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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, July 10, 2024, 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, July 10th, 2024

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

_____ Dani Gurley/District #7
*First Vice Chairwoman

_____ Jim Schneweise/District #2

_____ Laura Flores/District #8
*Secretary

_____ Amanda DeVriese-Sebilla/District #3

_____ Ashley Williamson/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, Assistant Director of Recreation

_____ Vincent Billaci, Parks & Recreation Assistant Director Parks

_____ Wendy Green, Counselor

_____ Nichole Marlowe, 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, June 12th, 2024 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.

2. Correspondence

- None

III – Old Business

- None to report

IV – New Business

- None to report

V – Other Business

Staff Agenda

- Shaya Lockett –
 - a. Recreation Updates –
- Vincent Billaci –
 - a. Park Updates –
- Angel Ferrara
 - a. Project 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, June 12th, 2024

The June 12th, 2024, 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 6:11 p.m. 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
Dr. Jane Winkler Philbrook, Member
Amanda DeVriese-Sebilla, Member
Karen Daniel, Second Vice Chairwoman
Andrea Behrman, Member
Ashley Williamson, Member
Sarah Lynch, Member
Samuel Simmons Sr./KCKPS - Non-Voting Member

Board Members Absent:

Jim Schneweis, Member
Laura Flores, Secretary Ashley
Dani Gurley, First Vice Chairwoman

Administration Present:

Angel Ferrara, Director of Parks and Recreation

Shaya Lockett, Recreation Assistant Director

Vincent Billaci, Manager of Recreation

Wendy Green, Counselor

Nichole Marlowe, Administrative Support Supervisor

I – PRELIMINARIES**• ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

A motion was made by Dr. Jane Winkler Philbrook to adopt the June 12th, 2024, Agenda seconded by Kevin Mitchell

Motion carried (Ayes 8, Nays 0)

• APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

Minutes of the Wednesday May 8th, 2024, 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 Ashley Williamson

Motion carried (Ayes 8, Nays 0)

II- PRESENTATIONS, HEARINGS, COMMUNICATIONS**• Visitors**

Visitors may speak to the Board at this time.

- Louise Lynch - Joined via zoom for Park Board meeting, begin by stating she has questions and concerns, asked if Parks & Recreation maintain Trolley Park? If they do, what is it they are doing? Louise stated the community in the area have been taking care of the park. Louise also wanted to bring to Parks & Recreation attention, that Trolley Park is being utilized the right way for mobile trucks that have permits. Recently the

park is having pop up vendor's that do not have permits, selling items. When the police are called, nothing is done. Wanted to know how this integrates with Parks and Recreation and if we have given a copy of proposal on how to handle the mobile lot that is there to utilize and possibly in the future a perpetual mobile park for the mobile trucks.

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**

III– OLD BUSINESS

- No Old Business

IV- NEW BUSINESS

- Safe Parks & Community Centers: How might we improve Wyandotte County Community, Presented by Samantha Osorio, Daniel Angel-Franco, and Maritza Hernandez
 - Angel Ferrara – Introduced the group to the Park Board, shared a little background, they all recently graduated from Washington High School, their idea started as a school assignment, for a solution for community problems. They became very passionate about bringing the community together in our beautiful parks. The importance of upgrades and the value will help improve the mental health, reduce screen time and brings community together and becoming better people altogether Samantha Osorio, Daniel Angel-Franco, and Maritza Hernandez came to the Parks office and shared presentation, with the Parks staff department with their ideas. They also shared the presentation in front of the full Commissioner's meeting. Parks & Recreation wanted to share the young leaders with the Park Board
 - Samantha Osorio – Stated that they surveyed a lot of people at Washington High School, what they liked and didn't like of Wyandotte County , a lot of them said they loved the parks and the community centers, they then refined essential questions and asked how we can improve our Parks and Community centers without increasing taxes, with budget now, they thought let's start small, begin with Welborn Park and Eisenhower Park shared strengths, weaknesses and opportunities. They also shared a couple of solutions.

- Hiring proper staff to manage parks
 - Funding parks through grants, fundraisers and corporate sponsorships
 - Reallocating tax dollars to enhance the quality of set parks, adding more playground activities, adding more lighting and trash bins
 - More dog Parks, sand volleyball, reseeding grass
- Dr. Jane Winkler Philbrook – Thanked the group for coming in and is very excited to see youth involvement.
- Ashley Williamson – Thanked the group as well, liked their ideas, lots of work with doing surveys
- Andera Behrman – Shared with the Park Board that an old volleyball court is at Eisenhower that maybe can be revitalized
- Sarah Lynch – Thanked the group as well
- Mario Escobar – Thanked them as well, and stated we will take all into consideration
- Kevin Mitchell – Asked if dog parks have been considered in the past
 - Angel Ferrara – Answered Dog parks are very popular in the 2017 Master Plan; they were ranked as one of the top amenities that residents would like to have.
 - Currently only have one at St. John's that's fenced in, and then we have the off leash at the lake, which will be fenced in probably the end of this year.
- Jersey Creek Basketball Court Project – Video shared with Park Board
- Angel Ferrara - Stated that this project is going on now, working on the improvements and restoration of the basketball court, we had a lot of community involvement. Shared some history about Roger Crawford, he was an icon in our community, and was very monumental in the northeast, and just with collaboration with the community and groups. This project is in memory of him. Project funded with a few community partners and Parks and Recreation, Wyandotte County Park Foundation & Turf committee.
- Angel Ferrara – Introduced Mr. J.T Daniels as a local legend, as well as the design artist on this project, he will be painting the basketball court. J.T. Daniels stated he wanted to give back to the community. Angel stated that we are looking for any input or feedback on community project.
- Mr. J.T. Daniels – Shared a short video of the design of the court and the colors and the reason of picked colors, he stated he spoke with Matt Klein and the community as well as the kids on the colors being used on the project, wanted the colors to last, as some tend to discolor after short time.
- Dr. Jane Winkler Philbrook – complemented how beautiful the court will be when completed

