

# MINUTES

*Parks & Recreation Advisory Board Meeting*  
Woods Park Place, 3131 O Street, Lower-Level Training Center  
Thursday, October 13, 2022 ~ 4:00 p.m.

## **Members Present:**

Jessica Boren	Bradley Brandt	Justin Carlson
Jim Crook	Katie Graf	Sherrie Nelson
Jonathan Petersen	Tammy Poe	Jeff Schwebke (arrived 4:08 p.m.)
Jennifer Seacrest	JJ Toczek	S�ndra Washington (left 4:38 p.m.)

## **Members Absent:**

Alex Halvorsen	Conleigh Hemmer	Jerrold Jackson	Rick Vest
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## **Staff Members Present:**

Maggie Stuckey-Ross, Director	Holly Lewis, Asst. Director/Recreation
JJ Yost, Planning & Facilities Manager	Chris Myers, Park Operations Manager
Denise Pearce, Special Projects Admin.	Jocelyn Golden, Asst. City Attorney
Wade Foreman, Golf Bus. Coordinator	Randy Gordon, Parks Foundation Director
Angela Quinn, Exec. Secretary	

## **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.

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

A motion was made by Sherrie Nelson and seconded by Katie Graf to approve the minutes from the August 11, 2022, meeting as presented. Upon roll call vote members voted as follows: **“Yes”**: **Jessica Boren, Bradley Brandt, Jim Crook, Katie Graf, Sherrie Nelson, Jonathan Petersen, Tammy Poe, Jennifer Seacrest, JJ Toczek, S ndra Washington.** **“Abstain”**: **Justin Carlson.** **“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.

Liz Shea-McCoy approached the Board and provided written information (copy attached to official minutes on record) which she asked that Board members review at another time following her verbal presentation. Ms. Shea-McCoy is Chairperson of the Committee to Save, Restore and Reinstall the Pershing Mural, and introduced committee members in the audience, and spoke on behalf of the committee’s effort to save the Pershing Mural. Ms. Shea-McCoy requested that the Committee work with Jennifer Seacrest and the Facilities & Infrastructure Committee in order to find the perfect place in Lincoln for the mural.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

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

Sara Hartzell provided a synopsis on the process that began in June 2022 to create the presented draft (copy attached to official minutes on record) of the Master Plan for Outdoor Open-Play Racket Sports Court Facilities in Public Areas. Ms. Hartzell explained the goals, public processes, numerous adjustments, and resulting recommendations from the Master Planning committee. The draft Master Plan has been posted to the City's website and open for public comment which ended the previous day, October 12, 2022. Comments received after packets were emailed to Board members were printed and distributed to members at the meeting (full copy attached to official minutes on record). Following presentation by Ms. Hartzell, questions and discussion was held with staff and Board members. Upon inquiry of reciprocal uses between City and Lincoln Public Schools facilities, it was determined that more clarification is needed. Parks & Recreation Director Stuckey-Ross noted that Parks and LPS have monthly meetings and that she would add this to the agenda and follow up.

A motion was made by Jennifer Seacrest and seconded by Bradley Brandt to approve the Outdoor Open-Play Racket Sports Court Facilities Master Plan as presented. With further discussion regarding public comment period ending the previous night and a suggestion for more review time, it was suggested that a final vote be delayed until the next Board meeting. Members of the public in attendance were also recognized and provided public testimony:

- Brent Dickey – pickleball comments
- Doug Marthaler, Pickleball Lincoln Board representative – happy to answer any questions if necessary
- Betsy Shipley – pickleball comments
- Stan Lukow – pickleball comments
- Gary Wells – analysis of all tennis courts including Woods Park and reciprocal agreement with Lincoln Public Schools

Further discussion was held by Board members including timing of implementation, which was addressed by Ms. Hartzell.

Sandra Washington left the meeting at 4:38 p.m.

With the additional online public comments recently received and not yet fully reviewed, Jennifer Seacrest retracted her original motion and suggested returning those comments and Master Plan to the Facilities & Infrastructure Committee for additional evaluation prior to a vote by the full Board. Bradley Brandt then withdrew his second to the motion.

Next Facilities & Infrastructure Committee meeting – Wednesday, October 19<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m.

- **Policies Committee – Katie Graf (Chair)**

No report at this time.

Next Policies Committee meeting – Tuesday, October 18<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m.

- **Golf Report – Sherrie Nelson (Chair)**

Wade Foreman provided highlights from the August and September Golf Committee meetings noting the lack of precipitation, ongoing maintenance due to winter turf grass kill, rising costs for maintenance supplies, and upcoming work on a golf course cart paths master plan. Mr. Foreman also informed that the Golf Committee has approved recommendation of increasing greens fees and increasing golf car rental fees by \$0.50. The last adjustment was in 2016 for golf car rentals and 2019 for greens fees. Following a short discussion, a motion was made by Sherry Nelson and seconded by Justin Carlson to approve the fees increases as presented and recommended by the Golf Committee. Upon roll call vote members voted as follows: “Yes”: **Jessica Boren, Bradley Brandt, Justin Carlson, Jim Crook, Katie Graf, Sherrie Nelson, Jonathan Petersen, Tammy Poe, Jeff Schwebke, Jennifer Seacrest, JJ Toczek.** “No”: **None. Motion carried.**

Next Golf Committee meeting – Thursday, October 27<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 noon.

- **Executive Committee – Tammy Poe (Chair)**

Tammy Poe appointed three members of the Board to serve on a nominating committee for officers in 2023, naming Justin Carlson, Bradley Brandt, and Jim Crook.

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

## **STAFF REPORTS**

Parks & Recreation Director Stuckey-Ross introduced the newly appointed Director for the Lincoln Parks Foundation, Randy Gordon, who was in attendance. Mr. Gordon’s first report from the Foundation will be at the November meeting.

Per Lincoln Municipal Code requirement, Director Stuckey-Ross informed the Board of a restructuring of park hours at UPCO Park at the request of Lincoln Police Department due to some significant challenges at the park recently.

Denise Pearce provided an overview of the recent announcement for a potential 40-acre ballfield complex north of the creek at Oak Lake Park. Ms. Pearce updated the Board regarding Land & Water restrictions which have recently been lifted and replacement property is currently being sought. A recently PRAB approved master plan for the Bowling Lake area will provide a relocation area for the Midwest Racing Organization (MRO) track currently at Oak Lake Park, who will be working on fundraising in the near future.

A community survey recently ended regarding interest and participation in different mountain bike facilities, with over 400 completed surveys. Sara Hartzell informed Board members that a new master planning process will begin with Jim Crook volunteering to assist on the committee.

Bradley Brandt requested to go on record stating his disappointment regarding a recent article in the local newspaper seeming to shed a negative light in the case of the Pershing Mural relocation discussions. Mr. Brandt agrees with the decision that City Parks is not the right place for the mural, although it is a great piece with wonderful history and does belong in Lincoln, but not in a park setting. Justin Carlson asked if there was a plan for discussion by the Facilities & Infrastructure Committee. Currently being none, Mr. Carlson

recommended forwarding the topic on to the Facilities & Infrastructure Committee for further review and discussion, which was agreed to by Committee Chair Jennifer Seacrest.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- Trick or Tree 2022 Event – Mahoney Park – Saturday, Oct. 22nd, 8:00-11:00 a.m.
- Veteran’s Day – Friday, November 11th – Offices Closed
- Veteran’s Day Program – Friday, November 11th, 11:00 a.m. –Auld Pavilion

**ADJOURN:**

There being no further business of the Board, Chairman Poe declared the meeting adjourned at 5:03 p.m. The next PRAB meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 13<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m.