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NOTICE OF WYANDOTTE COUNTY PARK BOARD MEETING

A meeting of the Wyandotte County Park Board of the Unified Government of Wyandotte County/Kansas City, Kansas, will be conducted in a hybrid format on Wednesday, August 13, 2025, at 6:00 P.M.

We invite you to view the meeting in person in the 5th-floor conference room, Suite 515, 701 N. 7th Street, Kansas City, Kansas, or via a Zoom webinar.

Topic: Meeting of the Wyandotte County Park Board regarding staff updates on various projects.

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UNIFIED GOVERNMENT WYCO/KCK
REGULAR BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS MEETING

Wednesday, August 13th, 2025

City Hall, 701 N. 7th Street, Room 515, KCK 66101

And Via Zoom at 6:00pm

Agenda

Have the proper meeting notices been given? _____

Call to Order, _____ P.M.

Roll Call:

_____ Mario Escobar/Mayor Garner
*Chairman

_____ Dr. Jane Winkler Philbrook/District #6

_____ Kevin Mitchell/District #1
*First Vice Chairman

_____ Nathan Brungardt/District #7

_____ Jim Schneweise/District #2

_____ Laura Flores/District #8
*Secretary

_____ Amanda DeVriese-Sebilla/District #3

_____ Andrea Generaux/District #1 at Large

_____ Karen Daniels/District #4
*Second Vice Chairwoman

_____ Sarah Lynch/District #2 at Large

_____ Andrea Behrman/District #5

Non-Voting Members
_____ Samuel Simmons Sr./KCKPS

Administration Present:

_____ Angel Ferrara, Parks and Recreation, Director

_____ Shaya Lockett, Parks & Recreation, Recreation Manager

_____ Vincent Billaci, Parks & Recreation, Parks Manager

_____ Wendy Green, Counselor

_____ Elizabeth Scrimsher, Administrative Support Specialist

I – PRELIMINARIES

1. Adoption of the Agenda

The Agenda is presented for Board review, and consideration for adoption.

Additions:

Visitors:

Board Members:

The Agenda is presented for adoption.

Motion:_____ Seconded:_____ Vote:_____

2. Approval of Previous Meeting's Minutes

Minutes of the Wednesday, July 8th, 2025 regular Board of Park Commissioners meeting were presented for review and consideration for approval.

Motion:_____ Seconded:_____ Vote:_____

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 responses, and bring items to a future agenda as may be appropriate. Anyone addressing the Park Board must state their name and address for the record. Comments shall be limited to three (3) minutes for each participant. Per the Commission Rules of Procedure, which are applicable to Park Board meetings, comments should not include any rude or derogatory remarks, reflections as to integrity, abusive comments, and statements as to motives and personalities.

2. Correspondence

- Public Works Projects Update -

III – Old Business

- None to Report -

IV – New Business

- Employee of the Month Recognition –

V – Other Business

Staff Agenda

- Shaya Lockett –
 - a. Recreation Updates –
- Vincent Billaci –
 - a. Park Updates –
- Angel Ferrara –
 - a. Department Updates -
- **Board Member's Questions or Comments**

3. Adjournment at _____P.M.

Motion: _____ Seconded: _____ Vote: _____

**UNIFIED GOVERNMENT WYCO/KCK
BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS MEETING**

Wednesday, July 9th 2025

The July 9th, 2025, 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 & Virtually – Via Zoom

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting of the Unified Government Board of Park Commissioners was called to order at 6:04 pm by Mario Escobar, Chairman. Angel Ferrara, Director, stated proper meeting notice had been given

ROLL CALL:

Members present were recorded for the minutes

Board Members Present:

Mario Escobar, Chairman
Kevin Mitchell, Member
Karen Daniel, Second Vice-Chairwoman
Amanda DeVriese-Sebilla, Member
Dr. Jane Winkler Philbrook, Member
Laura Flores, Secretary
Andrea Generaux - Member
Sarah Lynch, Member

Board Members Absent:

