

MINUTES OF THE
UNIFIED GOVERNMENT WY CO/KCK
BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS
Wednesday, December 9th, 2020

The December 9th, 2020 meeting of the Unified Government WyCo/KCK Board of Park Commissioners was held via TEAMS Online

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting of the Unified Government Board of Park Commissioners was called to order at 6:01 p.m. by Ty Collins, Chairman. Angel Obert, Assistant Director stated proper meeting notice had been given.

ROLL CALL:

Members present were recorded for the minutes.

Board Members Present:

Ty Collins, Chairman
Carolyn Wyatt, Member
Bridget Holton-Deere, Member
Faith Rivera, Member
Billy Brame, Member
Micah King, Member
Patricia Gates, Secretary
Jeff Sachen, Second Vice Chair
Tammy Romstad, KCKPS

Board Members Absent:

Beatrice Lee, Member
Craig Howell, Member
John McTaggart, Member

Administration Present:

Jack Webb, Parks and Recreation, Assistant Director
Angel Obert, Parks and Recreation, Assistant Director
James Bain, Counselor
Nichole Marlowe, Administrative Support Supervisor

I – PRELIMINARIES

(Carolyn Wyatt entered the meeting at 6:03pm)

1. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

A motion was made by Jeff Sachen to adopt the December 9th, 2020 Agenda, was seconded by Carolyn Wyatt Motion Carried (Ayes 8, Nays 0)

2. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

Minutes of the Tuesday November 10th, 2020 regular Board of Park Commissioners meeting are presented for review and consideration for approval.

A motion was made by Jeff Sachen, seconded by Micah King to approve the minutes of the Tuesday, November 10th, 2020 regular meeting. Motion Carried (Ayes 8, Nays 0)

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.

2. Correspondence

- No correspondence was given

III – OLD BUSINESS

- Annual Election of Officers –
 - Ty Collins stated – “The first piece of old business is annual election of officers. So, as we went through this last time we have an open officer position and first vice chair that has not been filled since the last time we had elections. We currently have Jeff serving as second Vice Chair, and then we have Pat serving as Secretary and she will turn out as Secretary upon this vote. So, she cannot be nominated to serve as the Secretary and then Jeff served two terms as the first vice chair. So, my understanding is, is he is turned out on serving as the first vice chair. Staff, if I'm incorrect on any of that, let me know. I

know we did not do elections and maybe there was some confusion on the elections, maybe weren't done weren't done last December, but at that time Jeff was elected second vice chair so he is currently in his first term, should he be reelected. That would be his second term and then we would need to find another Second Vice Chair this time next year, but we'll deal with that when that time comes. So, as we know, because we've dealt with this. The last couple times it takes eight (8) votes in order to actually elect someone and we have eight (8) members here..."

- James Bain stated – “Ty, Can I interrupt.”
- Ty Collins responded - “Yes, sir.”
- James Bain responded – “It actually takes six votes to elect someone.”
- Ty Collins responded – “I apologize. So it takes. Okay. It's a simple majority, just to elected then. “
- James Bain replied – “Ty. No, it's not a simple majority, it is six (6) votes. So, I don't know how many people you have present but it's six (6) doesn't matter. How many are present.”
- Ty Collins responded – “Understood. Okay, gotcha. It's the majority of the positions. That's what I was thinking. I'm sorry, I miss stated that. Ok so we would need six (6) at any individual present tonight would need six (6) votes in order to carry them into that position. So, I would entertain nominations first, for the Secretary position.”
- Nominations were as follows:
 - Secretary – Jeff Sachen nominated Bridget Holton-Deere, the nomination was accepted, there were no other nominations for this position, a vote was taken, all voted in favor of Bridget Holton-Deere entering into the position of Secretary (Ayes 8, Nays 0)
 - First Vice Chairman – Jeff Sachen nominated Billy Brame, the nomination was accepted, there were no other nominations for this position, a vote was taken all voted in favor of Billy Brame entering into the position of First Vice Chairman (Ayes 8, Nays 0)
 - Second Vice Chairman – Ty Collins nominated Jeff Sachen, the nomination was accepted, there were no other nominations for this position, a vote was taken all voted in favor of Jeff Sachen remaining in the position of Second Vice Chairman (Ayes 8, Nays 0)
- Review Updated Parks Code of Regulations: Angel Obert asked James Bain to explain this.
 - James Bain stated – “So, this process started, probably a year and a half ago, and I'll back up. Okay, um, so before I worked on the civil side at City Hall. I worked for the district attorney, and prosecuted crimes occurring in parks and I found back then the parks code to be hard to prosecute. I let, we had to dismiss charges, numerous times for various guns in parks as one example, just because of the way the code was written, and when I came over to the civil side I knew it was something that needed to be tackled at some point. And so about a year ago, we started that that process of rewriting the parks code, bringing it up to date, with new technologies. When you read it you probably saw we included things like drones that didn't exist when the parks code was written before the old parks code. We didn't even have it in Word format. It was like printed pages is all the parks code was. And so, we had, the first big project was getting into Word format so we could change it so we could have a you know, a new version of it. Um, but you'll see drones, you'll see e bikes.... So that was, that was a big goal. And then just to

bring it up. We brought up to state code for fishing licenses some updates to boating licenses that occurred as well. And so, um, that's the, that's the finished product is what you saw, under State law. We do have to bring it in front of the Commission for their approval and I know they always want your opinion and of course, staff I want your opinion as well. So we can go to Administration and create a final copy of the updated parks code.”

