

**CITY OF CLEARWATER, SEDGWICK COUNTY, KANSAS
PARK ADVISORY/TREE BOARD MINUTES
JANUARY 19, 2009**

The regular meeting of the City of Clearwater, Sedgwick County, Kansas, Park Advisory Board was held on Monday, January 19, 2009, 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; Jeff Klausmeyer, USD 264 Board; Jami Buck, Member at Large; Jim Frickey, Clearwater Youth Football; The following members were absent: Casey Carlson, Clearwater Lions Club; Aaron Tjaden, Clearwater Ball Association; Kari McCloud, AYSO Soccer; and Beki Zook, Recreation/Park Director.

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

1. Approval of the Minutes of February 18, 2008

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

2. Review Status of City Park Plan

City Administrator Brown reviewed the redrawn park plan from Landworks studio. Brown stated that this sketch does include many of the suggestions the Park Board has recommended. Brown continued that currently lights are being installed around the City Park ball field. The existing lights and poles have been removed. The Recreation Commission donated \$100,000 to purchase and install the new lighting and purchase temporary fencing for the ball outfield. There will be money left over to do some additional projects within the parks.

Brown stated that the Council is now looking in the direction of building restrooms. Brown asked for ideas on where the bathrooms should be located. Mrs. Buck stated that since the ball diamond is staying in the park, the concession stand building is in a good location that is an equal distance from the ball field and the park. The location is visible from the street and would maybe have less vandalism. Bathrooms could be added to the east side of the building. Mr. Cumming stated that the concession stand building is not in good shape. The whole building should be torn down and be rebuilt. A cinder block building would be a stronger, longer lasting structure. Mr. Klausmeyer and Mr. Frickey agreed that the building would be better torn down and rebuilt as cinder block to match the buildings at the Aquatic Center. After a brief discussion regarding other possible restroom locations, the Park Board consensus was to recommend to City Council that a concession stand/restroom building be built at the current concession stand building site.

Brown stated the next decision that needs to be made is to prioritize the next project. The main entrance, a walking path, the shelter house, the skate park, and the windmill are all projects that need to be done, but the decision needs to be made as to what happens next. Brown stated that David FitzGerald, Lions Club President, has indicated that the Lions Club might be willing to donate some money to assist in the walking path. There is also the windmill, which has been refurbished and is ready to be installed. Mr. Cumming stated that existing structures need to be repaired before anything new is installed. Cummings continued to state that the shelter house is looking very worn and in need of a facelift. The Park Board had discussed in the past tearing down the east/west portion of the building to open up the playground area to be seen from the street. Mrs. Buck stated her concern with removing a portion of the structure is that the building is used, and to make it smaller would be a mistake. Mr. Frickey suggested maybe making the north/south portion of the building wider, to include enough space to fit three rows of picnic tables. Brown mentioned adding shade structures, like the ones at the pool, to the area where the east/west portion of the building is, to have additional covered eating area. Mrs. Buck stated that bricks could be sold as a fundraiser to assist in covering some costs. Brown stated that there would probably be a lot of public support for installing the windmill and bricks could also be sold to fund that project, as well. The Board consensus is that the shelter is the next priority after the restrooms with possible public participation to assist in some of the cost.

3. Other Matters and Reports

City Administrator Brown stated there is a request from AT&T Wireless to install a cell phone tower at the City's brush dump west of town. The tower is to be 300 feet tall. The brush dump property is very small and setting the tower on the property may not work. Brown proposed that an alternate location for the tower could be at the Sports Complex. Brown asked the Board what their opinions were of placing a tower on the north side of the flyers field just south of the tennis courts. Mr. Klausmeyer stated that the Sports Complex is a place in Clearwater where many out of towners come. Klausmeyer continued that it was his opinion that it would reflect poorly on the City for a cell phone tower to be so close to a park. Mrs. Buck agreed that the park should be a play area, not a place for a cell phone tower.

4. Adjournment

MOTION: There being no further business to discuss, Mrs. Buck made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Mr. Frickey and passed unanimously.

CERTIFICATION

State of Kansas)
City of Clearwater)
Sedgwick County)

I, Jodi McBee, 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 19, 2009. 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 16, 2009.

Given under my hand this _____ day of _____, 2009.

Jodi McBee, Deputy City Clerk & Secretary for
Clearwater Park Advisory/Tree Board