

MINUTES OF THE
UNIFIED GOVERNMENT WY CO/KCK
BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS
July 10th, 2019

The July 10th, 2019 meeting of the Unified Government WyCo/KCK Board of Park Commissioners was held at City Hall 701 N. 7th 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 6:04 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
Carolyn Wyatt, Member
Matt Warner, Member
Ty Collins, Member
Patricia Gates, Secretary
Jeff Sachen, First Vice Chairman

Board Members Absent:

John McTaggart, Member
Erin Stryka, Second Vice Chairman
Robert Scherzer, Member
Craig Howell, Member
Beatrice Lee, Member

Administration Present:

Jeremy Rogers, Parks and Recreation, Director (via telephone)
Jack Webb, Parks and Recreation, Deputy Director
Angel Obert, Recreation, Manager
Jane Wilson, Counselor
Nichole Marlowe, Admin. Support Specialist

I – PRELIMINARIES

1. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

A motion was made by Jeff Sachen to adopt the July 10th, 2019 Agenda was seconded by Ty Collins.

Motion Carried (Ayes 6, Nays 0)

2. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

Minutes of the Wednesday, June 12th, 2019 regular Board of Park Commissioners meeting are presented for review and consideration for approval.

A motion was made by Jeff Sachen, seconded by Ty Collins to approve the minutes of the Wednesday, June 12th, 2019 regular meeting.

Motion Carried (Ayes 6, Nays 0)

II - PRESENTATIONS, HEARINGS, COMMUNICATIONS

Chairman Mark Mohler asked the board members present at the meeting to introduce themselves and give their appointment information to the newly appointed board member.

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.

- Mel Myer is a pontoon slip holder at Wyandotte County Lake, he spoke regarding his concerns with large speed boats utilizing the lake, causing damage to the docks and boats and not abiding by the rules and regulations in place. He would like the rules and regulation for boating be changed from a speed limit to a horsepower limit, and the swimming rules be reevaluated and updated.
- Carmen Oropeza requested clarification on a rumor regarding the closing of the Armourdale Community Center.
- Tschler Manck expressed her concerns with Matt Warner's appointment to the board.

2. Correspondence

- Mark Mohler explained that the board does not have any dealings with the appointments of the board members.

- Jack Webb spoke on the concerns addressed by Mr. Myer regarding the Wyandotte County Lake. He explained that the lake was being used more frequently this year due to other lakes in the near vicinity being closed due to flooding. He also expressed that he had been in contact with the Sheriff's Department regarding the problems and that they had begun training more officers on the patrol boat.

III – OLD BUSINESS

- Discuss Budget Handout from June Meeting (Initiated by Jeremy Rogers) – Requested any concerns or questions from the board regarding the budget handout and expressed his interest in the board members opinions on the upcoming March 2020 budget for the Parks and Recreation Department.
 - Carolyn Wyatt did have some concerns and requested to talk to him at a later time.

IV – NEW BUSINESS

1. Appointment of Matt Warner to the Board of Park Commissioners – This was addressed prior to the visitors speaking.
2. St. Margaret's Park Project (Initiated by Jeremy Rogers) – Jeremy asked Bill Griffin to speak on behalf of the KC Gaelic Athletic Club regarding a partnership with the Parks & Recreation Department on improving St. Margaret's Park fields and utilizing the facilities as their home field. He spoke of a written proposal he had previously presented to Jeremy which Jeremy will be sending a packet to the board members after the meeting to be reviewed.
3. Fitness Court (Initiated by Angel Obert) – We are hoping to secure a location for the court to be installed. There have been proposals for two separate park locations and the sights did not meet the requirements of all partners/funders of the project.

V - OTHER BUSINESS

1. Staff Agenda

- Jack Webb:
 - a. Sports Court's Repair Updates –
 - Parkwood Tennis Court – work started Monday and should be completed within 7 to 10 days, depending on weather.
 - Mac's Basketball Court – Should be painted and striped starting on the 17th of July, this project should be completed within a week depending on weather.
 - Stony Point Futsal Court – installed by the Public Works Department is scheduled to be painted on the 25th of July.

- b. Big 11 Fishing Derby – This event was canceled due to algae in the lake. The event is being moved to a later date in the Fall.
 - c. Added information regarding Armourdale Community Center – The center experienced extensive damages due to flooding this year including mold damage. There are renovation plans in the near future, therefore the facilities basement will need to be vacated. The community center is not closing, it is being repaired.
- Angel Obert:
 - a. The Buzz – Enclosed is the monthly newsletter with all upcoming Parks & Recreation events and information.
 - b. Christmas in July – This is the 6th Annual, it is held and Wyandotte County Lake Park, there are a lot of fun attractions, such as a kid’s fishing derby, 3 on 3 basketball tournament, decorated Christmas themed boat parade and fireworks.

2. BOARD MEMBER’S QUESTIONS OR COMMENT

- Jeff Sachen expressed his concerns with the excessive use of Wyandotte County Lake by large boats with higher horsepower motors, he is worried and believes it has become dangerous and asked if the Sheriff’s Department could assist more so make it safer. He also informed Carmen Oropeza that the Park Board Meeting Minutes are located on the Parks Commissioners Website.
 - Jack stated he would contact the Sheriff’s Department again and express the concerns discussed.
- Ty Collins asked if there was money in the budget of if there had been any grant opportunities available for the Klamm Park Tennis Court resurfacing project that the Parks Department had looked into or possibly applied for.
 - Jack Responded by saying there would need to be funds still available at the end of the year.
 - Angel responded by saying she had been researching grant opportunities and had also put an application in for a grant to help with the cost of the project.
- Matt Warner suggested we look into any “Pickle Ball” grants that would help with the Klamm Park Tennis Court resurfacing project.
- Carolyn Wyatt commented that she would like full time employees in all of the community centers and educational craft programing in the Beatrice Lee Center.
- Counselor Jane Wilson announced that she would no long be representing the Park’s Department/Board of Park Commissioners and that James Bain would be taking over the position.

3. ADJOURNMENT

Mark Mohler adjourned the meeting at 6:47p.m.

Mark Mohler, Chairman

