



**LOUISBURG PARK AND TREE BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
Monday, March 9, 2020**

The Park & Tree Board of Louisburg, Kansas met at **6:38p.m.** in the City Hall Council Chambers with Chairperson Bob Bazin (Arrived 6:38p.m.) presiding.

ATTENDANCE

Board Members: Wayne Knop, and David Maddox

Mayor: Marty Southard

City Council: Sandy Harris and Steve Town

City Administrator: Nathan Law

City Staff: Jean Carder

Rec Commission: Diana Moore

Recording Secretary: Rusty Whitham

Visitors: Andy Gibbons

Item 1: PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Item 2: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA:

A motion was made by Wayne Knop to approve the agenda as amended above. The motion was seconded by David Maddox. Motion passed 3-0.

Item 3: APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

A motion was made by Wayne Knop to approve February 10, 2020 minutes. The motion was seconded by David Maddox. Motion passed 3-0.

Item 4: PUBLIC COMMENTS:

None

NEW BUSINESS ITEMS:

Item 5: Discussion concerning the installation of new play equipment at the Aquatic Center.

Administrator Nathan Law mentioned Public Works has started the site work in preparation for the installation of the new play equipment at the Aquatic Center. Law explained that this equipment is more American Disability Act (ADA) accessible than any other existing equipment on city-owned property. The existing sidewalk and paved parking lot makes this an ideal location for this new play equipment. It was mentioned the site needed to be slightly adjusted by ten (10) feet due to an underground gas line. The equipment should be completely installed in a few weeks.

No further discussion occurred concerning this topic.

Item 6: 2020 Summer Aquatic Center schedule

Staff mentioned the Aquatic Center will open on Saturday May 23rd (Memorial Day Weekend) and close Sunday August 16th. All lifeguards and concession/gate employees have been hired. Training for new lifeguard will be held March 27-29 at the Johnson County Jewish Community Center. It was also mentioned that new guttering around the pool will be installed this week. In addition, the slides have been sanded in preparation of new gelcoat and paint. The slides will be ready on opening day.

Wayne Knop asked who are the pool managers this year. Staff stated Kristi Weers and Logan Johnsen will be the managers this swim season.

David Maddox asked if there will be anything more substantial that will be done to the Aquatic Center this year. Administrator Law mentioned general maintenance and repair is all that is scheduled at this point. Any major additions to the pool must be discussed through the budget process.

No further discussion occurred concerning this topic.

Item 7: Discussion concerning an ordinance restricting smoking in city parks.

Administrator Law said that this issue was brought up at the last City Council meeting and it was determined that a smoking policy will not be considered at this time.

No further discussion occurred concerning this topic.

OLD BUSINESS:

Item 9: None

REPORTS:

Item 10: Individual area of responsibility updates:

- Bob Bazin (Chairperson) – None
- David Maddax (Aquatic Center) – None
- Ernie Reinhart (City Park) – Not Present
- Wayne Knop (Ron Weers Park) – Knop asked what was trenched in a L/Y Park. Administrator Law explained that Public Works is installing a new water line because of a water leak.
- Jack Kline (Forestry Manager) – Not Present
- Michael McClellan (Lewis-Young Park) – Not Present
- Diana Moore (Louisburg Rec Commission) – Moore mentioned soccer practices were supposed to start today but were cancelled due to rain. Most likely soccer practices will begin tomorrow. Baseball and Softball practices will start on April 20th. Moore also mentioned that

the Wildcat Anglers Club are willing to volunteer during the upcoming Fishing Derby. The Fishing Derby is scheduled for Saturday June 20th, 2020 (Father's Day Weekend).

- City Administrator – Administrator Law said that Jean Carder is applying for a grant to purchase couple pieces of musical play equipment. The green space between Fox Hall and City Hall is a potential site for this unique equipment.

Knop asked if part of this year's asphalt plan includes some work in L/Y Park. Administrator Law replied with yes. Law suggested that the trail will be paved this year. The budgeted cost for trails in L/Y Park is \$163,000. Funding for this project is coming from a matching grant.

Bob Bazin asked if the Park and Tree Board can get a 2020 end-of-year-expenditure breakdown for all projects completed in the parks system. Administrator Law replied with yes.

Knop then asked multiple LRC funding/budgeting questions. A discussion occurred between Moore and Knop. All questions were answered.

➤ **Item 11: ADJOURNMENT:**

David Maddox made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Wayne Knop. The motion passed 3-0. The meeting ended at 7:00pm.

Submitted by Rusty Whitham