- Angel Obert stated – “I will say to just real quick. A lot of the like James was saying that policies on drones and some of those newer things you might see in there is very standard for what other parks and recreation departments are doing in the metro on across the nation. So, it’s pretty standard stuff that was included.”
- Ty Collins asked – “Do we have any special sections of our code that because of how we operate as a unified city, county government that we have to address or is there anything that our Parks Department chooses to do that is abnormal from other parks or parks departments in the nation.”
- Angel Obert asked if Ty Collins was asking anyone in particular or just in general?
- Ty Collins stated he was asking just in general.
- Angel Obert stated – “James I don’t know if you want to speak to this as well, but if you’re asking me Ty, most of what you see here is pretty standard. Like I said what most Parks & Rec’s are doing in the metro and also across the nation. So, I probably wouldn’t be able to pick out something out of these ordinances and bel like, this is very unique to our Parks & Recreation Department, as it is all pretty standard.
- Ty Collins stated – “Okay, does anyone have any questions or comments related to what they have said?
- Jeff Sachen stated – “One question, Thank you so, James is the is the fire provision strictly related to the discharge of weapon?
- James Bain asked which section Jeff Sachen was referring to.
- Jeff Sachen responded Section 2.1.8, so you were talking about the firearms and that and what you're talking about the the cases the prosecutor is that, is it strictly related to discharge a firearm.
- James Bain responded – “Yes, so in the old code. And I guess we could have sent you a copy of the old code, um, the old code listed out specific like very specific types of guns that were not allowed. I think, and I'm trying to remember the, the, I guess, exact details of that case but somehow or another, the gun that the individual had on them was not in our code and not you know, not able to be prosecuted. And I'd have to look at the way the other code is written, I didn't print off a copy for myself. But that was just one example of a piece of the old code that was not clearly defined not clear enough. Certainly, for a judge or a prosecutor to move forward.”
- Jeff Sachen responded – “Wow, that that's actually kind of surprising. Thanks for updating that to include everything I think everybody appreciates the, you know, discharge the weapon section in there. So, thank you for that James.”
- Jack Webb added – “I think one reason one has put in your code is not against the law to carry. Now you can open carry in the state of Kansas, you can conceal and carry in the state of Kansas like you have to allow them to carry it.”
- Jeff Sachen responded – “And that's kind of where my question was going. I mean you know what the State law being a constitutional carry state. Just as long as that, you

know, it goes into kind of the Charter there that you know still able to carry just the discharge provisions.”

- Jack Webb responded – “I believe this follows the city's guidelines of discharging in the city limits.”
 - Jeff Sachen responded – “Thank you for clarifying that Jack.”
 - Ty Collins stated – “So like James brought up. I didn't necessarily have a copy of the old ones looking together. So, I just had a couple of things circled in there. In that same section that Jeff was just talking about it addresses blank guns in there, and I know quite frequently our five school districts in the county host cross country meets out at the out at Wyandotte County Park not Lake Park, but Wyandotte County Park, and oftentimes, a starter pistol is used to start those cross country meets is there going to be any effect on that. Is there a way to request like an exemption for the very few times, probably less than 10 times a year that something like that would happen?”
 - Jack Webb stated that it would be allowed for Special Events, and that would be considered a Special Event.
 - Ty Collins stated – “Alright, does anybody else have any other questions. If someone's looking to, like any aircraft section, if someone's looking to fly out there and it says there needs to be or excuse me that the fire section that needs to have a \$2.5 million liability insurance piece. Now that's under aviation, I'm sorry. Do we just contact parks for that. Is that something that the department has procedures already in place? Forms to fill out and things like that.”
 - Angel Obert responded – “Yes.”
 - Ty Collins responded – “And we're not necessarily changing any of those policies, just this is just more of an update a cleanup and a modernization.”
 - Angel Obert answered – “Yes, that's correct.”
 - Ty Collins stated – “All right. Does anyone else have any questions? Would you like us to take a formal vote of support on this? I don't feel like anybody had any major concerns that we would need to take to the Commission. But I just want to make sure we give you guys exactly what you're looking for.”
 - James Bain responded – “I think a vote of support would be helpful. I know Angel will probably be leading the presentation to the Standing Committee and the last few times, they have asked for a specific vote of support from the Park Board.”
 - Ty Collins stated – “I believe we will need someone to make a motion.”
 - Jeff Sachen stated – “I will make a motion to call a vote for the approval of the, the new guidelines for Parks and Recreation Code of Regulations.”
 - Pat Gates responded – “And I'd be happy to Second that.”
- Ty Collins stated that a motion had been made by Jeff Sachen and seconded by Patricia Gates to approve the updated Guidelines for the Parks and Recreation Code of Regulations. A roll call vote was then taken, all voted in favor of the approval (Ayes 8, Nays 0)

