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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, September 9, 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, September 9th, 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

_____ Sarah Lynch/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, August 12th, 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

- Public Works Storm Water Projects Update -

III – Old Business

- Sales Tax Initiative Update -

IV – New Business

- Public Works Garland Park Project –
- 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, August 12th, 2026

August 12th, 2026, meeting of the Unified Government WyCo/KCK Board of Park Commissioners were held Virtually Via Zoom and at the Neighborhood Resource Center, 4953 State Ave. KCK 66102

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting of the Unified Government Board of Park Commissioners was called to order at 6:03 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
Andrea Generaux, First Vice-Chairwoman
Jim Schneweis, Member
Karen Daniels, Second Vice-Chairwoman
Andrea Behrman, Member
Dr. Jane Winkler Philbrook, Member
Antwaun Jones, Member
Sarah Lynch, Member
Ariel Burns, Member

Board Members Absent:

Laura Flores, Secretary
Samuel Simmons Sr /KCKPS-Non-Voting Member

Administration Present:

Angel Ferrara, Director of Parks and Recreation
Vincent Billaci, Parks & Recreation, Parks Manager
Matt Zayas, Parks & Recreation, Fiscal Officer
Kelsy Saunders, Counselor

I – PRELIMINARIES

- **ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

A motion was made by Dr. Jane Winkler Philbrook to adopt August 12th, 2026, Agenda and seconded by Jim Schneweis

Motion carried (Ayes 9, Nays 0)

- **APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES**

Minutes of Wednesday, July 8th, 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 Andrea Generaux

Motion carried (Ayes 9, Nays 0)

II- PRESENTATIONS, HEARINGS, COMMUNICATIONS

Visitors – No visitors

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

III– OLD BUSINESS

Public Works Project Update – Angel Ferrara – Jeff Miles, Director of Environmental Services. Jeff Miles provided an update to the Park Board on the Public Works construction and sent a memo with an overview

- 8th Street Park: The flash walk-through was completed on August 10th. The punch list was compiled for the remaining items that need to be addressed. This list also includes the concerns identified by Jim Schneweis

- The BPU electrical box has been raised, and the surrounding area has been reworked. The contractor is expected to complete all remaining principal items by next week
- We're also working with the manufacturer of the underground stormwater storage system on the possibility of creating an educational video highlighting how the system works and showcasing the completed project
- Northrop Park: the demonstration security camera trailer has been removed following completion of a free 6-week trial period. The trial was very successful and accomplished exactly what we hoped to evaluate and demonstrate. Contractors are expected to complete all remaining outstanding items by next week
- Upper Split Log project with our community-based partner is preparing to go to bid. We are currently reviewing the bid package and contract. In the meantime, we will address the most pressing concern rather than waiting for the larger project to move forward
 - Jim Schneweis – Ask if there is a written report on the 8th Street walkthrough, or documentation
- Angel Ferrara – Stated, yes, I'm sure there is a punch list; asked why he wants it and advised concern about getting into some of the daily operations of the department and team. We can check on these things and report back
 - Jim Schneweis - Still has some concerns; stated drainage from the South side, and there is still a lot of work due to the drainage. Jim Schneweis asked if they were still going to add plants and vegetation at Northup Park
- Vincent Billaci – Answered that Public Works is still working on it and stated that vegetation will be planted; this will be phase two

Employee of the Month Recognition -

- Vincent Billaci – Shared the July Employee of the Month, Michael Kepler; he is one of Parks & Recreation's Groundskeeper III out at Wyandotte County Lake. He is nominated for his dedication, reliability, and positive attitude. Always shows up ready to work, approaches every task with a great attitude, and enjoys his position, which reflects his quality of work

IV- NEW BUSINESS

- **Park Board Letter of Support for 2027 Budget, Review, Discuss and Provide Feedback-**
 - Mario Escobar – Confirmed all Park Board members received a copy of the letter and requested to look it over
 - Dr. Jane Winkler Philbrook – Stated the letter was written very well
 - Airel Burns – Stated she didn't receive the letter; Matt Zayas sent it to her and apologized. Once she received it, she reviewed it

- Dr. Jane Winkler Philbrook – Asked the Park Board, since it's on the agenda, if she can move that we accept the information on the Park Board Letter of Support for the 2027 Budget
- Andrea Generaux – Suggested having it put on letterhead and have Mario Escobar sign and give it to the Commission.
- Mario Escobar – Stated that a motion was made to accept the letter
- A motion was made by Dr. Jane Winkler Philbrook, and seconded by Andrea Behrman
- Mario Escobar – Asked all in favor; no one opposed; motion carried

Motion carried (Ayes 9, Nays 0)

