

MINUTES

Parks & Recreation Advisory Board Meeting

Woods Park Place, 3131 O Street, Third Floor Conference Room

Thursday, August 11, 2022 ~ 4:00 p.m.

Members Present:

Jessica Boren (arrived 4:04 p.m.)

Katie Graf (arrived 4:07 p.m.)

Sherrie Nelson

Jeff Schwebke (arrived 4:08 p.m.)

Bradley Brandt

Alex Halvorsen

Jonathan Petersen

Jennifer Seacrest

Jim Crook

Jerrod Jackson

Tammy Poe

JJ Toczek

Members Absent:

Justin Carlson

Conleigh Hemmer

Rick Vest

Sandra Washington

Staff Members Present:

Maggie Stuckey-Ross, Director

JJ Yost, Planning & Facilities Manager

Denise Pearce, Special Projects Admin.

Angela Quinn, Exec. Secretary

Holly Lewis, Asst. Director/Recreation

Chris Myers, Park Operations Manager

Jocelyn Golden, Asst. City Attorney

CALL TO ORDER & RECOGNITION OF 'OPEN MEETINGS ACT':

As per law, Chairperson Tammy Poe 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 Quinn declaring a quorum of Board members present.

Chairperson Poe welcomed new Board member Jerrod Jackson who then provided an introduction. Mr. Jackson works at UNL in the Campus Recreation Department and has been in Lincoln for about 10 months, relocating from Baton Rouge, Louisiana. He enjoys golf and his favorite Lincoln park is Pioneers.

JJ Toczek was also welcomed as a new member of the Board. Mr. Toczek is the new Director of Athletics and Activities for Lincoln Public Schools, replacing Kathy Wieskamp upon her retirement. JJ's favorite park in Lincoln is Woods Park and the tennis center.

Jessica Boren arrived at 4:04 p.m.

Katie Graf arrived at 4:06 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A motion was made by Sherrie Nelson and seconded by Jonathan Petersen to approve the minutes from the June 9, 2022, meeting as presented. Upon roll call vote members voted as follows: **"Yes": Jessica Boren, Jim Crook, Katie Graf, Sherrie Nelson, Jonathan Petersen, Tammy Poe. "Abstain": Bradley Brandt, Alex Halvorsen, Jerrod Jackson, Jennifer Seacrest, JJ Toczek. "No": None. Motion carried.**

Jeff Schwebke arrived at 4:08 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENTS FOR ITEMS NOT LISTED ON THE AGENDA:

Chairman Poe requested that anyone from the audience who wished to speak on topics not listed on the printed agenda sign in on the provided sheet, then state and spell their name and address prior to beginning comments. Those speaking are encouraged to focus on presenting new information, rather than repeating prior points or information and are asked to limit comments and presentations to three minutes.

Mary Schwab, 3510 Woods Avenue, provided printed information (attached to official minutes on record) from the Witherbee Neighborhood Association including the summer newsletter and photos. Ms. Schwab provided a recap of the recent pool party and ice cream social with Woods Park Neighborhood Association and thanked the Parks & Recreation director and Board for the wonderful, well-maintained space.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- **Facilities & Infrastructure Committee – Jennifer Seacrest (Chair)**

JJ Yost provided information on behalf of the Facilities & Infrastructure Committee regarding a master plan for Bowling Lake and an amendment to the Dog Use Facilities master plan. The master plan for future development and renovation of park improvements for Bowling Lake would include a new dog run on the eastern half of the property and a radio-controlled car racing track due to potential future displacement of the current track at Oak Lake Park. A brief discussion by Board members was held and questions responded to by Mr. Yost. Endorsement of the Bowling Lake master plan would include additional amenities that are consistent with the program for a community park. A motion was made by Jennifer Seacrest and seconded by Jim Crook to endorse the master plan as proposed. Upon roll call vote members voted as follows: **“Yes”**: **Jessica Boren, Bradley Brandt, Jim Crook, Katie Graf, Alex Halvorsen, Jerrod Jackson, Sherrie Nelson, Jonathan Petersen, Tammy Poe, Jeff Schwebke, Jennifer Seacrest, JJ Toczek.** **“No”**: **None.** **Motion carried.**

Amendment to the current 2016 Dog Use Facilities master plan would add Bowling Lake as a location for development of a new dog run for large and small dogs. A motion was made by Jessica Boren and seconded by Jim Crook to approve the amendment to the Dog Use Facilities master plan as presented. Upon roll call vote members voted as follows: **“Yes”**: **Jessica Boren, Bradley Brandt, Jim Crook, Katie Graf, Alex Halvorsen, Jerrod Jackson, Sherrie Nelson, Jonathan Petersen, Tammy Poe, Jeff Schwebke, Jennifer Seacrest, JJ Toczek.** **“No”**: **None.** **Motion carried.**

Information regarding recommendation for declaration of surplus property near a portion of the Murdock Trail was explained by JJ Yost including a brief history of the area. The area, known as Hubbard Place 1st Addition, was originally acquired with irregular boundaries that were associated with the right-of-way. A surplus declaration would provide consistency with adjacent properties and add more clarity to maintenance lines. Intent would be to sell each outlot to immediate adjacent landowners. Board action will be forwarded to City Council for final approval which will allow for final platting and proceeding with sales. A motion was made by Jessica Boren and seconded by Jim Crook to declare the portion of the Murdock Trail outlot area as presented, as surplus property. Upon roll call vote members voted as follows: **“Yes”**: **Jessica Boren, Bradley Brandt, Jim Crook, Katie Graf, Alex**

Halvorsen, Jerrod Jackson, Sherrie Nelson, Jonathan Petersen, Tammy Poe, Jeff Schwebke, Jennifer Seacrest, JJ Toczek. “No”: None. Motion carried.

Next Facilities & Infrastructure Committee meeting – Wednesday, August 17th at 4:00 p.m.

- **Policies Committee – Jeff Schwebke (Chair)**
No report at this time.

Next Policies Committee meeting – Tuesday, August 16th at 4:00 p.m.

- **Golf Report – Sherrie Nelson (Chair)**
The Golf Committee did not meet in July. Committee Chair Sherrie Nelson informed the Board that the golf courses will be purchasing a new Point of Sale system which will help in the reservation and check-in process. Golf course conditions were discussed and are now in much better condition and have rebounded very well. Rounds are above target heading into the busiest time of the year.

Next Golf Committee meeting – Thursday, August 25th at 12:00 noon.

- **Executive Committee – Tammy Poe (Chair)**
No report at this time.

Next Executive Committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday, August 25th at 4:00 p.m.

STAFF REPORTS

JJ Yost updated regarding Irvingdale Park renovations and discussions from the June Board meeting. Parks staff met with the Irvingdale Neighborhood Association and provided an update on revisions and potential amenities for the playground.

The master plan update for the Outdoor Open-Play Racket Courts is in the process of being finalized and will be online for public review and comment. The plan update will then be presented to the Facilities/Infrastructure Committee in September, and to the full Board at the October meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- City swimming pools will close this weekend, August 14th.
- A beam signing/topping out event is being planned at the new Airpark Recreation Center/Williams Branch Library on Wednesday, October 26th, at 4:00 p.m.

ADJOURN:

There being no further business of the Board, Chairman Poe declared the meeting adjourned at 4:52 p.m. The next PRAB meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 8th, at 4:00 p.m.