



**LOUISBURG PARK AND TREE BOARD  
MEETING MINUTES  
Monday, August 12, 2019**

The Park & Tree Board of Louisburg, Kansas met at 6:30p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers with Chairperson Bob Bazin presiding.

**ATTENDANCE**

**Board Members:** Dave Maddax, Michael McClellan, Ernie Reinhart, Jack Kline and Wayne Knop  
**City Mayor:** Marty Southard  
**City Council:** Thorvald McKiernan  
**City Staff:** Jean Carder  
**Rec. Commission:** Diana Moore  
**Recording Secretary:** Rusty Whitham  
**Visitors:** None

**Item 1: PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**Item 2: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA:**

A motion was made by Ernie Reinhart, seconded by Jack Kline, to approve the agenda. Motion passed 6-0.

**Item 3: APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:**

A motion was made by Ernie Reinhart, seconded by Michael McClellan, to approve the minutes from the July 8, 2019 meeting. Motion passed 6-0.

**Item 4: PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

No public comments

**NEW BUSINESS ITEMS:**

**Item 5:** Discussion with Diana Moore concerning a request to modify the existing tennis court at City Park to facilitate Pickleball games.

Diana Moore explained how pickleball is played. Moore then asked if the tennis court located in City Park can be repainted to facilitate pickleball games.

Diana Moore mentioned that the Park and Tree Board has discussed the possibilities of repainting the lines on the tennis court. Moore wanted to know if it would be possible to have additional lines painted on the court to facilitate pickleball at the same time when the tennis court lines are repainted.

Ernie Reinhart asked if this request implies that the City would pay for the additional lines painted. Moore replied not necessarily. Moore indicated that the Rec Commission may be interested in contributing funds to help pay for the additional lines painted.

Ernie Reinhart then asked if painting the court would be considered a maintenance project. Staff replied yes.

Bob Bazin asked if this is something the city can do or will the painting be contracted. Staff replied that painting would be contracted.

Bob Bazin then mentioned that he knows of a local person that can repaint lines on the court at minimal cost. Bazin added that this individual has stripping equipment.

Wayne Knop asked if the tennis/pickleball court can be reserved. Staff replied the court could be added to the park's reserved amenities.

After a brief discussion Ernie Reinhart made a motion approve the repainting of the tennis court lines to include additional lines for a pickleball court with the following stipulations:

1. The contractor shall use the appropriate paint.
2. The tennis court and pickleball court shall have two distinct different colored lines. The tennis court lines shall be white and pickleball court lines shall be a different color.
3. If the painting costs greater than \$250 the Park Board may request funds from Rec Commission as a cost share initiative.
4. Staff shall immediately move forward with this project so that the courts are available to the public as soon as possible. (This stipulation was recommended by Jack Kline)

The motion was seconded by Jack Kline. The motion passed 6-0.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

**Item 6:** Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism Fisheries Division 2017 Progress and Management Report.

Staff met with a Biologist from the Kansas Department of Wildlife last month at City Lake. The Biologist stated that the Lake has been stocked with 575 intermediate channel catfish annually every year since 2008 (except 2012). That same amount has been requested for 2019 and if fulfilled they should be stocked in September.

Lewis Young Park Lake was stocked with 100 intermediate channel catfish in 2018, 2017, 2015, 2014, 2013, 2012. He didn't know where the hybrid bluegill came from, and stated that didn't stock them. Probably a remnant population, but knew they do really well there.

Attached is a Progress and Management Report from 2017 the last time Louisburg City Lake was sampled. It is on the schedule to be sampled again in 2020.

The Biologist also mentioned what is currently growing along the shores of The Lake is American pondweed:



American pondweed is beneficial for fish habitation and reproduction. This is not necessarily a bad thing to have in the lake.

Adding grass carp to the lake is not recommended. Grass carp will eat the American pondweed but won't eat the algae/stringy stuff that we want to get rid of. It is also not a good idea to introduce the fish from another body of water such as another lake or farm pond.

Boat motors won't be effective in vegetation control but that's a City decision to make not regulated by the state.

Filamentous algae and unwanted grass thrive in the lake because of the fertilizer run-off from the homes surrounding the lake and upstream of the lake.

When the algae turns brown, it is dying off and will gradually disintegrate back into the water. Copper sulfate or diffusers are probably the best methods to try and control the algae.

Wayne Knop mentioned City Lake should be treated with copper sulfate earlier in the year to combat the algae in the lake. It was suggested that the lake be treated with copper sulfate in early April. No further discussion occurred concerning this item.

### **REPORTS:**

**Item 7:** Individual area of responsibility updates:

- Bob Bazin (Chairperson) – Bazin asked about the 2020 Parks Budget. Staff explained that the budget is online.
- David Maddax (Aquatic Center) – Maddax mentioned that he visited the Aquatic Center last week and made the following observations:
  1. The Aquatic Center was packed with swimmers. Maddax was pleasantly surprised.
  2. Slides are leaking and need to be repaired.
  3. Water flow back near the edge needs to be repaired
  4. More shade is needed around the pool. Maddax suggested additional umbrellas.
  5. Zero entry is an extremely nice feature.
  6. Three days week a local daycare brings approximately 45 kids to the pool. There are also smaller daycares that bring between 10-15 kids to the pool few time a week.

7. Vintage Park utilizes the pool and brings 10-12 people to the Aquatic Center on Occasions.
8. The Aquatic Center has 11 lifeguards on duty during operating hours.

➤ Ernie Reinhart (City Park) – Reinhart thanked City Staff for the following improvements to City Park:

1. Play equipment and monuments have been relocated
2. All the railings have been installed on the pavilion
3. New support guide wires have been installed on the pavilion
4. Three new benches have been installed

Reinhart then asked when can the Park and Tree Board start soliciting bids for a new picnic pavilion. Reinhart suggested that he would like to have this process started in 2020.

- Wayne Knop (Ron Weers Park) – Knop mentioned some trees have been trimmed along the trail and properties. Michael McClellan asked if the City could install an easy kayak launch at City Lake. McClellan stated that he was approached by someone who wanted one at the lake.
- Jack Kline (Forestry Manager) – No comment
- Michael McClellan (Lewis-Young Park) – No comment
- Diana Moore (Louisburg Rec Commission) – Flag football fields are looking great.
- City Administrator – Not present

**Item 8: ADJOURNMENT:**

Ernie Reinhart made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Dave Maddax. The motion passed 6-0. The meeting ended at 7:08pm.

Submitted by Rusty Whitham