Jim Schneweise, Member
Andrea Behrman, Member
Nathan Brungardt, Member
Samuel Simmons Sr./KCKPS-Non-Voting Member

Administration Present:

Angel Ferrara, Director of Parks and Recreation
Shaya Lockett, Recreation Assistant Director
Vincent Billaci, Manager of Recreation
Jeff Conway, Counselor
Elizabeth Scrimsher, Administrative Support Specialist

I – PRELIMINARIES

- **ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

A motion was made by Dr. Jane Winkler Philbrook to adopt July 9th, 2025.
Agenda and seconded by Kevin Mitchell

Motion carried (Ayes 8, Nays 0)

- **APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES**

Minutes of Wednesday, June 11th, 2025, regular Board of Park Commissioners, were presented for review and consideration for approval. A motion was made by Dr. Jane Winkler Philbrook and seconded by Kevin Mitchell

Motion carried (Ayes 8, Nays 0)

II- PRESENTATIONS, HEARINGS, COMMUNICATIONS

- **Visitors** – None to Report

Visitors may speak to the Board at this time

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

- **Correspondence** – None to Report

- **Public Works Projects Update** – Angel Ferrara stated the Parks and Recreation Department attempted to obtain a project update from Public Works but did not receive any information for July. We know we haven't received an update since May. We will request an update from Public Works regarding ongoing projects to share with the Park Board during their meeting in August

III– OLD BUSINESS

None to Report

IV- NEW BUSINESS

- Employee of the Month Recognition –Vincent Billaci shared with the Park Board that the Parks and Recreation Department's June Employee of the Month is Tom Romero, who has been an employee for 22 years, and is a Groundskeeper IV out at Wyandotte County Lake and all the West Parks. Tom was nominated for his strong work ethic and takes great pride in his work, is a great leader, helps train new employees, and brings a positive attitude to the team

V - OTHER BUSINESS

Staff Agenda

Shaya Lockett - Recreation Updates

- We wanted to emphasize that the Parks and Recreation Department worked together with various Unified Government departments and community organizations to host the Juneteenth event at Klam Park, the event began with a parade and included a range of festivities, activities, and games aimed at engaging the community, we had a wonderful turnout, and we would like to express our gratitude to our staff for their hard work
- Shared with the Park Board, June participation numbers for the community centers, this report highlights the activity for this year, specifically for June, Eisenhower had the highest numbers, mainly because of the summer camp program hosted there in June. However, that program has now moved to Beatrice Lee, as a result, we expect July's numbers for Beatrice Lee to increase, due to the program being there, and many of our sports are outdoors, currently, we do have our Night Hoops basketball that started toward the end of June, due to some scheduling challenges
- Shared some highlights, with our participation numbers under Earl Watson, we mentioned last month that we were working on bringing some programming there, and we were able to reach an agreement with Earl Watson, Jr, is offering a pro day where youth in our community can get low-cost training from a professional, this will be provided for youth at Earl Watson Community Center; there's an agreement in place, we were able to provide some level of activity for the community center this summer, when we don't have the staffing numbers to normally
- I would like to highlight our community swim program, as well as the swim program we are implementing in partnership with G.E.H.A and the Y.M.C.A. This marks the third year of this program, and we have successfully offered lessons to our communities. The event will provide classes for parents and their children. We wanted to share this

information with the Park Board. The program teaches water safety, so children and adults know how to respond when submerged

- Shared with the Park Board, all the activities that we have coming up, Christmas in July is on July 19th at Wyandotte County Lake Park, festivities begin at 6:00 pm
- We are celebrating National Hot Dog Day at noon, on July 16th at Ruby Park, giving us a chance to highlight the new playground and meet with community members. The children can come out and their families can come out during the week if they're at home while the kids are out of school, and get a hot dog, but then also enjoy the new playground
- Parks and Recreation will host movies in the park, and the rescheduled event will take place at Eisenhower on July 24. The previous event was postponed due to high winds that prevented the setting up of equipment
- Shared with Park Board that Fall sports registration is now open and includes Volleyball, Soccer, and Flag Football