IV NEW BUSINESS

- Discuss Allowing Non-Residents Obtain or Purchase Boat Slips at Wyandotte County Lake Park –
- Ty Collins stated – “Angel, are you leading this presentation for us?”
- Angel Obert responded – “I am, thank you Ty so, as you guys are aware, we had a gentleman come to the Park Board, I believe in the October meeting and raised the question of whether, non-residents should be allowed to have a dock slip at Wyandotte County Lake or be on the list and that gentleman was then advise to go to Standing Committee where he did how up and kind of present his concerns and some discussion was had around that conversation. So then what the Commission asked us to do was to create a presentation, come back to Park Board with some possible options concerning this issue. So, what we're doing tonight is I've got a very brief presentation here that we will walk through and at the end we will kind of explain more of this, but we've provided some recommendations that we would like for you guys to discuss and decide on and just for tonight, this is really some information for you to have. We don't expect a recommendation tonight. If you decide on one. That's great. We do have options, but the January meeting is where we would really like for you Ty, and the Park Board to give us that guidance that we would take forward to Standing and like I said, we'll go through this. I wanted to start off with a little history about really the lake, the slips and some items here. So, prior to consolidation in 1997 the five-member Park Board made decisions on all issues regarding Parks and Recreation. So the city of KCK had no input on issues in the County Parks. So, back then, at the time, the decision to allow nonresident boat slips was made by the five-member Park Board during that time. As you guys are aware, this was, you know, quite a few years ago so staff, we tried to do some digging to find some documentation on this, we're unable to locate that but we do know from history and, you know, speaking with past directors that that is how the decision was made at the time. A little more history, the docks were made in house by parks maintenance staff and pricing was created to recoup original cost of the materials, starting in 2012 to 2015 the docks were replaced and updated with galvanized steel and encapsulated foam. Anyone that's been out there knows the docs are in excellent condition and we do a really good job of maintaining those. So, jumping forward to today. Currently, Wyandotte County Lake has 196 slips currently 12 of them are nonresidents. There are 321 applicants that are currently on the waiting list and 50 of those applicants are nonresidents. The chart over here to the right. I thought it was kind of interesting and important to see how the fees have increased over the years. I'm sure most of you are aware that we did go through a fee study our previous director Jeremy was a big leader in that and we worked with Kathleen the CFO for the Unified Government and our department went through an entire fee study and the dock slips were a big item on that list just because we wanted to compare it to other cities around us and see what market rate was so you can see here the proposed are the approved fees for 2021 and what they will be. So, with that being said, we believe that there are really two recommendations for consideration. So, your first option would be to only allow Wyandotte County residents to be a slip owner and to get on that waiting list. So, what that would mean is we would discontinue nonresident slip holders to have the opportunity, and after further discussion. You know the current nonresident slip holders, which is 12 of them would be grandfathered in and then your second option would

be to allow nonresident slip holders, but you would just increase their fee, and so this chart below kind of demonstrates what that fee increase would look like if you wanted to increase it by 25% 50% 75% and 100%.”

- Ty Collins asked – “Sorry, I think I was on mute. Do you have more to go Angel or do you want to entertain questions as you go on.”
- Angel Obert responded – “Yeah, just got one more slide. And so, I kind of said this at the beginning but like the next steps would be that commission has asked that we come to The Park Board for your recommendation. So from there, we will take your recommendation from The Park Board meeting in January, because we realize, you know, if you need a month to discuss and come up with a recommendation, we'd love to allow the time to do that and so, in January, we would ask for a recommendation and then we would take that to Standing Commission, and that does conclude the presentation. Like I said, it was really short, any questions you have Jack and I are able to answer them. And again, I do also want to reiterate, this is just for slip holders, so that doesn't mean that nonresidents couldn't put their boat out on Wyandotte County Lake, you just wouldn't be able to have a slip.
- Ty Collins asked – “I think one question I would have, um I know in the October meeting we had, I think, someone had stated that it's not uncommon for lakes or around us that are publicly owned or controlled to allow nonresidents to have slips. How does that, like, do we have any information from that previous fee study on how their fees are structured versus what we currently do and what we're potentially proposing to do.
- Angel Obert responded – “So we did go back and revisit all that information that we had previously gathered and the reason you don't see that in the presentation is because it's really hard, so, like Longview Lake and Smithville, for example, they don't have a nonresident rate, anybody can come and get a slip there and then Shawnee is very small. They don't even have docks. So, it was really hard to find a comparison in the area for that. Because it's kind of a unique situation but Longview and Smithville lakes or the closest that we would be able to compare to, and they don't have a nonresident rates. It's just flat fee for anybody.
- Jack Webb stated – “Most of the lakes around here are state lakes. So, they fall underneath state regulations, the ones that are private. The only one its own by government is Shawnee, and us so that's another reason why you really can't come up with comparisons. Since there have been docks, there's always been a waiting list. You can see if you go back in. You can see where it used to cost any hardly anything to have a slip, there's always been a waiting list. What we've done since I came here in 2012, we've raised the prices to try to get people to use their boats, because a lot of them Denny will take them off the hill and put them in and then in the winter he puts them up, and they never come out so we figured, sooner or later, it's going to be a medium range where either they're going to start using their boats or they're going to leave. Because they don't want, or it's not going to be worth paying that amount of money, not to use their boat and I'm thinking we're getting there. Pretty much. With a fee increase for 2021. We had 12 nonresidents two of them have already given there's up because of the price increase, you know, which has doubled from

five years ago. Really, so I think it's working. Even residence, you know, we're raising their fees, just for that same thing so pretty soon, hopefully. They'll be an equal. So, the waiting list won't be so large, does that makes sense?"

