

CITY OF CLEARWATER, SEDGWICK COUNTY, KANSAS
PARK ADVISORY/TREE BOARD MINUTES
May 20, 2013

The regular meeting of the City of Clearwater, Sedgwick County, Kansas, Park Advisory Board was held on Monday, May 20, 2013 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; David FitzGerald, Clearwater Lions Club, Matt Bates, USD 264 School Board; Todd Kaufman, AYSO Soccer; Damon Kraft, Member at Large.

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

1. Approval of the Minutes of October 15, 2012

MOTION: Mr. FitzGerald made a motion to approve the Park Advisory/Tree Board Minutes. The motion was seconded by Mr. Bates and it passed unanimously.

2. Introduce New Member

City Administrator Kent Brown introduced Damon Kraft to the Board. Kraft then stated to the Board that he was interested in getting involved with this group. Kraft spends time with his children at the City Park and wanted to get involved with community input on improvements that could be made with playground equipment and upkeep of the City Park.

3. City Park Plan- Review and Discuss Next Steps

Administrator Kent Brown reviewed City Park plan for the Board Members. There was some discussion that the Board had gotten away from the original plan as there has not been much money in the budget.

Board Member David FitzGerald stated to the Board that he would like to present a proposal to the Recreation Commission at their next meeting. FitzGerald would like to ask for money to put the sidewalk in City Park from the Lions Club Shelter to the Historical Museum. This was a project from a few years past but was never done due to lack of money in the City's budget. The Board agreed for FitzGerald and Kraft to make a presentation to the Recreation Commission.

Board Member Damon Kraft stated to the Board that he thinks the stagecoach is a liability in the City Park and would like something be done to make it safer for kids to play on or have it removed. He also suggested that the fall protection material around several other pieces of playground equipment be replaced. City Administrator Brown stated the City had spent money in the past

for fall zone material; however, it is expensive to replace and when it is replaced it washes away with weather at times and wear and tear. The City had also purchased rubber mulch for the younger kids playground area and it had cost around \$1,000 and it didn't even cover the entire area.

Board Member Damon Kraft also stated to the Board that he thinks selling bricks to be used in City Park could generate some revenue.

4. Update on Monkey Tree House Playground Project

City Administrator Kent Brown stated that the Monkey Tree House project was complete. There was a rail missing due to vandalism but has been repaired.

5. Budgeting Input for 2014

City Administrator Kent Brown let the Board know that the budget for 2013 and asked for input in budget preparation for 2014. For 2013, the budget process required that the capital budget for parks had been reduced to \$3500. The City has already used \$1000 to replace keel at the sports complex. It left a small budget for the City Park. The Board purchased a wayfaring sign with the money and still could use what is left for a small project. Board Member Jami Buck stated that she would like to get back to the original plan that was devised for the park and work on getting an entrance sign to the City Park. Buck suggested windmills on either side of the sign.

7. Other Matter and Reports

Board Member Matt Bates had nothing to report.

Board Member Todd Kaufman reported that there were 18 kids on a 19 and under team and they got Second Place in the final tournament of the year. There were 38 kids and 5 teams in the final event. Next year is the 50 year anniversary of AYSO soccer.

Board Member David FitzGerald reported that there was a Frisbee golf tournament that made enough money to purchase 3 pair of glasses for children in need. FitzGerald also reported that 200 people were given train rides from Clearwater to Conway Springs.

City Administrator Kent Brown reported there will be only one fireworks tent stand in Clearwater this year. It is the Senior Government Class and proceeds will be used for their D.C. trip. There is a Tribal Dash 5k run that is in the works for August 3rd

MOTION: There being no further business to discuss, Mr. FitzGerald made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Mr. Bates and it passed unanimously.

CERTIFICATION

State of Kansas)
City of Clearwater)
Sedgwick County)

I, Carol Reitberger, 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 May 20, 2013. I certify that this is a true and correct copy of the Minutes officially approved by the Clearwater Park Advisory/Tree Board held on _____, 2012.

Given under my hand this _____ day of _____, 2012.

for

Carol Reitberger, Deputy City Clerk & Secretary
Clearwater Park Advisory/Tree Board