

**CITY OF CLEARWATER, SEDGWICK COUNTY, KANSAS
PARK ADVISORY/TREE BOARD MINUTES
JANUARY 21, 2008**

The regular meeting of the City of Clearwater, Sedgwick County, Kansas, Park Advisory Board was held on Monday, January 21, 2008, at 7:30 p.m. in the Clearwater City Hall at 129 E. Ross Avenue.

The following members were **present**: Jami Buck, Member at Large; Casey Carlson, Clearwater Lions Club; Jim Frickey, Clearwater Youth Football; Aaron Tjaden, Clearwater Ball Association. The following members were absent: Bob Cumming, Swim Team and Clearwater Historical Society, Todd Widler, USD 264 Board, Kari McCloud, AYSO Soccer; and Beki Zook, Recreation/Park Director.

Also present were Kent Brown, City Administrator; Wanda Robertson, Deputy City Clerk and Park Advisory/Tree Board Secretary.

1. Approval of the Minutes of December 20, 2007

MOTION: Mrs. Buck made a motion to approve the Park Advisory/Tree Board Minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Carlson and passed unanimously.

2. City Park Plan

City Administrator Mr. Brown reviewed the plan the Park Board had decided was the best with Mr. Tjaden and Mr. Frickey. Explaining some of the decisions the park board had tentatively approved, such as the placement of the sidewalk between the aquatic center and the museum, moving of the gazebo, the location of the bathrooms and installing a "stage" area where the ball diamond was located.

Mr. Brown proceeded to explain the changes to the park were to be made over a five year period with the possibility that project could take longer. Mr. Tjaden's first concern was the elimination of the current baseball diamond located at the park. Mr. Brown explained that the board had already discussed installation of another ball diamond at the sports complex, before anything was done with the current ball diamond in City Park. All members present began looking at the map Mr. Brown provided of the sports complex as it is now. Several ideas were discussed. One idea was to remove the existing skateboard park and parking area at the sports complex. Replacing both areas with a new ball diamond, then moving the parking area further west. A new skateboard area would be installed either in the park area or by the sports complex parking lot.

Another idea was to put the ball diamond on the east side of the existing ball diamonds by the tennis court, where not only is there room for another ball diamond, but also a football field. Depending on placement around the tennis courts, a parking area could be established as well. Discussion continued of sidewalks winding through the ball fields making for easy and

safe access to all areas. The current ball field located at the park has many repairs that need to be made. Mr. Brown pointed out the lights will need to be replaced at some point, as will the posts the lights are mounted on. However, new lights would be needed at new baseball and football field areas. This will present a new and larger expense, plus coordination of the schools will be necessary. Mr. Tjaden and Mr. Frickey both agreed that although the ball field has been at it's current location for many years and has nostalgia for many citizens; a new ball field located in the sports complex would centrally locate these events.

The other concern was the existing concession stand. The profits made from this concession stand are minimal and the hours are not reliable. The board discussed making this building a possible partial pavilion and storage facility. This area, along with the remainder of the building housing the well, should be enough room for all sports related equipment to be kept.

Once again the bathrooms were discussed. Mr. Carlson felt the bathrooms could be placed farther into the park area away from the shelters; a location close to the current red playground piece may work. This would eliminate the possible smell from the shelter areas where food might be served, the existing trees and additional shrubbery may "hide" the bathrooms. The bathrooms would also be more centrally located to all areas of the park. All members present agreed that a decision must be made before the beginning of summer. Mr. Brown will begin the process of presenting the park board's recommendation to the Council.

3. Other Matters and Reports

No other matters or reports were discussed.

4. Adjournment

There being no further business to discuss Mrs. Buck made a motion to adjourn, and the motion was seconded by Mr. Carlson.

CERTIFICATION

State of Kansas)
City of Clearwater)
Sedgwick County)

I, Wanda Robertson, 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 January 21, 2008. I certify that this is a true and correct copy of the Minutes officially approved by the Clearwater Park Advisory/Tree Board held on February 18, 2008.

Given under my hand this _____ day of _____, 2008.

Wanda Robertson, Deputy City Clerk & Secretary for
Clearwater Park Advisory/Tree Board