- Ty Collins stated – “I'm on the fee slide that you proposed Angel does parks staff or UG staff have any kind of a recommendation. Would you like a starting in 2021 and then every year go up 25% 50% 75% or what would you guys like to see with that?”
- Angel Obert asked – “For the nonresident?”
- Ty Collins responded – “Yes, yes, ma'am.”
- Angel Obert answered – “Well, the guidance from Commission obviously was to come back to the Park Board. So, we presented these options. So, I think it's a discussion, you know, between staff and Park Board, if that's the route you would want to go with the nonresidents but increase their fee. We could do some research there to let you know and work also with our CFO. If you want some accurate guidance on that. I mean Jack and I have, you know, we have our opinions too, but...”
- Jack Webb stated – “I believe there's also another option to leave it as it is currently.”
- Angel Obert responded – “Right, yeah.”
- Jack Webb continued – “Option one (1) will turn into two (2) pretty soon within five years, and because nobody will pay that the \$2,250.00.”
- Angel Obert responded – “So ultimately I guess, Jack said there are three options. If you want to keep it how it is. Absolutely. That's fine. And then the two here.”
- Billy Brame stated – “Yeah, so if we were to grandfather in, and raise fees, so that the ones that do remain would also have a fee raise. I feel like if we were wanting to make it residents only a fee raise would get us closer to residents only quicker, especially if we weren't allowing new outside residents and we were raising fees, is that the option two (2) or is that a combination something?”
- Angel Obert responded – “Are you asked for clarification on option two (2)?”
- Billy Brame replied – “Yeah, so if we did option two (2) we would grandfather in. Are we still able to raise fees on the those who are grandfathered?”
- Angel Obert responded – “Yeah option two (2), what we have presented, doesn't include a grandfathered in option, it would just be a resident rate and then nonresident rate and your nonresident rate would be an increase of either 25% 50% 75% or 100%.”
- Ty Collins responded – “I think I understand what Billy was asking, is there a possibility we could have option one (1) and add to that, and additional rate increase on nonresident slips for those that are grandfathered in?”

- Jack Webb stated – “ I think that's why we're here. You don't even have option one (1) and option two (2) are just suggestions. You guys can come up with your own if you choose to, to take it back to the Commission, you can choose to let it be like it is. I mean, that's why we're here. I think, Angel isn't option one (1) and two (2) just suggestions.”
- Angel Obert answered – “Correct, yes.”
- Jeff Sachen stated – “I would like to jump in here. Um, I think I agree with what Jack said, you know, I don't think the issue with the lake currently has anything to do with the current twelve (12). Next year will be ten (10) out of county slips. I have no problem with somebody from out of county, you know, having a slip at the lake. Life circumstances could have caused him to move and, you know we don't know that. I think the biggest issue is what Jack said and, you know, my parents do have a boat slip there and I do talk to Danny and I just see it. There are boats that Denny puts down that, don't leave the dock slip the whole year. So, I don't know. I think Jack's right you know raising the rates, like we have, should eliminate a lot of that but I don't know that raising the rate anymore on the out of county is necessarily the best option. I think the nonresident slip holders should be grandfathered in maybe with a slight raise over the current to 2021 nonresident slip fee and then just call it a day there. I think the biggest issue and you know there's no real easy way to solve it. But the biggest issue is the amount of boats that are currently out there that do not leave the slip and honestly look like you're about to sink on the dock. Would you agree with that Jack?”
- Jack Webb responded – “Yes, I mean, I think just what we're doing on the fees increase is working. We gradually increase. We didn't want to do it all at once. For residents and nonresidents, I think the issue is, is the waiting list it fluctuates from five (5) to ten 10 years. It depends on the economy and so forth. That is the issue now with some residents of nonresidents. Occupying the slips. So that's why we're here. To see if you want to make changes or leave it as it is? Pick option one (1) or two (2). We're here to get you guys opinion from the Park Board so we can go back.”
- Faith Rivera asked – “Can you go over real quick. I'm sorry. I don't remember what the community member wanted like what?”
- Angel Obert responded – “Oh yeah, sure, yeah. The community members concern was the length of the waiting list and regarding nonresidents, being able to be on that list.
- Faith Rivera responded – “All right, well I'm gonna go with, with that being said, I'm going to say I you know with that community member what they, reached out to us for I'm gonna, you know, go with what they would like.”
- Jeff Sachen stated – “I mean you know I agree, and that in the aspect that it would be nice if you know it could only be Wyandotte County residents at the lake and kick all the nonresidents off of the waiting list. However, I mean, I use parks in other cities as well. You know granted it's not paid for. But I don't think that, that would be the right approach.

You know, I think the point of the parks in KCK and especially, you know, the lake is to let people come here and see what we have and enjoy it, and I think the nonresidents are not the biggest issue with the lake. I mean, like, Jack said that if you were to kick them out or raise the rates incrementally to a point where the leave. You know that's 10 boat slips that would become available to Wyandotte County residents on a list of 321 you know that that's not the main issue. I think the main issue is more of what Jack was saying and the plan has worked, you know, to gradually raise rates. So, to people that don't use the boat slips say, 'hey you know this isn't worth it for us to park this boat out there if we're gonna have to pay \$750 and never use it.'

