

City of Lawrence

Parks and Recreation Advisory Board

September 12, 2017 minutes

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chair, Allen Humphrey, Vice Chair, LaRisa Chambers,
Mandy Enfield, John Blazek
MEMBERS ABSENT: Sue Hack
STAFF PRESENT: Mark Hecker, Brandy Shoemaker, Gayle Sigurdson
PUBLIC PRESENT: B.J. Harris, Kim Anspach

- I. Meeting called to order by Humphrey
- II. Approval of July 11, 2017 minutes by Chambers, and seconded by Enfield.
- III. Highlights/Concerns
Enfield shared some inspirational artwork she came across. Possible sculpture ideas for the trail along the river. Chambers reported the water fountain closest to the north end of Burroughs Creek Trail has been fixed.
- IV. Policy for naming Parks & Recreation Facilities (equipment in Parks)
Reference: request to name Horseshoe Pits at Broken Arrow Park
Rogers shared the current policy requiring one-percent of the population to sign a petition, along with a substantial contribution to the city to initiate a naming request. It was discussed and decided to abide by the policy, asking the family to collect the one-percent of signatures and at that time move forward presenting the request to the City Commission.
- V. Cemetery Update - Potential Friends of the Lawrence Cemeteries Foundation
Rogers presented a diagram of the natural burial section expansion in Oak Hill. Rogers was approached about the concept of "adopt a grave" in which citizens who were interested could find potential ways to offer support to our cemeteries.
- VI. Japanese Friendship Garden update
Hecker reported in the coming months there will be several updates made with the Japanese Friendship Garden to include; landscaping, replacing bollard lights, painting the fence and repairing to the gazebo roof.
- VII. Grants - Historical grant possibility Mausoleum; LiveWell Community Wellness Grants; Elizabeth Schultz Environmental Grants
LiveWell Community Wellness Grant deadline is Monday, Oct. 16. An question and answer session is scheduled for Wednesday, Sept. 20 at the Lawrence Public Library. Also, the Elizabeth Schultz Environmental Fund Grant deadline is Monday, Oct. 2, with an informational meeting previously held on Wednesday, Sept. 6.

IX. Staff reports

- i. Recreation/ Expenses-Revenue/2017 Financial Updates – Hecker reported Eagle Bend revenue is currently in a negative balance due to expenses being higher than revenue. Capital improvements are currently being completed. Rounds are up 26 percent compared to last year. Recreation is a little bit down but not a concern.
- ii. Parks/Golf Course/Projects Report/2017 financial updates – Hecker reported park side and general budget is tracked by percentages and is looking fine. John Taylor Park playground area has been resurfaced with poured-in-place rubber. South Park swing set area has also been resurfaced.
- iii. Marketing Report
No report presented

X. Other – Lawrence Loop meeting to be held next Monday, September 18, 2017

Meeting adjourned. Next Advisory Board meeting scheduled for noon, Tuesday, October 10, 2017.