

City of Lawrence  
Parks and Recreation Advisory Board  
August 12, 2019 Minutes

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chair, Marilyn Hull, Bart Littlejohn, Pat Phillips, Sandy Hull,  
Val Renault, and John Nalbandian  
MEMBERS ABSENT: John Blazek, Pat Collette, and Jacki Becker  
STAFF PRESENT: Derek Rogers, Mark Hecker, Lee Ice, Roger Steinbrock, Brandy  
Shoemaker, Gayle Sigurdson, and Penny Holler  
PUBLIC PRESENT: None

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**I. Meeting called to order by M. Hull**

**II. Approval of July 8, 2019 minutes**

Motion to approve July 8 minutes by S. Hull, second by Renault. **Motion carried 6-0**

**III. Public Comments**

None.

**IV. Chair Update**

M. Hull provided updates since the last meeting.

Nalbandian asked about the sales tax history that had been seen as a sustainable revenue source for Parks and Rec and other City departments when it was created. The current status is that sales tax revenues go into the General Fund and are portioned out each year.

M. Hull gave an update on her meeting with LMH - they are unable to provide any funds this year.

M. Hull discussed upcoming agenda items for 2019 meetings including potentially having a presentation from Community Foundation staff in October.

**V. Discussion of Upcoming Budget Challenges**

A presentation from staff reviewed our current and anticipated upcoming budget challenges.

With the trend of the Recreation Fund to spend down on the fund balance, Board members asked questions about the ideal percentage for a fund balance.

Staff discussed the possibilities of charging fees for softball/baseball field practices.

**VI. Staff Presentations on Scholarships, Fundraising, Partnerships, and Grant Writing**

Staff presented on the current state of scholarships, fundraising, partnerships, and grants.

Board members asked questions about funding of the Wee Folks Scholarship Fund. The fund is not sustainable based on current levels of fundraising and use.

Staff and board members discussed grants and grant writing.

Staff and board members discussed fundraising events and ideas.

**VII. Concerns/Board Member Items of Interest**

Nalbandian mentioned that he has visited the Community Building and was impressed with the cardio room and weight room.

Board members and staff discussed some concerns from a couple of outside groups regarding their upcoming events.

**VIII. Other**

Hecker let the board know that they were looking for committee members to partner with the Police Department in the selection of art at the new facility. Advisory Board members could consider participating.

Next Board Meeting – 5:30 p.m. Monday, September 9

Meeting adjourned.