- Ty Collins stated – “Angel, I had two questions related to fees. So, one question would be, we had to raise fees because I think we were away from market rate is there a continued fee schedule that be it published or not that we have in place to raise rates in 21 and 22 and 23 and so on.”
- Angel Obert responded – “So currently what you see here the 2021, is the most recent approved fees. We are working with Kathleen the CFO to look at the rates for 2022 through 2025 because we do have some of that data, but they have not been approved at this time.”
- Ty Collins responded – “Okay. The second question I had is, with regards to reservations and this could be for Angel or Jack. Have we seen the rate increase on residents affect residents like reserving these slips, like we have nonresidents, like we said we have to nonresidents dropping off, have we seen a rate increase cause resident to drop off as well?”
- Jack Webb responded – “Yes.”
- Ty Collins continued – “Okay, so in a sense, the fee increase is like you said, getting rid of not just nonresidents, but all residents that don't actively use the lake and or they're both?”
- Jack Webb responded – “Correct. And I can give you a little study on boat permits. Resident boat permit and then we have a nonresident boat which is more expensive. It runs probably about 3 to 1 residence nonresidents in 2020. We sold 238 nonresident boat permits and 705 residence. Last year we sold 995 resident boat permits and 313 nonresidents and last year, you know, all the lakes around this area was flooded. So, everybody came here. This year with the COVID a lot of people came here, so I mean, we do have residents and nonresident fees on for fishing and boating to slip holders.
- Faith Rivera stated – “I got a question to so we got. This is a new thing to me like, unfortunately, I've never even been on a boat. But anyways, needless to say on that these boats that are and I know this is a whole different issue. But what like the boats that are like that are like, you know, like sinking. And like look like a shipwreck. I guess is what I'm thinking in my head. Is there anything that we can do about those too. Like, is there anything that is there are no I'm thinking ahead but I just really want to know, real quick. Is there anything about these, like, you know, decrepit shipwrecked on the call a shipwreck boats.”

- Jack Webb responded – “Denny takes care those. He'll call the owner if he sees something wrong with any of you thinks it's in distress. He'll call the owner and I'll take care of it. Now, sometimes we have some boats sink, that is mostly sailboats.”
- Faith Rivera – “Yeah. And again, I don't know anything about boats. I just, you know, you know, when I think of boats, again, this is out of my realm. When I think of a boat. That's decrepit, I'm thinking that sinking. So, I just wanted to know what that feedback was on that. Thank you Jack.”
- Jack Webb responded – “You're welcome. Mostly they are pontoons and if it takes on water, it won't sink anyway, it just leans, because the tubes are full of foam and they have to pull them out and it happens and they pull them out.”
- Faith Rivera responded – “Thank you.”
- Jeff Sachen stated – “And I'd like to apologize. I didn't mean that there were actual seeking boats. I just, meant from, you know, driving by, you can, you can see that a lot of boats aren't lake worthy as they as they might say. Jack, I do have one more question related to this. I know that last year we were talking about adding another slip, a covered slip to further facilitate the Sheriff's boat that was in pretty bad shape as well. Is there any update on whether or not we're going to have those covered slips added?”
- Jack Webb responded – “That slip was a cut in budget cuts, due to COVID, we had cut a lot of money out of our budget and that was the first item to go. It is being reintroduced for 2021. It would probably come through the amended budget. So, it'd be late next year, but I have that specked out, and ready to go. It will add twelve (12) boat slips. There's two to a slip. There will be six (6) slips there. There will be seven (7) total we would share one with the parks which are in the one with the Sheriff's for a maintenance boat so there will be a higher fee to have one of them then the regular slip, for both resident or nonresident if we choose and there's a potential increase. We could add a slip on to a couple of docks. We could probably add another four (4) but I mean, that will have to be budgeted in because those docks run about \$50,000.00 to \$80,000.00 apiece. Every one is going to around \$100,000.00, I'm estimating, \$110,000.00, \$120,000.00 so I mean we do recoup the costs it takes several years.”
- Jeff Sachen responded – “Yeah, and thanks for that and I, you know, this is just kind of a rhetorical question. But I do wonder, you know, how many of these people on the list are going to be willing to pay for a covered dock, and I know a lot of people that will, that are very low on the list, but I just imagine that those will be filled up you know immediately. Correct?”
- Jack Webb responded – “We will take current slip holders, they will get first dibs. And after that would go to the waitlist so number 321 might slip. If they want to pay it price in demand.”