Vincent Billaci - Park Updates

- The Eisenhower splash pad is currently closed until July 17th due to the main pump failing and needing to be rebuilt
- Over the past weekend, during the July 4th holiday, we managed to escape with minimal damage. This year, we only had a couple of trash cans burned. We took proactive measures by closing some of the bathrooms to prevent the usual vandalism that occurs during this holiday, which greatly helped us manage the situation more effectively
- Boston Daniels Park, we are making excellent progress, the playground is completed, and the sod is going in, just some final touch-ups there. We will do a walk-through later this week to determine what the final actions will need to be for that. But we're looking forward to a grand opening soon, and we will keep everyone updated on that date. We will set a ribbon-cutting date for the project
- Klammer Park is near completion, finishing up on some minor grading and repairs for the trail
- Edgerton, basketball courts have been resurfaced.
- Emerson pickleball courts are resurfaced, and contractors will be coming back to reset the nets
- Pierson Park is near completion, having some final grading and seeding around the trail and the shelters. The Splash Pad and Dog Park are open, and the community is now enjoying
- The Wyandotte County Park walking trail is currently undergoing concrete pouring this week. We estimate that the entire trail will be completed in 2 to 3 weeks. Then the

concrete will need time to cure before we can install the rubber surfacing. The project is expected to be completed by late summer.

- Kensington Park is in the bid process, which will include the installation of soccer fields and a walking trail
- The Vietnam and Korean War Memorial, at the Wyandotte County Lake held the rededication ceremony a couple of weeks ago, and it was a great event, 200 people attended, including several Veterans. Parks and Recreation shared with the Park Board a dual-sided coin, with one side having the Korean Conflict and on the other side the Vietnam Conflict

Angel Ferrara – Department Updates

- Shared an update with the Park Board regarding the mowing operations. We are doing our best to keep up with the mowing schedule despite having a 20% staffing vacancy. Parks staff are doing an excellent job of prioritizing the parks in our mowing program
- Advised the Park Board that the budget hearing will be held tomorrow
- Stated that July is the Parks and Recreation month; this year, the theme is “Build Together, Play Together.” Angel stated that Shaya Lockett did a video that is being shown on the Unified Government website, streaming on YouTube, and talks about this theme. Shaya did a nice job capturing a lot of the moments that our department has built together with the community.
- Angel – Stated she appreciated the Park Board and our department team on the great job and hard work that went into the restoration of the Korean Vietnam Conflict Memorial Ceremony, this is a \$142,000 investment from the city

VI - BOARD MEMBER’S QUESTION OR COMMENTS

- Laura Flores – Asked where the Park Board could send their comments or concerns for the budget meeting, I wanted to share my idea regarding the mowing operations. Shared her idea about planting wildflowers in areas that are not currently being used, such as soccer fields. This could help reduce the amount of land that needs to be mowed and could also promote pollinators.
 - Angel Ferrara – Answered to send to the Clerk’s office, she also stated that they have been talking about flowers, and this idea has been on their radar as well
- Dr. Jane Philbrook – It was nice to hear that the Village Initiative now has a youth component and a youth director. They're a great organization dealing with rehab with

substance abuse, and having been incarcerated, and the youth component is a preventative measure to help youth understand the pitfalls that they can get into

- Karen Daniel – Wanted to say how she and the community are impressed with the Boston Daniels Park transformation and gave kudos for a well-done job on all the projects. She also wanted to bring to our attention the rock stockpile at Heathwood Park that was missed during cleanup.
- Sarah Lynch – Asked where the fans came from that were given out at the Juneteenth event
 - Shaya Lockett – Answered, they were provided by one of the partner organizations
- Mario Escobar – Stated, great job with the Vietnam and Korean War Memorial, he also let Angel know about the trash barrels being damaged at Vega Park and Clopper, and suggested installing cameras

VII – ADJOURNMENT

- Mario Escobar - Chairman requested to adjourn; Amanda DeVries-Sebilla made a motion, Laura Flores seconded the motion meeting was adjourned at 6:35 PM. Motion

Carried (Ayes 8, Nays 0)

Mario Escobar/Chairman



**PARKS &
RECREATION**

PAINT in the Park

AUGUST 30, 2025

10AM-12PM

EMERSON PARK

1423 S 29TH ST

**GET CREATIVE WITH THE PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT
AT PAINT IN THE PARK, WHERE YOU'LL DESIGN YOUR VERY OWN
CANVAS MASTERPIECE.**

THIS PROGRAM IS FREE, BUT REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED.

