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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 12, 2026 at 6:00 p.m..

We invite you to view the meeting in person at the **Neighborhood Resource Center, 4953 State Avenue, 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 12th, 2026
Neighborhood Resource Center, 4953 State Ave. KCK 66102
And Via Zoom at 6:00pm
Agenda

Have the proper meeting notices been given? _____

Call to Order, _____ P.M.

Roll Call:

_____ Mario Escobar/Mayor – Chairman

_____ Andrea Generaux/District #1 At Large – First Vice Chairwoman

_____ Vacant/District #2 at Large

_____ Antwaun Jones/District #1

_____ Jim Schneweise/District #2

_____ Ariel Burns/District #3

_____ Karen Daniels/District #4 - Second Vice Chairwoman

_____ Andrea Behrman/District #5

_____ Dr. Jane Winkler Philbrook/District #6

_____ Vacant /District #7

_____ Laura Flores/District #8 - Secretary

_____ Samuel Simmons Sr./KCKPS – Non-Voting

Administration Present:

_____ Angel Ferrara, Parks and Recreation, Director

_____ Shaya Lockett, Parks & Recreation, Recreation Manager

_____ Vincent Billaci, Parks & Recreation, Parks Manager

_____ Matt Zayas, Parks & Recreation, Fiscal Officer

_____ Kelsey Saunders, Counselor

_____ Nichole Jakes, Administrative Support Supervisor

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 15th, 2026 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

- None to Report -

III – Old Business

- Public Works Projects Update –

IV – New Business

- Employee of the Month Recognition –

V – Other Business

- Nothing at this time-

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: _____

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

Wednesday, July 8th, 2026

July 8th, 2026, meeting of the Unified Government WyCo/KCK Board of Park
Commissioners were 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 6:15 pm by Andrea Generaux, First Vice-Chairwoman. Angel Ferrara, Director, stated proper meeting notice had been given

ROLL CALL: Members present were recorded for the minutes

Board Members Present:

Andrea Generaux, First Vice-Chairwoman
Jim Schneweis, Member
Karen Daniels, Second Vice-Chairwoman
Andrea Behrman, Member
Dr. Jane Winkler Philbrook, Member
Laura Flores, Secretary
Samuel Simmons Sr /KCKPS-Non-Voting Member

Board Members Absent:

Mario Escobar, Chairman
Antwaun Jones, Member
Sarah Lynch, Member
Ariel Burns, Member

Administration Present:

Angel Ferrara, Director of Parks and Recreation
Shaya Lockett – Parks & Recreation, Parks Manager
Vincent Billaci, Parks & Recreation, Parks Manager
Matt Zayas, Fiscal Officer
Wendy Green, Counselor
Nicole Jakes, Administrative Support Supervisor

I – PRELIMINARIES

- **ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

A motion was made by Dr. Jane Winkler Philbrook to adopt July 8th, 2026, Agenda and seconded by Andrea Behrman

Motion carried (Ayes 6, Nays 0)

- **APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES**

Minutes of Wednesday, June 10th, 2026, 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 Karen Daniels

Motion carried (Ayes 6, Nays 0)

II- PRESENTATIONS, HEARINGS, COMMUNICATIONS

Visitors –

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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

III– OLD BUSINESS

Public Works Project Update – Angel Ferrara – Introduced Jeff Miles, Director of Environmental Services. Jeff Miles provided an update to the Park Board on the Public Works projects that Angel mentioned, noting that many of our consent decree projects are reaching critical stages and securing funding. I also volunteered to attend the Park Board meetings and serve as a liaison for any questions the Parks Department or Park Board may have regarding these projects

