

**City of Lawrence  
Parks & Recreation Advisory Board  
July 10, 2007**



<b>MEMBERS PRESENT:</b>	Chair Kelly Barth, Vice Chair Bruce Muzzy, Sharon Spratt, Bill Penny and Tom Bracciano
<b>MEMBERS ABSENT:</b>	
<b>STAFF PRESENT:</b>	Ernie Shaw, Mark Hecker, Lee Ice, Marketing Intern Laurel Kupka

- I. Meeting was called to order by Chair Kelly Barth.
- II. Approval of the June 12<sup>th</sup> minutes on a motion by Tom Bracciano, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bill Penny.
- III. Spratt reported she had heard the number of ticks at “Dad” Perry Park was keeping people away. Hecker said this has been an ongoing problem. Barth also reported hearing concerns that the crew building at Burcham Park will affect trees in the area. Hecker said there will be some tree impact and the issue is being reviewed. Shaw said someone else was also concerned the building will be located near an old landfill.
- IV. Representatives from Bartlet & West gave a shortened presentation on the Burroughs Creek project and answered the board’s questions. Hecker said the presentation given at the public meeting was positively received. Shaw said documents with the plans and cost estimates will be sent to the board.
- V. Shaw reported that the budget cuts in the 2008 proposed budget will affect the maintenance general fund, which will cause issues with purchasing and repairing equipment. There is also a small cut to recreation. He said he would wait to see what happens with the proposed budget in the next few weeks and will contact the board if any major problems come up.
- VI. Hecker said a pesticide reduction plan was presented to the city commission and no action was taken. He will meet with the mayor soon and has some new ideas to present. Hecker and Shaw are hoping to establish some common goals. Shaw said it will take time to reduce the amount of pesticides used in parks even though people

want it done right away. Barth also provided a letter from the Sustainability Advisory Board regarding Prairie Park Nature Center. Hecker said a pesticide-free demonstration garden and educational classes at the center are being considered.

- VII. Shaw said 15-20 people attended the Burroughs Creek public meeting and provided positive feedback and good questions.
- VIII. Shaw said the Doolittle property is a 10-acre development near 6<sup>th</sup> St. and Overland Drive/Eldridge St. that developers has recommenced giving a water retention area as a possible park site. He said it could be a possible benefit district and a good opportunity in an area where there are gaps in park development. The water retention area is not large enough by itself and will need at least a couple of additional lot adjoining it to make the venture work while. Additional discussion with city staff will be forth coming.
- IX. This was the 4<sup>th</sup> year the Bill Self Youth Scholarship Golf Tournament was held. Ice reported a \$2,000 increase over last year. He said his goal is \$10,000 for the future. He also said many organizations were involved by providing food and sponsoring holes on the course.
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  - a. Recreation/Golf report--Shaw reported that everything is looking good. He said the revenue from the batting cages is down because there have been maintenance issues, but the AFA tournament is coming up and should boost those numbers. He also said the golf course had a better June this year than last year but is still behind due to weather.
  - b. Marketing Report--Kupka reported the shelter rental brochure has been completed and showed it to the board. She said a facility rental brochure in the same format was almost finished and work has begun on a departmental video.
  - c. Parks Report/Projects update--Hecker reported the first phase of development at Clinton Park was completed and LPRD is looking at other projects including renovating the playground. He also said work on Sesquicentennial Point has been delayed because there have been problems with stone engraving
- XI. No miscellaneous items.
- XII. Meeting adjourned. Next meeting September 11.