

City of Knoxville Parks and Recreation Commission

Minutes for April 8, 2019, at 5:00 p.m.

Members present: Snodgrass, Fuller, Konrad, Anderson, and Nemmers

Minutes for March 11, 2019: The minutes were reviewed. A motion was made by Konrad to approve, Anderson seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

Agenda / Reports:

Brandon went through his monthly report. Notable items are:

- Toilets have been installed at Young's Park and the water fountains have been turned on. Restrooms will be open to the public soon at both Young's Park and Auld Park.
- In a few months, the east restrooms at Auld Park will receive new metal doors as the current ones are in bad shape.
- Cameras in the east shelter at Auld Park were vandalized. The company who installed them will do their best to make the wires less accessible to potential vandals.
- Brandon presented our trail project to TAP and received an extra \$100,000.00 for a total of \$343,461.00 for the trail.
- A grant application was submitted to the Knoxville Community Heritage Foundation for \$5,000.00 for the trail.
- Ardent Lighting will be installing cameras at the new tennis courts soon.
- The new Cybex recumbent bike in the cardio room is a nice addition and has received positive reviews.

Brandon went through Olivia's report. Notable items are:

- Swim team will begin in June and will have a total of 6 meets.
- There has been a lot of interest in the Adult Swim Lesson program.
- Two days a week have been added already for private swim lessons.

Brandon went through Angie's report. Notable items are:

- Fitness classes are pulling more participants than normal for this time of year.
- Personal training continues to hold steady despite having a little bit lower numbers than last year at this time.

The Rec Center has approximately 1254 total members.

A motion to adjourn was made by Fuller which was seconded by Snodgrass. All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Aaron Fuller

May 2019 Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting Monthly Report

Director:

We received \$5,000 from the Knoxville Heritage Community Foundation towards trails \$5,000! I attended the awards banquet last week to accept the check, it is nice to have great community support!

On May 23 from 11:30am-1:30pm the Chamber of Commerce will be having a ribbon cutting at Young's Park. This will be a part of the Chamber's Out For Lunch series and there will be lunch available for cost from Hy-Vee. It will be nice to showcase the improvements that have been made over the last year.

There was some vandalism done to Young's Park restrooms on 4/9/19. We now have six cameras up in that area as of 5/9/19 to help slow down this type of activity.

Young's Park front ball field now has two power poles that have electrical outlets on them. This is nice for events and rentals.

Seeding and grading has been done around the Skate Park and Shelter. This area is roped off to try and keep people walking on the area as we try to establish grass.

The General Contractor for the Young's South Project replaced a couple of panels of concrete that had shifted over the winter months.

Six additional cameras will be put up in the next week or so on the tennis courts. This will hopefully keep the area covered for vandalism.

There is still some dirt work being done on the southeast corner of the Tennis Courts. There is a slight drainage issue that hopefully can be fixed once it dries out.

Drinking fountains at Auld Park, Dog Park and Miracle Playground are all up and running.

With the help of the Wastewater Department there was some brush and small tree removal done at Edwards Park.

Shelter rentals continue to roll in. Rentals will be available until October 15.

Patrick Crawford was hired as a seasonal laborer in the Parks, his first day is May 13.

Dog Park progress continues Pierce Fence out of Ottumwa will be tearing out the old fence and installing a 360' deep 5' high chain link fence that will be 160' wide. Out of the 160' wide section 100' will be designated for large dogs and the other 60' for small dogs. There will be an entrance gates to each area as well as maintenance gates. I am looking at a 24' x 24' shade structure that would be placed in the middle of the park and cover equally the large dog area and the small dog area. I am working with MidAmerican Energy on the pole removal of (10) 70' light poles. All of this work will hopefully begin in six weeks or so.

I met with the Tim Sadler from Pella Engraving yesterday to finalize sign location for parks and facilities. These signs will match the entrance signs to the City and the wayfinding signs around town. The following signs will be installed: Recreation Center, Young's Park, Auld Park, Edwards Park, Brooks Garden, Competine Cemetery and the Dog Park. Installation should begin in the next couple of weeks.

I did an on-camera interview with a student from William Penn that was documenting skating and biking in the Midwest. He will share with me the final project at the end of the school year. This project is expected to be nationwide and I felt honored to be share our store on the Skate Park.

I meet with the School District Leaders as well as the Club Soccer board to try and get some better communication in place. I have requested a meeting for fall to get some rental and scheduling issues ironed out.