- Jeff Sachen replied – “Yeah. Exactly. Then my final point on this is, it doesn't have anything to do with the slips, but I think you know the best way to recoup some of the money for the docs might be to, and I know we were continuing to do it but just up the, up the daily rate because as we spoke of last year, the daily rate or the summer rate to just even put your boat on the water at Wyandotte County Lake is so low that you know, it's just, it's just absurd, really. I mean, nobody's going to balk it at that amount. I think a good way to raise revenue would be especially, on out of County would be to raise the rate for the daily and for the for the yearly, you know, a boat passes with no dock access.”
- Carolyn Wyatt asked – “I know he was just talking about raising rates on a daily or whatever. But you know, I think you just, have you checked with other lakes to find out what they're paying what people have to pay we are more of a pro, pro, I can't think of a word for it, profit for profit more than, more of a community is more about making money. Everything is about money and making money now. And to me, that just drives everything in a negative you know. It shouldn't be about making money, you know you want to county to be the best and you want people to come, and you want people to want to come. But when everything is about money that we talked about, you know, that's not you know to me that's unfavorable. That's just my comment.”
- Jeff Sachen stated – “But to that point, though. You know, we always, in the in our meetings, talk about programs, and how we've had to cut a lot of programs. That's all due to you know, financial obligations that we have. That we're not able to cover those. You know, this is a way for the Parks Department to actually bring in some revenue, so they can help offset other costs. Such as you know, programs kids in the communities, there's, you know that way...”
- Carolyn Wyatt responded – “I Understand that I understand that. But when you park and rec when they give out so much money to like they did in Argentine when they give up so much money to other areas, and they always say they don't have money for programs it's just what is it if it's just what the people at the top want. It's what it's what people want and not what's good for the community for the youth and the center's they always don't have money. But a whole lot of money is spent. I mean a whole lot of money's been spent around here, but don't have anything to do with the seniors or the youth. They can only thing they spend money for the youth is that new detention center as a as a recreation place. You know, they call a recreation, they call it programs, you know, but it's all negative, you know, so I'm just, I'm just speaking up because you see where the money's going. If you look and see where the money is going that they're spending in the city, they don't have nothing with the youth. Nothing at all.”
- Ty Collins Stated – “Carolyn, I think you make a lot of good points, Billy, I got you in one second. I just want to make sure we don't stray too far away from the point. The first consideration here is talking about access for residents and nonresidents. Jeff I know staff appreciate the suggestion, with regards to an attempt to, raise revenue, but I don't want to stray too far away from the point of the discussion about allowing residents and nonresidents to have access to the lake.”

- Angel Obert stated – “Oh, sorry. I want to jump in again. This was just for you guys to get this information in front of you tonight. We're not expecting a recommendation tonight, but of course in January. And so, we're just looking for guidance from you guys.”
- Billy Brame stated – “So as far as the thinking of the ten (10) out of county and I agree that, that probably isn't going to solve the use issue. What I wanted to think in that since they are such a small number, that what we would lose in, I guess bad publicity from out of county, folks feeling like we aren't making this resource available to them. I think we would gain from the folks who are in county on the waitlist for a long time and I feel like those are the constituents, we should I mean, try our, our best to accommodate and so I feel like since it is such a low number. just creating this rule at this point and raising rates is working to eliminate some of those issues. But again, if it's a scarce resource. And there are other places that have such a treasure is this, I think it's okay to say citizens of Wyandotte County should get access to it before and above and beyond others as far as because there isn't a boat, you can put in Shawnee or it's a pretty long drive to get out to Longview or Smithville. I'm not 100% like this has to be that way. But that's the way that my brain is going as far as thinking about if we are set to change something and it would be only affecting 10 people, it seems like an easier change than if it was half the folks who we'd be taking a boat slip from.”
- Ty Collins responded – “Thanks for that comment. Hey, Faith, I'm gonna let you go and then everybody else I'm gonna go through and try to do a quick little roll call. To give you an opportunity to ask her any information you would like presented to you or at the January meeting by staff to help us make this decision and then, that way we can you know we can honor everybody's time and continue moving things along. Go ahead Faith.”
- Faith Rivera stated – “I'm gonna be honest with you, and I'm going to say like, I've already told you guys that you know it must you know you know it must take a lot of money to have a boat right you know if our county can if our county citizens can afford a boat I want to say, and there's in there is 321 applications I say, I want my vote is to make it just Wyandotte County residents and then grandfather nonresidents. That's my, that's my piece. Thank you. Okay.”
- Ty Collins stated – “Bridget, did you have anything that you would like to add, I know I think you're still with us. But have you, is your mic still not working. Okay, I don't think your mic is still not working Bridget, I would suggest, if you have any requests, you can contact me or contact Angel or Jack and if there's anything that that you need that would help you make a decision in January. I'm sure that they can go about getting that to you or I can communicate those requests to them. All right, thank you. Um, let's see. I'm going up my list here. Carolyn, did you have any final comments or any final request for anything to help you make the best decision when this topic comes back up in January. Think I'm looking through here, I think. Carolyn might have dropped off of the meeting. So, uh, Micah, anything that staff or anyone can do for you to help make this decision for you in January.”

