement Plan. Ms. Prenger proposed that the rose garden be eliminated for the installation of the new items. This will also be considered by the Prairie Village Foundation in the fall. The Parks Committee agreed to add Franklin Park to the May park tour to further understand this change.
4. Consider locations for placement of Diversity Committee panel at Porter Park – Ms. Buum provided background information on this project that was previously approved for Porter Park and formally approved by the City Council. She outlined options for potential locations. Mr. Robinson stated the preference of the Diversity Committee would be to have a more visible location versus an internal location. The committee will review proposed locations with a visit to Porter Park on the May park tour.

5. Discuss food waste composting drop off locations at city parks – Ms. Buum shared a proposal from the environmental committee for composting drop off locations in the parking lots of Wassmer, Franklin, and Harmon parks. The City Council will consider this item later in the month. The committee indicated a preference for the enclosed smart cans.

## **Information Items**

### *Meeting Schedule*

May 14, 2025 (parks tour)

September 10, 2025

October 8, 2025

November 12, 2025

## **Adjournment**