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**PARKS &
RECREATION**

Armourdale's Monthly BINGO

JUNE 13

6PM - 7PM

**ARMOURDALE COMMUNITY
CENTER**

730 OSAGE AVE



Lotería is a fun, traditional Mexican game like Bingo—but with pictures instead of numbers! Players mark cards on their boards as images are called out. First to complete a row shouts “¡Lotería!” and wins a prize!

THEME: LOTERÍA



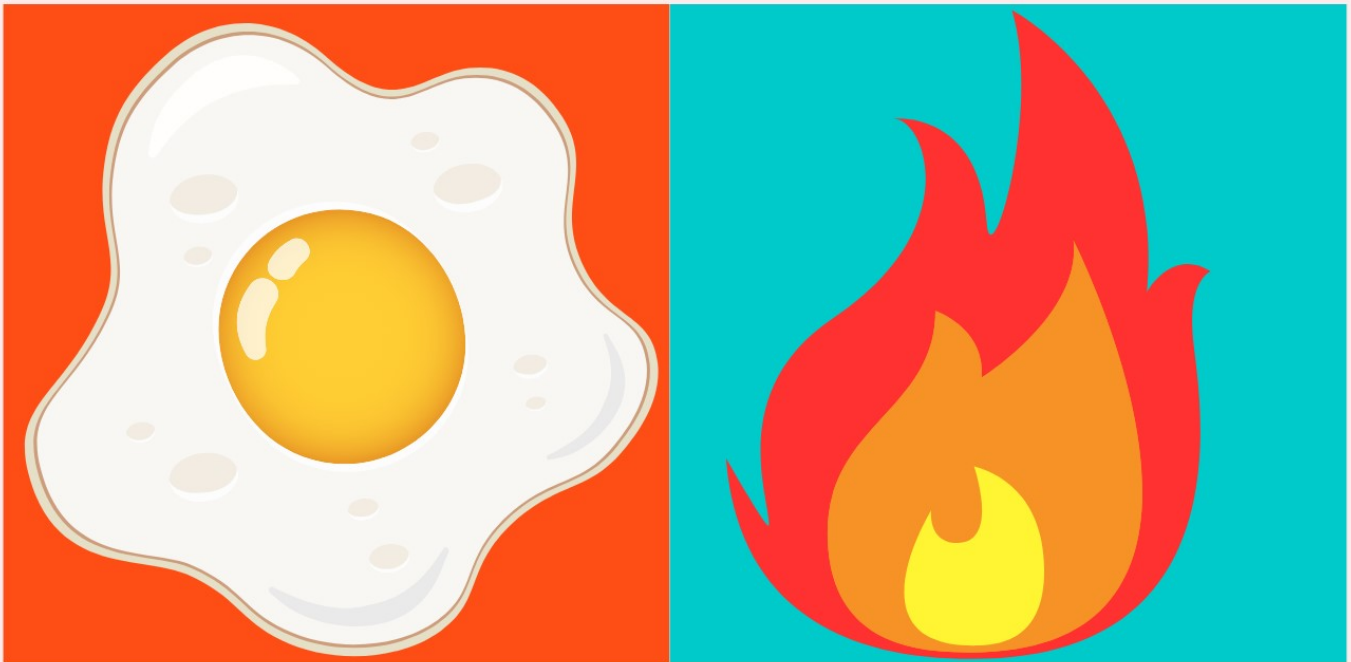
For more information:
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**PARKS &
RECREATION**

