

**BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
Park and Recreation Conference Room
11th Floor, City Hall
Monday, February 09, 2009
3:30 p.m.**

Present: Janet Miller, Tom Roth, Matt Goolsby, Andy Solter, John Stevens,
and Bryan Frye

Absent: Glen Dey

Also Present: Doug Kupper, Director, Park and Recreation; Lee Ann Sack, staff.

President Miller called the meeting to order at approximately 3:30 p.m.

PUBLIC AGENDA

No Items.

REGULAR AGENDA

Item 1: Approval of Minutes

Motion by Frye, second by Solter, IT WAS UNANIMOUSLY VOTED to approve the Park Board meeting minutes of December 1, 2008 and January 12, 2009.

Item 2A: Request from Public Works for Roadway Right of Way for Southview Park (IV)

Maps and aerial views were presented by John Philbrick, Property Management, City of Wichita. Public Works is requesting a 27 foot temporary drainage and construction easement and a permanent 10 foot Roadway Right of Way, southern portion of Southview Park. A full curb and gutter will be installed on Meridian Street, summer 2009, and street improvements for 47th Street are scheduled for 2010. Frye questioned the impact on parking for the area. Kupper stated it would not be adversely affected. Solter asked if there would be visual changes or tree loss. Kupper stated there would be none.

On a motion by Goolsby, second by Frye, IT WAS UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED to allow 27 foot temporary drainage and construction easement and 10 foot permanent Roadway Right of Way to Public Works for Southview Park.

Item 2B: Water Conservation Plan

Don Harrison, Golf Course Manager, presented the Department of Park and Recreation Golf Division Water Conservation Plan. Handouts were provided to all Park Board Members.

First pages of the document detail the plan specific to golf courses. Agreements are signed annually with the Water Department for water usage and conservation efforts. Water emergencies are detailed in the plan. Background and actions for judicious water usage at city golf courses are detailed. Daily monitoring helps guide future plans for reduction and conservation. Results have shown good potential for financial savings and conservation efforts. Ponds will be accessed for irrigation which will improve run-off retention. Miller asked if financial savings are associated with the plan. Harrison reported he did not have solid numbers at this point, but indications are favorable. Annual reports will be prepared and presented to the Park Board. Information on the conservation plan will be made public through the city website.

Miller asked if there was a water conservation plan in place for parks. Kupper stated there are water usage agreements in place with the Water Department. New irrigation equipment has improved leak detection and soil moisture levels which are greatly reducing water usage and improving turf and plant health.

Mr. Harrison will be available to all Park Board members if they have further questions regarding the conservation document.

Item 2C: Community Action to Renew the Environment (CARE) Project

On a motion by Miller, second by Goolsby, IT WAS UNANIMOUSLY VOTED to table item 2C until the arrival of Jack Brown, presenter.

Item 2D: 2009 Spring Retreat to Set Goals and Objectives

April 20, 2009 Park Board meeting will be cancelled and changed to April 18, 2009 for general meeting and retreat. The general business meeting will begin at 9a.m. with the retreat immediately following. Availability of various sites will determine the location.

On a motion by Solter, second by Stevens, IT WAS UNANIMOUSLY VOTED to approve April 18, 2009 as the Spring Retreat to set goals and objectives, site to be determined.

Item 3A: MacDonald Golf Course Easement Agreement

The easement agreement was reviewed and signed.

Item 3B: CIP Priority List

Kupper reviewed budget concerns with Park and Recreation projects. A handout of the proposed 2009-2018 Park Capital Improvement Program worksheet was given to Park Board members. Several scenarios were outlined to accommodate economic conditions.

Item 4: Review of Pending Issues

Miller will keep the board apprised of any issues.

Item 5: Updates from the Director and President

Frye asked about the status of Clearlakes. Kupper reported the Clearlakes document has not been finalized.

It is nearing time to schedule a ribbon cutting ceremony for the park at 55th/Hydraulic. Naming rights will also need to be discussed. This will need to be co-ordinated with Councilman Jim Skelton (III). Kupper stated 13 acres of land at this site still needs to be titled to the city.

Goolsby asked about the progress of the Delano Bike Path. Kupper stated that it has been designed, but he has not heard about the final funding. Miller stated she has emailed Cynthia Berner Harris to see if anything can be done in conjunction with the library.

Orchard Park has installed adaptive equipment at their fitness facility, making it accessible to everyone.

Item 6: Issues on the Horizon

None.

Item 7: Adjourn

There being no other business, Miller adjourned the meeting at approximately 4:45 p.m.

Janet L. Miller, President

ATTEST:

Lee Ann Sack, Recording Secretary