- Micah King – stated “Yeah, I think I just like to see like statistics, a little more statistics as far as the area communities lakes. I'd like to see their pricing structure versus residents versus nonresidents. Also, I'd like to know how many spots. They have if they do have spots for nonresidents. How many spots, they have.”
- Jack Webb responded – “We can we can tell you that right now there are none. They're all state lakes, this is a private lake, but it's owned by a government.”
- Micah King responded – “Okay.”
- Angel Obert responded – “I will send out the info sheet that we have for Shawnee and Longview, I'll have Nickee send that out to the entire board just for your information, and what you'll see is it's pretty hard to compare. But yes, we can get that to you.”
- Micah King responded – “Okay. All right. Thank you.”
- Ty Collins asked – “Pat, do you have anything that staff can do for you on this issue.”
- Pat Gated responded – “Um, I think the presentation was quite clear, and I thank you for all the information at this point I'm leaning towards grandfathering in the nonresidents that are there now but limiting adding for their nonresidents to the waitlist since there's already 300 there. And I kind of liked the idea of raising the rates for daily use.”
- Ty Collins asked – “Billy, anything you need before this comes back up on our agenda in January?”
- Billy Brame stated – “Um, I feel like it's a pretty clear presentation. I don't need more from I think I would be leaning towards grandfathering and limiting and even taking off those who are on the waitlist and they would not be grandfathered in because they didn't actually have a slip yet so that would just eliminate the waitlist of nonresidents.”
- Ty Collins asked – “Okay, Jeff. Anything that you need before this comes back up on our agenda in January?”
- Jeff Sachen stated – “Yeah I would just like you know caution that for the fact that we don't know who exactly is on that waitlist out of County. I know of at least two people who are out of county on that way list but own very prominent business in the Kansas City, Kansas community that you know might be taken aback by the fact that they're paying you know taxes in Kansas City, Kansas. However, they do live out of County. So, you know, I don't think it's as cut and dry as you know you don't live in this county, you don't you know you don't get the boat slip. I think that there are a lot of things here that we're not, you know, aware of are we don't have, you know, the any way to say that just because you live out of County, even though you might work in KCK taxes or own a business and KCK I don't think it's right and I think that a lot of these 50 would probably fall under that I don't

think it's right to tell them just because they don't live here, although they do pay taxes in KCK. You know with businesses and such that you cannot have access to this lake.

- Pat Gates stated – “That's an important consideration that some of the information that we do need to have that.”
- Jeff Sachen stated – “Well, and I understand you know we're not gonna, you know, be able to get that information and that's fine but I do know we have multiple instances of business owners in KCK that a lot of people would know that may live out of county. However, they, you know, businesses are close to the Lake or you know, in Leavenworth or Johnson County and are really close to the lake that they say hey you know that this would be great and I already do pay KCK taxes. I don't think that it would be right to cut out any of those individuals. And since there's no way for us to know for sure who, exactly it might be and where exactly they live compared to well they're not, they have a business in KCK I don't think it's right to go ahead and say, just because you don't live here although you do pay taxes. You're not allowed to use this lake by keeping your boat here. And I think that's the biggest issue that there is no clear cut way to do it and I would disagree with cutting off any out of counties and you know just full disclosure, I don't have any family or close friends that are looking out of county that are looking to take a boat here. I, I just think that without all the information such as that there's no way for us to cut off people who could potentially be paying taxes and KCK from owning a boat slip at Wyandotte County Lake, I think that is a huge issue and I think that would be unfair to them to just assume, since they live out of county that A. They're not invested in the community or B. They don't have a right to own a boat slip at Wyandotte County Lake.”
- Billy Brame asked – “Can I ask a question about how this thinking would go for you if it weren't like a ban. But a question of priority. Where we would prioritize residents and if there were slips available after residents wished to have one they could go to folks out of County. Does that feel like still the same kind of unfairness where you are banned, if we just changed up the order of priority.”
- Jeff Sachen responded – “Yeah, there are 321 people on this dock slip. I probably know 100 people individually, who would jump at the chance immediately to own a dock slip I don't think that it is, I just don't think it's ethical to somebody who may have lived in KCK payed tax in KCK their whole life and then they retire and maybe they want to move closer to grandkids. Maybe they want to move somewhere else. To tell them you don't have access to this just because you don't live in KCK I enjoy all the other parks around here. I enjoy a golfing it Johnson County Municipal golf courses, and although the rate is a little higher. They still allow me to golf and this is a little different because Wyandotte County Lake is such a unique experience for Wyandotte County, but I'm of the opinion that we have our parks, so everybody can enjoy them. I am not of the opinion that somebody should be disqualified from enjoying our parks, how they want to enjoy them just because they do not live in the area.
- Angel Obert – “I think Tammy has her hand up.”

- Tammie Romstad stated – "Hey guys. I do appreciate Jeff's thoughts because I'm I grew up as a lake kid I've spent my life on the lake and I've just moved here and I didn't get to use the lake like I should have this past spring, but I think one of my questions is, how did the list get to 300 seems a little unusual. Have we have we vetted that list. Is it a list that someone put their name on 70 years ago and they're still on it. Is there really 300 people. And if there is, my gosh, why aren't we solving that problem and creating some more slips. And sell them at a price covered that cost the cost of that, you know, over two year period that actually pays for the dock. That's just, you know, and that may not be the direction this committee goes, but I do, I do. I know Jeff just said he knows about 100 people on that list that might be interested in a slip but I just think I just wonder, did you guys say something earlier about that list, and how long it's been growing. And is it really 300 people waiting right now, or was it three years before it."
- Jack Webb responded – "Live list it fluctuates just cause there's 321 on that list don't mean you call them, they're going to put a boat on their say we have 10 slips come available. We might go through 50 names to fill those 10 slips. You know, and that list fluctuates, usually it's around three (3) to five (5) year wait. It's became real popular over the last several years. And that's how come it is grown to what it now, We don't have access to add much more slips. We would have to go out of the cove into another one. I don't see that being possible. I mean, then you'll get to a point where there's too many people."
- Tammie Romstad stated – "For the plan and you know it's not unusual to be on a three to five year waitlist for a boat slip that if you don't own property somewhere. I mean, that's not unusual. So, I just thought it was interesting."
- Jack Webb responded – "But just because it's 321 people on it. Like I said, it might take 50 people to get 10 slips filled. Some years of my take three to get three filled. It just depends, but usually about three (3) to one (1) to fill a slip. People when they signed up five years ago they had a boat. Now they don't or they don't want to buy one or when they signed in figured, they'll have one by then and they don't."
- Tammie Romstad asked – "Do they annually keep signing up so you know it's a fresh interest every year?"
- Jack Webb replied – "It's on a book all kept on the blog."
- Tammie Romstad asked – "Forever, or do they fall off after a certain amount of time and have to read enter."
- Jack Webb responded – "Well eventually they'll be called."
- Billy Brame asked – "Well could we make this an annual have to check a box and then we would have a real live list. I mean, it seems like if you send an email that you have to update once a year. If you still want to be on it, then the place changes could move a little faster."