Toss it Like it's Hot

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 12:00PM



**CELEBRATE NATIONAL EGG TOSS DAY WITH
AN EGG TOSS COMPETITION!**

**HERE'S HOW IT WORKS:
YOU START OFF FACING YOUR PARTNER 2 FEET AWAY
FROM EACH OTHER, AFTER EACH TOSS, YOU BOTH MUST
TAKE A STEP BACK. LAST PARTNER STANDING WILL BE
THE WINNER AND WILL GET THE PRIZE.**

\$ ONE DOLLAR FEE \$

**ARGENTINE COMMUNITY CENTER
2810 METROPOLITAN AVE**

14th Annual

WYANDOTTE COUNTY PARKS FOUNDATION

In memory of Pat (Duggie) Guilfoil

GOLF TOURNAMENT

About Tournament

All proceeds benefit the Wyandotte County Parks Foundation, a 501c3 nonprofit, and its mission to support our public parks and recreation.

Date & Place

SEPTEMBER 12TH, 2025

Sunflower Hills Golf Course

12200 Riverview Road
Bonner Springs, KS 66109

Schedule

10:00 AM Registration

11:00 AM Shotgun Start

11:30 AM Lunch Served



WYANDOTTE COUNTY
PARKS FOUNDATION

wyandotteparksfoundation.org

Register Now!

\$400/TEAM

Fee includes:

- Four-person scramble team
- Lunch
- Green Fees
- Golf Cart
- Proximity Prizes

Scan QR code or use the link to
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**PARKS &
RECREATION**

FALL SPORTS 2025



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**SEP 9
SEASON
STARTS**

\$30/per child

YOUTH FLAG FOOTBALL LEAGUE

Registration: July 7 – August 14
Games played at Eisenhower Park

**SEP 10
CLINIC
STARTS**

\$20/per child

YOUTH VOLLEYBALL CLINIC

Registration: July 7 – October 1
Clinic held at Joe Amayo Community Center

**SEP 13
SEASON
STARTS**

\$20/per child

YOUTH SOCCER LEAGUE

Registration: July 7 – August 14
Games played at Compass Minerals Sporting Fields

Each season will consist of six games/sessions and
divisions will include:

K/1st Grade, 2nd/3rd Grade, 4th/5th Grade, and 6th Grade

REGISTER NOW!

***These dates could be subject to change**
parksinfo@wycokck.org | 913-573-8327



PARKS & RECREATION

Registration Form

Return the completed form with the fee. Make cashiers or money orders payable to Unified Treasury. Mail to: Parks and Recreation, 5033 State Ave., Kansas City, KS 66102. The main office will also take cash or credit cards.

Youth Name _____ **Grade** _____ **DOB** _____

Age _____ **Gender** _____ **Shirt Size** _____

Parent Name _____

Parent Email _____

Address _____ **City/State** _____ **Zip** _____

School _____

Home/Cell Phone _____ **Volunteer Coach** _____

Soccer _____ **Volleyball** _____ **Flag Football** _____

All coaches' kids must fill out a registration form.

The undersigned states that he/she understands that the Unified Government of Wyandotte County/Kansas City, KS Parks and Recreation is not and shall not be responsible for or liable for any illness, or injury to person or damage to property resulting from the program in which the participant and the undersigned if the participant is a minor or under other legal disability, Kansas City, KS Parks and Recreation its employee's agents and representatives from any and executors, administrators, or assign may have or claim to have resulted from participation in said program. Also, the undersigned and the participant authorize the Unified Government of Wyandotte / Kansas City, Kansas Parks, and Recreation to use at its discretion any photograph(s) (black/white or color) taken of the participating in the program and waive any and all claims that the participant or undersigned or their heirs, executors, administrators, or assigns may have or claim to have or claim to have resulting from such photograph(s) or reproductions thereof. I have read and understand the waiver statement, and the registration and cancellation policies.

Registration invalid without signature

Parent Signature _____

Date _____