Regarding the CSO44 8th Street Park, we have seen considerable progress in the last few weeks. A substantial walkthrough of the park took place on June 23rd. The contractor is currently finishing the concrete work and addressing a punch list of items that need to be repaired, replaced, or completed. There were 30 items on the list that needed to be addressed, including repairs, damage, and vandalized concrete, and removal of dead and dying plants. Sod was installed last week and is being watered twice a day. Contractor has installed the new curb and sidewalk at the southeast corner of 8th and Barnett and is replacing dead plants on the basin terraces. We are waiting on BPU to raise the electrical box, so the grading and sodding can be done around that area. A substantial walkthrough was conducted at Northrop Park on June 23rd. Concrete work is ongoing; the contractor is addressing the list of items requiring repairs and replacements. Sod has been installed in certain areas to prevent erosion caused by sheet flow. However, the areas that have not been sodded will be disturbed as part of the upcoming upper split log stormwater improvement project, which is scheduled to go to bid later this month or in early August. Northrop Park, the upper Splitlog Park, stormwater improvement project, will include construction of a sledding hill, two dry detention basins, and alley access and road improvements. Cameras were installed to deter vandalism, as we have had issues. Jeff Miles shared a presentation with the Park Board showing the use of the cameras. The roundabout was completed and opened to traffic, along with the park's parking lot. Remaining work, in addition to the punch list items, includes installation of parking lot lighting. We're waiting on the delivery of the light poles, which have been ordered but have a long lead time

- Jim Schneweis – Asked if the cameras at Northrop Park notify the police if and when the person doesn't leave the property, Jim is still concerned about the water quality at the 8th Street Park
- Jeff Miles – Environmental Service Dept, location already uses this type of technology in all of our flood pump stations and other areas, a text will go immediately to one of the staff to notify them if someone has broken the geofence. The person who receives the notification will then decide if the police should be called; some alarms will go straight to the police. We are testing cameras now and will make a decision on which will work best. We are looking for any input
- Jeff Miles - Responded to Jim's second question. I had the opportunity to meet Jim. We actually went and walked through the park. I asked the Kansas Department of Health and Environment to look at the park as well, and the water quality. I wanted to share with Jim and get an outsider's perspective on whether we are going down the right path. I wanted to give kudos to the Parks team. Environmental Services is a wastewater, stormwater, and flood management department, and obviously, we have some dual projects that we try to stretch the dollar in our community to ultimately beautify it below ground as well as above ground. But one of the things parks have done is the Parks annual report, 3 or 4 years ago, they made their annual report, and that was really kind of a trendsetter within the government, within our Unified Government

- Angel Ferrera – Wanted to let the Park Board know that Alan Howze is attending tonight, wanted to welcome him, and acknowledge his new position as the new Interim County Administrator for the Unified Government. Alan was over the Parks and Recreation Department as an Assistant County Administrator in his prior position
- Alan Howze – Wanted to acknowledge the great job Parks and Recreation is doing and thanked the Parks Board for all the help they have provided for the department. Alan also shared that next week is the first action that the Commission will take on the budget process, setting the, quote, maximum mill levies for that, and then there'll be an introduced budget on August 6th. So, you know, as seems to be the case every year, there's a lot of competing needs within the budget. Certainly, Parks are an important investment in our neighborhoods and our communities, and an important driver of economic development, and in our neighborhoods as well, and looking at how we can continue to make those investments, as the resources that we've been able to tap into around the federal dollars have now gone away. We are looking for ways that we can continue to fund the park's operations, as well as the many Capital Improvements
- Angel Ferrara – Wanted to thank Alan Howze for his leadership over Parks and Recreation. He's been a big reason why we've been able to leverage some of the dollars, like you said, just connecting the dots between departments

IV- NEW BUSINESS

Employee of the Month Recognition -

- Vincent Billaci – Olga Ibarra was nominated as the employee of the month for June. Olga Ibarra was nominated for her hard work, dedication, and commitment to keeping our facilities clean, safe, and welcoming for the community, along with her pride in work and willingness to consistently go above and beyond to make a positive impact on our parks, facilities, and everyone who visits them every day

V - OTHER BUSINESS

Staff Agenda:

