

**CITY OF CLEARWATER, SEDGWICK COUNTY, KANSAS
PARK ADVISORY/TREE BOARD MINUTES
NOVEMBER 20, 2006**

The regular meeting of the City of Clearwater, Sedgwick County, Kansas, and Park Advisory Board was held on Monday, November 20, 2006, at 7:30 p.m. in the Clearwater City Hall at 129 E. Ross Avenue.

The following members were **present**: Bob Cumming, Swim Team and Clearwater Historical Society; Jami Buck, Member at Large; Kari McCloud, AYSO Soccer; and Jim Frickey, Clearwater Youth Football. The following members were **absent**; T.C. Wallace, Clearwater Lions Club; Maureen Kunkle, USD 264 Board; and Wes Gardner, Junior Ball Association. **Also present** were Kent Brown, City Administrator; and Jo Johnson, Deputy City Clerk, and Park Advisory/Tree Board Secretary.

1. Approval of the Minutes of July 17, 2006

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

2. Continued Discussion on City Park Parking Lot and Improvement Project

City Administrator Brown stated that he has relayed to the City Council the five main projects as directed by the Park Advisory Board – parking lot, entrance, bridges, restrooms and windmill. Brown presented to the Board an engineer's plan for the parking lot, with the extended drop-off point, roll-type curb and handicap parking. Brown explained that the specification plans should be completed within a couple of weeks and that bids on the parking lot would go out by the end of the year. Discussion was held between the Board indicating that they would prefer the parking lot to have diagonal parking, rather than vertical. The Board felt it would be easier to back out of the stall with diagonal parking, although it may lose a space or two, with those lost spaces being designated for bicycle or motorcycle parking. Brown also stated that some type of signage could be erected on the northwest corner of the parking lot and that the placing of the windmill would be decided later.

City Administrator Brown stated that the parking lot and the bridge were the two goals to be completed over the winter. Brown stated that the bids on the parking lot and street parking would come in at two separate bides, with the cost of parking lot alone being close to \$70,000.

The Board then discussed the use of the City Park baseball field, with Frickey indicating that the 9-10 year olds and 11-12 year olds use the field during the summer baseball season. It was discussed the possibility of eventually using temporary fencing outside the outfield, so more landscaping and additions could be placed along the outside perimeter of the park.

3. Other Matters and Reports:

City Administrator Brown reported that Holland Paving was awarded the contract to asphalt the paths around the Chisholm Ridge fishing lakes, the walking trails and the pathway in front of the Sports Complex, but they have not shown up as of yet.

City Administrator Brown reported that public works has put a drainage pipe in by the tennis courts to help with the water drainage issue across the courts.

City Administrator Brown reported that the current Recreation/Parks Director resigned her position and that a committee has been formed to interview for her replacement. During the meantime, Rebekah Zook has been hired as interim director. Brown reported that to date only eight applications have been received for the director's position.

City Administrator Brown reported that Westar would be adding power at the youth football field (old flyer's field) by using the temporary pole that was previously installed. The City is also requesting use of the electrical pole to set up for RV hook-ups along that area of the complex.

Jim Frickey reported that the youth football had just finished its season. Frickey stated that the 6th grade team's win-loss record was 5/4; the 5th grade team 6/3; the 4th grade team was a very large group and did well with only had a couple of losses; and the 3rd grade team only won one game. Brown reported to Frickey that the football practice field will probably have to be burnt off this winter due to goat-head stickers that came up after the grass was planted last summer. After burning off, the Bermuda should come in and be ready for use next fall.

Kari McCloud reported that the fall soccer season was over with 22 teams playing in all. There were a total of 175 kids that participated in soccer and there was a full boys and girls high school team. The Wichita area high school group held its tournament here this year and did very well. They wanted to thank the City for keeping the field nice and mowed. The area director for the Wichita teams would like to hold a spring tournament here as well. McCloud also reported that they would like to plan for a fundraiser in the spring to purchase benches for the soccer fields.

Bob Cumming reported that swimming did well this last summer and Clearwater again won the league tournament. Cumming indicated that next year his goal is to have swim team suits for each participant.

4. Adjournment

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

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/Tree Board Secretary, do hereby certify that the foregoing copy are Minutes of the meeting the City of Clearwater Park Advisory Board held on November 20, 2006. I certify that this is a true and correct copy of the Minutes officially approved by the Clearwater Park Advisory/Tree Board held on January 15, 2007.

Given under my hand this _____ day of _____, 2007.

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