

APPROVED

MINUTES OF THE  
UNIFIED GOVERNMENT WY CO/KCK  
BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS  
August 9<sup>th</sup>, 2017

The August 9<sup>th</sup>, 2017 meeting of the Unified Government WyCo/KCK Board of Park Commissioners was held at City Hall, 701 N. 7<sup>th</sup> St. Room 515 Kansas City, KS 66101

**CALL TO ORDER:**

The meeting of the Unified Government Board of Park Commissioners was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Mark Mohler, Chairman. Jeremy Rogers, Director stated proper meeting notice had been given.

**ROLL CALL:**

Members present were recorded for the minutes.

**Board Members Present:**

Mark Mohler, Chairman

John McTaggart, First Vice Chairman

Erin Stryka, Secretary

Carolyn Wyatt, Member

Craig Howell, Second Vice Chairman

Jeff Sachen, Member

Beatrice Lee, Member

David Mills, Member

**Members Absent:**

Patricia Gates, Member

Ricardo Saucedo, Member

**Non-Voting Members Absent:**

Shelly Beech, USD #500

**Administration Present:**

Jeremy Rogers, Parks and Recreation, Director

Jack Webb, Parks and Recreation, Deputy Director

Jane Wilson, Counselor

Dawn Crabtree, Admin. Support Supervisor

## **I – PRELIMINARIES**

### **1. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

A motion was made by John McTaggart to adopt the August 9<sup>th</sup>, 2017 Agenda was seconded by David Mills.

Motion Carried (Ayes 8, Nays 0)

### **2. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES**

Minutes of the Wednesday, July 12<sup>th</sup>, 2017 regular Board of Park Commissioners meeting are presented for review and consideration for approval.

A motion was made by John McTaggart seconded by Craig Howell to approve the minutes of the Wednesday, July 12<sup>th</sup>, 2017 regular meeting.

Motion Carried (Ayes 8, Nays 0)

Carolyn Wyatt entered the meeting 6:12p.m.

## **II - PRESENTATIONS, HEARINGS, COMMUNICATIONS**

### **1.Visitors**

Visitors may speak to the Board at this time. As a general rule, the Board will not enter into discussion, but will direct Administration to take under advisement, make necessary response and bring items to a future agenda as may be appropriate.

Dan Welch, The key issue is that 3 lots of Waterway Park were offered "Free" to private party to satisfy a mere request. The survey offered to support the request is what my professor would call a "busted" survey is that it is not properly located by reference and appears to be a resurvey rather than a re-tracement survey. Oddly, the portion of one lot requested on the east is very small and not worth legal effort to describe. These three lots were obtained circa 1909 at a high cost for that era before Waterway Drive was defined. Even a very modest change in the drive would require re-acquisition of these lots.

The whole notion of interfering with a Park layout designed by the famed George Kessler and surviving intact for over 100 years is absurd. There are other ways to resolve the issue of the upkeep of these three lots without gifting them "Free." A Contract, Memorandum of Understanding, or Lease with the adjoining landowner is a much better vehicle to obtain the desired results.

By-the-way, the Prairie Elm, within one of the lots appears in poor condition. The three Pin Oaks look great but need modest attention. I can guess by size and condition all four trees are about 60 years old.

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

None

## **III – OLD BUSINESS**

1. Vireo (Master Plan) Update on the Wyandotte County Parks Master Plan Open House. Vireo completed four public Open House meetings in the following Recreation Centers (Patricia Diane Kane, Eisenhower Community Center, Joe E. Amayo/Argentine Community Center, and Beatrice Lee Community Center). This event was opened to the public. This gave the public the opportunity to view the park improvements included in the master plan, and voice their concerns. Vireo will present a hard copy of the completed Master Plan at next month board meeting.

## **IV – NEW BUSINESS**

2. Parkwood Pool hours (Initiated by Jack Webb) Mr. Webb inform the board that the Parkwood pool would close August 14<sup>th</sup>, and will be open just on the weekends until labor day. The Parkwood pool will close for the season Monday, September 4<sup>th</sup> 2017.
3. Quindaro Ballfield (Initiated by Jack Webb) Quindaro Ballfield will become a game field only. The Parks and Recreation and snap funds will add a new backstop, bleachers, fencing and some dirt work.

## **V - OTHER BUSINESS**

### **1. DIRECTOR'S AGENDA**

- Monthly Calendar “enclosed”
- The Buzz “enclosed”

### **2. BOARD MEMBER'S QUESTIONS OR COMMENT**

- a. Carolyn Wyatt inquired about the Recreation Manager position. Mr. Rogers indicated that position has not been filled yet.

The Board presented Mr. Mills with a plaque for his dedicated service since 2006. Mr. Mills last board meeting was on August 9, 2017. Mr. Mills graciously accepted the gift and expressed his sincere gratitude to the Park Board and the Community.

### **3. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion was made by John McTaggart and seconded by ls to adjourn the meeting at 6:30p.m.

Motion Carried (Ayes 9, Nays 0)

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Mark Mohler, Chairman