Shaya Lockett - Recreation Updates –

- Parkwood Pool – We celebrated on June 29th, as this was the 5th year of the completion of the Joe Delaney Learn to Swim program. This program has helped over 1,252 individuals with

life-saving swimming skills. This is a program we're really proud of and in partnership with GEHA, the Hunt Family Foundation, and the YMCA. Parkwood Pool is the founding location for the Joe Delaney Learn to Swim program. And it is now in 20-plus cities across the United States. We are really proud of that accomplishment. And it was nice to be able to be out there and celebrate the participants that completed this year's program, and look forward to more success and more opportunities for swimming and access to swimming over the years

- Summer Camp – We are in full swing at Beatrice Lee for July; the last day of camp will be held on July 31st. We have only two slots available
- Christmas in July – Event will be held at Wyandotte County Lake on July 18th; this event is the largest event of the year. We celebrate with fireworks, a boat parade, and lots of fun activities. We will be holding a glow party with a DJ at the beach shelter, along with local vendors from our community. We have Holy Smokes, Kona Ice, and Chick-fil-A serving as well as the Snackle-Box this year, helping us celebrate with the community. And this year's theme is along with America 250, and with it being the 12th annual, we are also celebrating the 12 days of Christmas in July.
- We are actively working on recruitment. We have filled several positions in the last few months, and we are still working to fill the remaining vacancies in the department. We will continue to keep the board updated on that status.
 - Jim Schneweis – Asked if we have hired any staff for the Watson Community Center
- Shaya Lockett – Answered, for that position, we are looking to fill all our Recreation Specialist positions before we reopen the facility. As we talked about staffing, we want to make sure that before we fully open, we have the staff fully operational.
 - Jim Schneweis – Ask if the soccer nets will be installed at St. Margaret's, he stated some of the communities are asking for, due to the World Cup, a lot of people are excited
- Vincent Billaci – Responded that he has spoken with our maintenance team on getting nets; they found out they don't make a net that fits, so we need to look for some actual goals to get down there. The nets at Waterway didn't fit, so we had to make some, and they work great

Vincent Billiaci- Park Updates

- July 4th weekend for Parks & Recreation gets worrisome due to fireworks, especially the restrooms. Good news this year, we didn't have any of the restrooms destroyed; we did have a couple of porta-pots destroyed, one was at Boston Daniels Park, working on getting them replaced. We had some trash and debris that needed to be picked up

- Turtle Cove playground at Wyandotte County Lake has been installed. That was a project we did in conjunction with the Parks Foundation. This job has been completed.
- Wyandotte County Lake, at the main playground, we have been removing some of the older equipment in the next few weeks, and we will be replacing it
- St. Margaret's Park – The playground has been replaced and is now completed; some minor repairs and some dirt are being backfilled, and we are finishing up. On Wednesday, July 15th, from 11:00 am – 1:00 pm, we will hold a ribbon-cutting for the playground and the sports court upgrade
 - Jim Schneeweis – Asked if Shawnee Park had any new updates
- Vincent Billaci – Responded that he will have to go out and confirm, but from what he does know, that the striping and the painting of the courts should be completed, for the futsal courts and the new basketball court. We did the post-tensioning, we are still waiting for the basketball goals, and we are expecting them to come this week
- Angel Ferrara – Reminded the Park Board that the funding for the Shawnee Basketball Project was 80% funded with CBO dollars.