- Mario Escobar – Stated he thought this was a great dedication and appreciated what they are doing for our community,
- Angel Ferrara - Thanked J.T. Daniels for coming tonight, also stated that the concrete has been poured and will get started on painting in the couple of the weeks
- Karen Daniels – Asked if there will be anything additional besides the basketball court at Jersey Creek Park
 - Angel Ferrara – Answered as of now, we will add additional signage, and recently we resurface almost two miles of the trail in 2020, maybe adding benches and bleachers around the basketball.
- Park and Stormwater Improvements – Angel Ferrara spoke to the Park Board with an update about the project and shared a flyer. Angel Ferrara spoke to the Park Board with updated information, on the overflow project, refreshed the Park Board that Sarah Schafer came earlier in the year and presented the CSO 19 Project, who are over the overflow projects for Public Works, they are currently being tasked with executing, this project will involve some work around three parks, 8th St. Northrup Park, & Splitlog Park. Angel Ferrea stated that there is limited funding, but there is an opportunity to have some green infrastructure or some trail amenities in these parks. Angel invited the community and the Park Board to join the project team to get some feedback. The design for the project will be concluded in October 2024 and will begin construction in 2025. Public Works will have free pancake breakfast and communicate with the community more about the project. This will be held at Memorial Hall 9:00am-11:00am on Saturday June 22nd.

V - OUTHER BUSINESS

Staff Agenda

Shaya Lockett –

- Recreation Updates –
 - Shaya Lockett – Shared recap of events within the Recreation Department
 - Kids Park Day – Event was held at Eisenhower Community Center on May 18th, this is an annual event this is our third year to hold the event, The event is to encourage kids to play outdoors. We had a great turn out, an estimated 125 kids attended.
 - We partnered with Dave & Busters, along with the Sherriff's Dept participating, cooking hotdogs on the grill, with various activities, as well as a DJ.
 - Parkwood Pool – Opening Day took place on May 25th, Memorial Day at 12:00pm we had the help from Y.M.C.A and chapter of Sigma Gamma Roll along with KU

Medical Center, passing out sunscreen, giving away swim supplies, along with teaching safety around the water.

- Recreation division has created a form that will start in July, we will be sharing the numbers of activities being held at Community Centers, on a weekly basis, as this request was made by the Park Board.
- Tonight, we are holding a Father's Day craft day, at the Armourdale Community Center
- Summer Night Hoops program will start June 17th, games will be played at Joe
- E. Mayo Community Center will have some games at Eisenhower, and Kensington as well.
- Summer Camps – Eisenhower started this week and Beatrice L. Lee will begin camp on June 24th, we are still reaching out to parents to get the count up on participants
- On June 22nd at 10:00 AM, we will be celebrating the renaming of Bethany Community Center to Mr. Earl Watson, Sr, to honor 30 years of his dedication.
- After honoring Mr. Earl Watson Sr, following this event, we will be at Parkwood at noon, for Sheriff Day at the pool, Parks & Recreation are in partnership. Sheriff's department will pay for 200 attendees to get in the pool for free, and will grill out and have activities
- Volleyball clinic will begin June 18th at Eisenhower Community Center

Vincent Billaci –

- Park Updates –

- Wyandotte County Lake- Was damaged on May 19th, due to a bad storm, new covered docks installed in 2020 were torn up, fallen trees, damage to Marina, still waiting on repairs. We were able to get cleaned up before Memorial Day
- Spray Parks updates- Clifton spray park delayed, opening due to vandalism, stolen was order control box, parts coming in soon.
- Heathwood spray park, we have a pump that is needed of repair, safety concerns of the size of the pit, this park is 20yrs old, still looking for feasible options
- Quindaro Park - Ribbon cutting for the new basketball courts, took place, this was great ceremony
- St. Margaret Park - Walking trail is completed, trail is five-foot concrete wide and three miles long, ribbon cutting ceremony will take place June 27th at 11:30AM, invited the Park Board to come celebrate, light lunch will be served.