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V – OTHER BUSINESS

Information & Discussion: City Special Purpose Parks Sales Tax Initiative -

- Angel Ferrara – Stated, the Park Board has one page of information in front of you, and exactly what it says last Thursday, when our Interim County Administrator introduced his proposed budget to the Commission on August 6th. There was also information presented that night about potential impacts that could be had by way of the City Special Purpose Park sales tax. On that first page, you're seeing the two slides that were presented that night publicly in a Full Commission meeting; continued to review slides with Park Board
- Stated that on August 17th, 2026, we will go to the Standing Committee for discussion and fast-track to next Thursday for the sales tax for a vote.
- Andrea Behrman - Stated I'm also seeing this piece of text. Does this need to be included in our letter? Do we approve of pushing through on this tax for 2027, or is it separate?
 - Mario Escobar – Stated he thought both were two separate items
- Andrea Behrman – Confirmed that they are different issues, but this supports what this is saying: the taxes, the money that would be coming in from this tax would support what we're trying to say here; it's just a specific versus a general
- Ariel Burns - Suggested we should separate them, because our ultimate goal is supporting Parks, and to make Parks and Recreation a priority, and then if there is an opportunity later

to weigh in on, individually with Commissioners, because this could become very political, they really have no control over it and the Park Board Letter of Support of 2027 and sales tax mixed in with this and could take 2 or 3 times coming around whereas, ultimately, we want them to support, our current budget, the Parks

- Angel Ferrara - Stated probably wouldn't hurt if that were the consensus of the Park Board to include some language, if you wanted, as it relates to sales tax, and suggest any changes for use in the near future and have prepared, and this can be approved by email after Monday's meeting; stated that Mario Escobar and her would add additional language
- Dr. Jane Winkler Philbrook – Stated, I move that we approve the body of this information to be included in a letter of support to the Commission for Parks and Recreation, if there is a need to add something about the sales tax, and to be included after the meeting on Monday night, after they review, and sent out to Park Board for a vote
- Mario Escobar - Shared his thoughts: I think what we should do is actually post and see what they say. Monday, August 17th, is when they're going to talk about sales tax; I don't think we can make any motion to accept. Stated that he will attend the meeting and will present on behalf of the Park Board before Mayor Watson and the Commission
 - Andrea Behrman – Stated we wouldn't be accepting it, but we would be stating that we support it. That it's already on the table, and then being able to talk to our commissioners equally
 - Angel Ferrara – Wanted to confirm with Kelsy Saunders, Counselor, that they would be able to vote via email
- Kelsy Saunders, Counselor - Responded that she has the bylaws in front of her but wanted to double-check if a vote can be done via email
- Vincent Billaci – Stated that this is constituted as part of a public meeting
 - Dr. Jane Winkler Philbrook – Park Board would have to publish the request for the information and how we answered it; that would have to be published. We want to make sure we are following all protocol; we wouldn't want the Kansas Open Meeting Act, as we are guided under
- Kelsy Saunders - Counselor – Answered, yes, this would need to be published

Staff Agenda:

- **Vincent Billiaci- Park Updates**

- Shawnee Park – Has been completed; there's some minor backfilling that needs to be finished, new sidewalks on the east side, along with brand-new basketball courts installed and completed. We did a final walk-through last Thursday, Angel Ferrara went by the park on Saturday, and the basketball courts are being used. We'll have a ribbon-cutting at some point, so we'll let everyone know once we have a date

- Mowing update - We have struggled this year due to weather and having a 28% staff vacancy; along with assisting other departments with light cleanups, we have also been working on weekends and are working on getting caught up
 - Jim Schneweis - Ask if City Park will be getting new goalposts installed
- Vincent Billiaci – Answered that there were no plans to replace those on the rugby field; we can look into it
 - Karen Daniel’s – Wanted to report flooding at Klamm Park behind the pickleball court and the parking lot
- **Angel Ferrara – Recreation Update -**
- Parkwood Pool – Last Sunday was the last day the pool was open for the summer; we did have to make a pretty large repair at the pool. We had staff cleaning the pool when a large chunk of the basin came out in a 4-foot area; we were able to have our maintenance team able to repair, if we couldn't have made that repair, it would have probably resulted in a closure for the season, just due to the timing and what it would need to drain the pool, repair, fill the pool back up. But this is just an example, and I don't think we shared this enough, of some of the things that we are experiencing year after year, especially with Parkwood and all the facilities
- All Spray Parks will remain open until Labor Day, September 7th
- **Angel Ferrara – Department Updates -**
- On Monday night, at the Standing Committee, it was presented that our Capital for last year was approximately \$2.4 million. Currently, which may change until approval, the funding level is at \$2.1 million in Capital. From 2.4 to about 3.7, and you know, a lot of that is largely from the Transient Guest Tax, which has a dedicated percentage that's really carrying our Capital. I will have Matt Zayas send out the slides so that the Park Board can see what the funding looks like for next year. This will help address some of your questions regarding what will be funded in the upcoming year. Parkwood Pool is included in the information; at this time, we are at \$1 million, but the preliminary cost for a replacement is about \$5 million. We've submitted a \$2 million grant, and we are still working on getting more funding. What we really need is an Aquatics Master Plan. I think that a county our size should have more than one public pool, and so maybe take care of and fix what we have, which would be Parkwood, and plan for what those needs are; then we can have more of a discussion
- Andrea Generaux – Asked if the Parkwood Pool area has any historical designation for any federal opportunities; she added that there have been a lot of conversations over the last few years about historically Black pools and communities didn't have access to other pools, and there is some funding on a national level
- Angel Ferrara – Stated there aren't any historical areas in any of the parks