Angel Ferrara – Department Updates –

- Shared that July is Parks and Recreation month, and if you follow us on Facebook, the recreation team has a lot of fun activities planned for the community
- We are offering a free swim day at Parkwood Pool. We have been hosting this event for the past few years as part of Parks and Recreation Month, so keep an eye out for all the fun activities happening
- July 17th is Parks and Recreation Professional Day, and we'll be recognizing the team on social and other avenues, and then I know that Recreation's also working on a highlight video for Parks and Recreation Month, so we'll share it with the Park Board
- Park Board should have received an email today with a reminder of the budget public hearing, which will be held on Monday, August 24th, at 5:30 pm, and the public is welcome to come and speak with any suggestions they may have for the budget, and good opportunity for anyone advocating for Parks and Recreation
- Leadership – Updates, I know we discussed Alan Howze, the Interim County Administrator, and Rodney Lucas, who was previously an Interim Assistant County Administrator; he is now permanently an Assistant County Administrator. There is also another interim appointment for Assistant County Administrator, Casey Meyer. She is from the UG Legal Office. She will be doing both roles, which will help address some of the leadership challenges. I wanted to inform the Park Board about some important updates, so you are aware of what's happening. I'm sure you keep up with the news from the UG, but I want to emphasize how these changes could impact our department, especially as we consider potential adjustments to our reporting structure. However, I'm

confident we will manage these changes well, and I look forward to continuing to work together as we adapt.

VI - BOARD MEMBER'S QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS

- Dr. Jane Winkler Philbrook – Wanted to thank everybody for all the hard work, and it is nice to see all the new administrators coming into office. I'm hoping things will continue to plug along well. Yes, that opens a lot of avenues for us to be able to get other people's money to come in and help us with our parks. Thank you
- Karen Daniels – Wanted clarification if the recommendations the Park Board sent in earlier this year will need to be brought up again at the budget meeting.
- Angel Ferrara – Responded that the Park Board is free to communicate whatever they choose. In general, we need to discuss funding and resources for the department. Our team has submitted the final recommendations to the Park Board, as we previously discussed
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 - Andrea Generaux – Will ask Mario Escobar if he has a plan for wanting to do a letter from the Park Board as a whole, and maybe we can work with each other to figure out what to put in the letter
 - Dr. Jane Winkler Philbrook – Confirming that the letter will need to be a consensus from the Park Board, Mario Escobar or somebody will need to come forward with a recommended letter, and then the Park Board as a whole will need to approve or not approve
- Wendy Green – Responded if it's from the Park Board as a whole, correct, but you, as individual members, can go and say, I'm advocating for more funding for the park but unless it is a recommendation from the entire board, that is something that has to come from a vote and a recommendation from the whole Park Board. You cannot go and express an opinion on behalf of the Park Board. You can, in your individual capacity, absolutely, but if it's an opinion on behalf of the board, that would have to come before you all for a vote
 - Karen Daniels – Asked if we need to be added to the next month's agenda to vote
- Wendy Green - Answered yes, let Mario Escobar know to have this request added to the August agenda, Park Board meeting

VII– ADJOURNMENT

Andrea Generaux, First Vice-Chairwoman, requested to adjourn; Dr. Jane Winkler Philbrook made a motion, Andrea Behrman seconded the motion, meeting was adjourned at 6:57 PM.
Motion

Carried (Ayes 6, Nays 0)

Andrea Generaux, First Vice-Chairwoman



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Friday, August 7, 2026

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Date & Location

SEPTEMBER 18TH, 2026

Sunflower Hills Golf Course

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11:00 AM Shotgun Start

11:30 AM Lunch Served



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**PARKS &
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Early

July 6th - 19th

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Volleyball: \$20

Flag Football: \$30

Regular

July 20th - Aug. 23rd

Soccer: \$25

Volleyball: \$25

Flag Football: \$35

Late

Aug. 24th - 28th

Soccer: \$35

Volleyball: \$35

Flag Football: \$45

Divisions

- K-1ST
- 2ND - 3RD
- 4TH - 5TH
- 6TH

Games Start

Soccer: Sat, September 12th
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@ Kensington Community Center

Volleyball: Wed, September 16th
@ Joe E. Amayo Community Center

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**PARKS &
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WINTER

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 - August 31-September 13
- Regular: \$25
 - September 14-October 18
- Late: \$35
 - October 19-October 23

Games Start on Saturday,
November 7th at Armourdale and
Kensington Community Centers



BASKETBALL

Registration

- Early: \$20
 - November 2-November 15
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 - November 16-December 27
- Late: \$35
 - December 28-December 31

Games Start on Saturday,
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