

# MINUTES

*Parks & Recreation Advisory Board Meeting*  
Irving Recreation Center, 2010 Van Dorn Street  
Thursday, July 13, 2017 ~ 4:00 p.m.

## **Members Present:**

Bradley Brandt	Justin Carlson	Hannah Cass	Jim Crook
Susan Deitchler	Leirion Gaylor Baird	Sherrie Nelson	Bob Ripley
Deb Schorr	Jeff Schwebke	Kathi Wieskamp	

## **Members Absent:**

Peter Levitov	Justine Linscott	Anne Pagel	Joe Tidball
Vacancy (Fitzgerald)			

## **Staff Members Present:**

Lynn Johnson, Director	Jerry Shorney, Assistant Director
Holly Lewis, Assistant Director	JJ Yost, Planning & Construction Manager
Nicole Fleck-Tooze, Special Projects Admin.	Christie Dionisopoulos, Foundation Director
Chris Myers, Park Operations Coordinator	Wade Foreman, Golf Business Coordinator
Dorothy Skorupa, Rec. Operations Coord.	Kent Stiles, Recreation Operations Coord.
Angela Chesnut, Executive Secretary	

**Call to Order & Recognition of 'Open Meetings Act':** As per law, Chairperson Brad Brandt announced that the Board follows the regulations of the Open Meetings Act, and called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. Roll was called by Angela Chesnut.

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS FOR ITEMS NOT LISTED ON THE AGENDA:**

None.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

### • **Golf Report – Sherrie Nelson (Chair) 416-0137**

\* Sherrie Nelson informed the Board that the proposals being presented are highly supported by the Lincoln Municipal Golf Advisory Committee. The golf fund has been subsidizing the colleges and schools for many years, which is wonderful to grow the game of golf but loss of revenue will not sustain the needs of the courses. Two proposals are being presented, with separate recommendations to be voted on for each.

Wade Foreman provided an overview regarding establishment of guidelines for updated seasonal fee structure for high school, college, and university use of golf courses. The intent would be to standardize the fees across the group and ensure that the golf program is appropriately funded. The proposed guideline would be equivalent of 33% of the junior fee structure for weekday golf, and adopted fee schedules would be reviewed on an annual basis. Discussion was held regarding impact on schools during a current budget structure already in place, and perhaps a phasing in of the new fee structure. Various questions and discussion was held regarding fees, budget cycles, and multi-facility agreements between the City and Lincoln Public Schools, and similar conversation from Nebraska Wesleyan

University representative. Continuing, Wade Foreman presented proposed establishment for tournament and match play fee structures for high school, college, and university teams, where a separate fee has previously not been charged.

Board members discussed implementation of the proposed fee structures simultaneously or separately, along with a possibility of some negotiation prior to recommendation to the Mayor. A motion was made by Bob Ripley to recommend that the seasonal fee structure be approved, with the implementation time frame to be negotiated with the user groups, and determined by Parks & Recreation Department. Leirion Gaylor Baird seconded the motion for discussion purposes. Following additional discussion and clarifying information, roll was called on the motion and members voted as follows: **“Yes”**: **Bradley Brandt, Justin Carlson, Hannah Cass, Jim Crook, Susan Deitchler, Leirion Gaylor Baird, Sherrie Nelson, Bob Ripley, Deb Schorr, Jeff Schwebke.** **“Abstain”**: **Kathi Wieskamp.** **“No”**: **None.** **Motion carried.**

Tournament and match play fees were then discussed, regarding local teams, out of town teams, and variations of fees in other communities. Comparable data shows differing fees and fee structures across the board, although it was again noted that separate fee for tournaments and match play. A motion was made by Bob Ripley and seconded by Leirion Gaylor Baird to approve the junior golf fee structure to be charged to visiting teams during tournament and match play on City golf courses. After further conversation and clearer information, the motion and second was withdrawn. A motion was then made by Brad Brandt and seconded by Sherrie Nelson to recommend implementation of a junior golf fee structure for visiting, non-seasonal paying, schools for tournament and match play at Lincoln City Golf courses, with fee structures to be reviewed annually, and that the Chair of the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board request that the Golf Advisory Committee to consider the relationship between the tournament fees and the seasonal fee structure. Upon roll call members voted as follows: **“Yes”**: **Bradley Brandt, Justin Carlson, Hannah Cass, Jim Crook, Susan Deitchler, Leirion Gaylor Baird, Sherrie Nelson, Bob Ripley, Deb Schorr, Jeff Schwebke.** **“Abstain”**: **Kathi Wieskamp.** **“No”**: **None.** **Motion carried.**

Meeting adjourned at 5:05 p.m.

*Joint Parks & Recreation Advisory Board and  
Lincoln Parks Foundation Board  
Annual Tour and Discussion*

Members of the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board and Lincoln Parks Foundation Board met for their annual discussion, and proceeded on a tour of the Rudge, Stransky, and Irvingdale parks.