

**CITY OF CLEARWATER, SEDGWICK COUNTY, KANSAS
PARK ADVISORY/TREE BOARD MINUTES
JULY 17, 2006**

The regular meeting of the City of Clearwater, Sedgwick County, Kansas, and Park Advisory Board was held on Monday, July 17, 2006, at 7:30 p.m. in the Clearwater City Hall at 129 E. Ross Avenue.

The following members were **present**: Chairman, Bob Cumming, Chisholm Trail Recreation Commission, Swim Team and Clearwater Historical Society; Jami Buck, Member at Large; Kari McCloud, AYSO Soccer; and Maureen Kunkel, USD264 Board. The following members were **absent**; T.C. Wallace, Clearwater Lions Club; Jim Frickey, Clearwater Youth Football; and Brent Spencer, Junior Ball Association, as well as Kent Brown, City Administrator; and Tammy Hodges, Recreation Director. **Also present** was Jo Johnson, Deputy City Clerk and Park Advisory/Tree Board Secretary.

1. Approval of the Minutes of May 15, 2006

MOTION: Jami Buck made a motion to approve the Park Advisory Minutes as written. The motion was seconded by Kari McCloud and passed unanimously.

2. Discussion on City Park Improvement Project from K-State Students

The Board attended the City Council meeting of June 23, 2006, wherein City Administrator Brown presented the park improvement plans that were created by the K-State students last spring. Each plan presented ideas on changes and additions to the City Park in the areas of the main entrance and parking lot with drop off point and an exit added, the shelters, adding walking trails, improving on the drainage with a bioswale, bridge(s), landscaping by adding more trees and other plants, and removal and/or modification of the baseball field. After the presentation, Brown stated that the Park Advisory Board will go over all the ideas at meetings to follow and will come up with recommendations for the Council's consideration and approval. Those present at the Council meeting were Bob Cumming, Jim Frickey, Tammy Hodges, Maureen Kunkel, Jami Buck and Jo Johnson.

The Board then met on Monday, July 17th to discuss the plans between them. By consensus, of the five plans presented there were two plans that the Board felt were more feasible to work with, that being the plans drawn up by the Dugan/Kroen group, and the plans of the Simpson group. The Board also went through a list of items that were presented throughout the plans and then rated the top five in order of priority. The Board felt the first priority would be the entrance and parking lot. By

restructuring the entrance to make the park more inviting would have to include adding a drop off point and exit. It was also discussed to change the shape from the square/straight line look and add some curvature around the parking lot area. The board felt that removal of the fence along the parking lot would greatly improve the entrance look as well.

The second item of priority was the reconstruction of the walking bridge, as well as adding some bridges. The current bridge is in bad shape and needs replaced as soon as possible.

The third priority item was the need of repair or replacement of the current restrooms. The board felt the port-a-potty needed to go and the restroom at the shelters need to be repaired. It was also felt that possibly additional restrooms could be included later once more shelters and/or gazebos were constructed.

The fourth priority item was the drainage issue and the board felt that by adding a bioswale with plantings that this would not only help with drainage and erosion, but would also add a nice look to the park.

The final item that was prioritized was the matter of the "windmill." The Board felt that the windmill currently being redone by the Mason should be placed behind the museum, with a walking path that circles around and meets the backside of the Aquatic Center and Museum.

The board further discussed the good and bad of the plans provided and how they could encompass something from both plans. The board felt it may be easier if the plans could be scaled down and copied and then provided to the board to draw on and color in with their ideas.

3. Other Matters and Reports:

Jamie Buck reported that there were five kids who took tennis lessons this summer and that there was a teacher at the school who was interested in maybe doing lessons next year. Buck inquired about the Youth Football practice field and that it has been partially plowed up. Maureen Kunkel advised that it is being over seeded with Bermuda grass and that it will not be used this year in order to allow the grass to become established.

Maureen Kunkel reported that the school is currently at the end of its fiscal year and that the new superintendent has just started.

Bob Cumming reported that the Clearwater Swim Team took first at the league meet on Saturday, July 15th. This is the 8th year in a row that the Clearwater Swim Team has placed first.

Kari McCloud reported that AYSO sign ups were back in swing for fall soccer.

4. Adjournment

There being no further business to discuss, McCloud made the motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Buck.

CERTIFICATION

State of Kansas)
City of Clearwater)
Sedgwick County)

I, Jo Johnson, Deputy City Clerk of the City of Clearwater, Sedgwick County, Kansas, serving as Park Advisory Board Secretary, do hereby certify that the foregoing copy are Minutes of the meeting the City of Clearwater Park Advisory Board held on July 17, 2006. I certify that this is a true and correct copy of the Minutes officially approved by the Clearwater Park Advisory Board held on November 20, 2006.

Given under my hand this _____ day of _____, 2006.

Jo Johnson, Deputy City Clerk & Secretary
Clearwater Park Advisory Board