- Copper Field Park - Met this afternoon, for a three-mile concrete walking trail. Will have the rubberized top coating, construction will begin Monday June 17th, completion date late this summer.
- Klamm Park – Construction has begun, Parks and Recreation are renovating and will have three post tension tennis courts and eight post tension pickleball courts, also redoing two basketball courts
- Rick Vititoe – Retiring from Parks and Recreation after 8yrs with Parks and Recreation and 36 total years with the Unified Government, we wish him well.
- Karen Daniels – Asked if Klamm Park will be getting new trail
 - Angel Ferrara - Responded, yes Klamm Park is slated to get trail, this is being funded by Congressional Earmark, we are planning on getting project out for bid in the four to six weeks.

Angel Ferrara –

- Project Updates -
 - Thanked, the Park Board members that showed up for the Ribbon cutting at Quindaro Park
 - Angel Ferrara – Introduced Amanda Hamon, our Director for the Wyandotte County Museum, they are under the umbrella of Parks and Recreation Department, she started in December of 2024. Amanda shared a flyer with the Park Board on an event at the museum, Blast from the Past Game Edition, Monday – Saturday in June and July this is a free program for elementary aged children.
 - Boston Daniels Park – We have received five proposals for the playground, this is now an active bid, and unable to share any more information at this time, the second part of the project, which is flat work and construction and the shelter, this is the larger part of the bid, we are hoping to be out and posted available in the next five weeks
 - Kensington Park Protect – We are starting on a few components of that project, we were able to leverage some dollars, and some community development block grant dollars, we will get started on the renovation basketball court and the parking lot. At this time, we will not be moving forward with the soccer fields at this time, still pending approval for the funding for this project but will be coming soon.
 - Angel Ferrara – Spoke about the Parkwood Pool assessment, we are meeting with Commissioners regarding the results from the study, we do anticipate taking the study before full Commission at some point, and then back to Park Board, this may happen in the couple months.

- Request was asked for Parks and Recreation for Parks for each district, Matt Zayes, was able to get updated information sent out, Angel stated that there were some changes from 2017 Master Plan, due to restricting
- Aaron Striker, with Roselle Development Association with ideas for construction for a new Community Center in Fisher Park, no real updates currently, we are working on setting up meeting with the County Administration

VI – BOARD MEMBERS’S QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS

- Karen Daniels – Asked if Klamm Park will getting new trails
 - Angel Ferrera – Responded Yes, Klamm Park is slated to get trail, this is being funded by Congressional Earmark, we are planning on getting project out for bid in the four to six weeks.
- Dr. Jane Winkler Philbrook – Stated that in the beginning of the project for Klamm Park trails, that this would have to be done in phases, due to the size.
 - Angel Ferrara – Answered yes, however we are now able to do trail all at one time, since we have been able to leverage some dollars.
- Dr. Jane Winkler Philbrook – Congratulated Parks and Recreations, for project
- Mario Escobar – Thanked for the nice parking lot for Vega Park
- Karen Daniels – Thanked, Angel for offering to give tours of the parks and will to take her offer up.

VII – ADJOURNMENT

Mario Escobar - Chairman requested to adjourn; Dr. Jane Winkler Philbrook made a motion; Karen Daniel seconded the motion meeting was adjourned at 7:05 PM Motion.

Carried (Ayes 8, Nays 0)

Mario Escobar/Chairman

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<https://wyandotte-golf.perfectgolfevent.com/>

A scenic photograph of a golf course with lush green grass, trees, and a faint rainbow in the sky.

13th Annual Wyandotte County Parks Foundation Golf Tournament

In memory of Pat (Duggie) Guilfoil

PLAY A ROUND.

Friday, September 13, 2024
Registration at 11 AM
Sunflower Hills Golf Course
12200 Riverview Road, Bonner Springs, KS

IT'S FOR OUR PARKS.

\$400 per four-person scramble team
Includes Lunch | Green fees | Golf cart | Proximity Prizes

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



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**PARKS &
RECREATION**

CLOPPER FIELD TRAIL PROJECT 2024

The Clopper Field Trail project aims to create a trail network at Clopper Field, enhancing local recreation and connectivity. This initiative will offer opportunities for walking and jogging, promoting health and wellness in a serene natural setting. The trail will be roughly 1/3 mile, 8ft wide, concrete with rubber surfacing. Anticipation is high for this new community asset!



1201 S 34th (Powell), Kansas City, KS 66106

Project Timeline



**Construction of the trail will
begin in late June.**



**Anticipated completion in
August (weather permitting).**

10TH ANNUAL

CHRISTMAS IN JULY

WYANDOTTE COUNTY LAKE MARINA

JULY 20, 2024

FOOD, MUSIC, PRIZES, FIREWORKS, FUN

Join us in celebrating a Decade of Christmas in July!

**Activities for the whole family as well as a pontoon
boat parade in the evening!**

Wyandotte County Lake Marina, 3488 West Drive

5PM-6PM FISHING DERBY

6PM-8PM BOAT JUDGING + FAMILY ACTIVITIES

8:30PM GLOW PARTY STARTS WITH FIREWORKS TO FOLLOW



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RIBBON CUTTING

Join the Parks and Recreation Department for an active
lunch at the ribbon cutting of the newly installed trail
at St. Margaret's Park.

LIGHT LUNCH WILL BE SERVED WHILE SUPPLIES LAST

11:30 AM

JUNE 27, 2024

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