- Karen Daniels – Stated that she has been sharing a survey with residents in the community about what they'd like to see at Parkwood Pool
- Matt Zayas – Clarified that Karen Daniels has been working with Boston Daniels Corporation

VI - BOARD MEMBER'S QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS

- No questions or comments

VII– ADJOURNMENT

Andrea Generaux, First Vice-Chairwoman, requested to adjourn; Dr. Jane Winkler Philbrook made a motion, Andrea Generaux seconded the motion, meeting was adjourned at 7:11 PM.
Motion

Carried (Ayes 9, Nays 0)

Andrea Generaux, First Vice-Chairwoman



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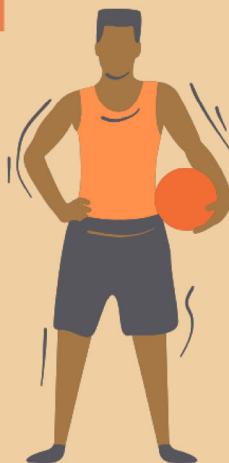
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FOOTBALL IN THE PARK

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**Saturday,
September 12th
11:30am**

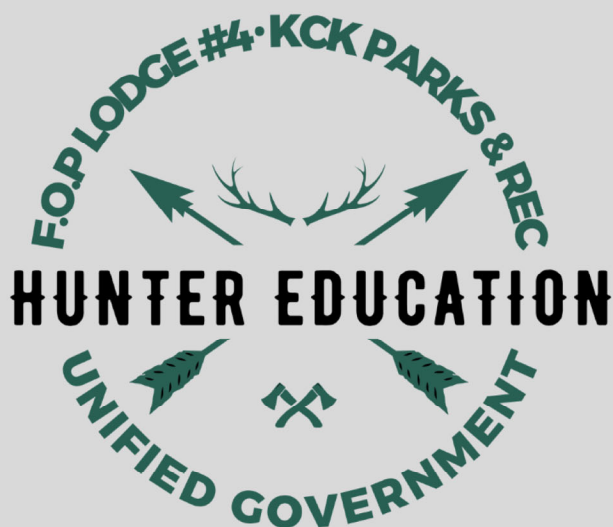
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Ages 6 to 12

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September 12-13, 2026

Wyandotte County Lake

91st & Leavenworth Rd, KCK - Near Archery Range

Sat. Sept. 12th: 7:40 AM - 5:00 PM

Sun. Sept. 13th: 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

***Testing at end of class Sunday**

**Register for this FREE class at: KSHuntersEd.com
Questions? abbysangle@gmail.com**

**NOTE: If not enrolled by Sept. 9th, please arrive on
Saturday at 7 AM to allow time for processing.**

What You Need to Know

- If registering as part of a group, members must check-in at same time in order to stay together.
- You must attend both days and pass testing in order to receive Kansas Hunter Education Certification.
- The clinic is held outdoors, rain or shine - please, dress appropriately.
- DO NOT bring firearms or ammunition to class - they will be provided.
- No one under 11 yrs. will be certified in hunter education. Those under 11 may take the course if space allows. Anyone taking the course prior to age 11, will be required to re-take the course for certification.



NOTE: By Kansas state law, anyone born on or after July 1, 1957, must take a hunter education course before a Kansas hunting license will be issued. Anyone under 16, may hunt without a hunter education certification provided they are under the direct supervision of an adult. No one under 12 may hunt by themselves. Individuals ages 12 through 15 may hunt alone provided they are certified in hunter education.



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SEPTEMBER 18

6PM - 7PM

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PARKS & RECREATION

Movies in the Park

Friday, September 4, 2026

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- September 11th
- September 18th
- September 25th



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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 & Location

SEPTEMBER 18TH, 2026

Sunflower Hills Golf Course

12200 Riverview Road
Bonner Springs, KS 66012

Schedule

10:00 AM Registration

11:00 AM Shotgun Start

11:30 AM Lunch Served



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