- Jack Webb responded – “I guess the only thing is that when you're dealing with people who don't have email. I mean, when you get called and get called, even if you check a box. People who are, who are wants to slip they call Denny every year and ask where I am I on the list, believe me they don't go in at blind.”
- Angel Obert stated – “It might be a good question for James, I know that is totally separate item, but it's obviously a question you guys have. But, um, I don't know if that's something that, you know, Danny would have the say since he is the one that runs the marina. I don't know that that's something that, that'd be a question for James.”
- Ty Collins stated – “I would be interested in getting it. I don't want to put James on the spot for that tonight, obviously. But if he has something that absolutely chime in, but I would be interested in hearing more information about that in January, I would also be interested in between now and then whatever numbers we have we've talked about these two nonresidents that are going to drop off or have dropped off and we've talked about needing you know 50 people to fill 10 spots and so on and so forth any numbers that we have as to the frequency of which someone drops their slip and then the year or how often one comes open. I know that we say it's three to five years on, you know, on the list to get a slip, but I would love to see some numbers that said in you know, everyone renewed their slip. So, there were zero open and then in for whatever reason, we had 15 people who moved halfway across the country took their boats with them and we had 15 open spots. So, anything that could give me some kind of frequency is to, you know, to when those come open and then any kind of detail. James can provide us on how we could update the process of getting on the you know, getting on the waitlist I know the adoption of the new reservation system has made you know maybe reserving Park shelters and things like that easier than ever now. But if I'm not mistaken, you can still walk in the door. Maybe not today because of the pandemic, but you can still walk in the door and reserve Park shelter. Number three, at any of our parks and so I would assume that you could still walk up to maybe the boathouse at, you know, Wyandotte County Lake and you could put in a paper reservation every year. The same way that when it goes live at midnight January one (1), I could get in and put my name on you know the waitlist for the boat slips this year so that those are the only two things I would like to see before trying to make any kind of a decision. Oh, and then maybe if staff legal or our financials have any recommendation as to if they would like to see that 25% 50% 75% 100% rate increase on nonresidents, if that's the direction that we would choose to go you know, a lot of us live this one night a month and everybody else has to live with whatever recommendation we would, you know, we would decide every day. So I'd like to hear the your guys' thoughts on you know on the finances side of it. So.”

V NEW BUSINESS

1. Staff Agenda

- Jack Webb & Angel Obert went over a CARES ACT presentation:

CARES ACT –

- Jersey Creek walking trail has been over laid and is completed costing over \$100,000.00.
 - We received 2 Hotsi sanitizing units which are vehicles used to clean and sanitize outside equipment and shelters
 - Requested to replace 7 restrooms we received 4, all are state of the art and equipped with heat, hot water ect. They will all be completed by the end of the year.
 - HVAC unites for 4 community centers. This means the Gym’s at Beatrice Lee, Bethany, Kensington and Armourdale will all be equipped with Air Conditioning and air ionizing systems costing over \$1,200,000.00.
- Angel Obert
 - Trail Development Program - The County Commission voted on and agreed with the Park Board on placing the first trail from this project at Klamm Park.

● BOARD MEMBER’S QUESTIONS OR COMMENT

- Jeff Sachen stated that he appreciated all the hard work done by Jack and Angel on the CARES ACT projects. He has been receiving a lot of calls requesting meeting minutes. Jack Webb stated that we do not have access to them as of right now.
- Billy Brame wanted to invite everyone to Fisher Park for an event being put on by Rosedale Development from December 15th – 19th, a Luminary Hike (seasonal evening walk)
- Patricia Gates stated her appreciation for all of the staff’s hard work on the CARES ACT projects. She also invited everyone to the Agricultural Hall of Fame’s Drive Through Lighting event going on through Christmas.
- Tammie Romstad she is excited for the kids and all the projects the CARES ACT has provided for them.
- Ty Collins wanted to thank Jack and Angel on all of the CARES ACT projects. He also thanked James Bain for all of his work on updating the Parks and Recreation Code of Regulations.

● ADJOURNMENT

Ty Collins requested a motion to adjourn, John McTaggart made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Jeff Sachen, Meeting adjourned at 7:32PM

Motion Carried (Ayes 8, Nays 0)

Ty Collins, Chairman