Belzer Equipment out of Albia was the low bid for our Kubota that will be used to water flowers, garbage and maintenance tasks in parks and facilities. I expect this to be delivered in mid-June.

I am working with Marion County Public Health on updating the Tobacco/Nicotine Free Policy in our Parks and Facilities. This will include new signage in these areas as well.

Youth soccer came to end last night. We battled rain and cold weather for most of the season, but overall it was a success.

All new Dri-Dek and curtains were installed in the women's showers.

Our membership software and timekeeping system upgrade when pretty smooth. We now have a better backup in place as well as updated software.

Blast Ball (Tee Ball for 3-5 years) deadline is fast approaching. This program will begin in June.

Wellness Supervisor:

For May we are beginning to prepare for the summer schedule by slowly transitioning the classes that direction. I eliminated the 415pm Friday class and took the others to a half hour. For the summer months this time slot goes away. Because the gym gets muggy, I switched the 815am classes to all body flow based movement. The rest of the changes come in June. All the 6:20pm classes turn into water fitness Monday-Thursday and the morning water classes go to half hour formats to fit in with swim lessons. We did this change last year for the first time and it worked very well.

I am planning on a new hire for the summer months only. Her name is Hannah Short. She will eventually request to do her internship to do with us. She is seeking an Exercise Science degree similar to what Olivia did. I will use her as a cycle instructor in our Saturday rotation. She is currently teaching a Cycle class and a cardio kick boxing class at ISU.

Personal training is still doing well. We have maintained many clients and gained a few over the year as well. We are slightly down in revenue due to the busy schedules both Olivia and I maintain here but I have no worries we will get pretty close to last year's total of \$28,000.

Aquatics Supervisor:

Aqua Fitness

I am gearing up for summer time in the aquatics department. We are changing things up in a few ways this summer. Beginning in June, Angie and I are adding a new fitness class in the pool called "Aqua Fury" in the early morning. This is a class time that we have not done for a long time. We hope it brings more of our morning exercise group into the pool! We also added in two night time water classes for the summer (one deep water and one shallow water). Both will be fun and challenging classes. Hopefully people will come and enjoy fitness in the water this summer!

Lifeguards

I am excited to add four new lifeguards to the staff. I just certified 10 new lifeguards from Knoxville and surrounding communities. The new lifeguards will be put through an orientation on May 31 so they can learn the Recreation Center protocols. I will have one more lifeguard class to teach at the end of May.

Swim Team/Swim Lessons

Swim team and swimming lessons will be starting in June as they do each summer. A big highlight of our summer swim team season is getting to swim a meet at the new downtown Des Moines Prairie Meadows pool! I am trying to promote private lessons. We have two weeks of pool time dedicated to private lessons this summer. I still have several spots open for private lessons.



Membership	Code	Resident	Non-Resident	Annual	Semi-Annual	Quarterly	Monthly	Punch Pass	Total
Adult Couple	ADCP	31 / 61	0 / 0	23 / 45	3 / 6	5 / 10	0 / 0	0 / 0	31 / 61
Adult Membership	ADLT	217 / 217	2 / 2	173 / 173	8 / 8	27 / 27	11 / 11	0 / 0	219 / 219
Child Membership	CHLD	9 / 9	0 / 0	3 / 3	2 / 2	4 / 4	0 / 0	0 / 0	9 / 9
Family Membership - 3	FAM3	35 / 105	0 / 0	29 / 87	1 / 3	2 / 6	3 / 9	0 / 0	35 / 105
Family Membership - 4	FAM4	46 / 187	0 / 0	38 / 155	4 / 16	3 / 12	1 / 4	0 / 0	46 / 187
Family Membership - 5+	FAM5	47 / 280	0 / 0	43 / 256	2 / 11	1 / 5	1 / 8	0 / 0	47 / 280
High School Membership	HS	15 / 15	1 / 1	4 / 4	3 / 3	5 / 5	4 / 4	0 / 0	16 / 16
Parent/Child Membership	P/CH	29 / 58	0 / 0	24 / 48	0 / 0	4 / 8	1 / 2	0 / 0	29 / 58
Senior Citizen (60+)	SEN	171 / 171	0 / 0	113 / 113	19 / 19	18 / 18	21 / 21	0 / 0	171 / 171
Senior Citizen Couple	SNCP	53 / 106	0 / 0	37 / 74	5 / 10	8 / 16	3 / 6	0 / 0	53 / 106
Senior Couple Split	SRSP	5 / 10	0 / 0	4 / 8	1 / 2	0 / 0	0 / 0	0 / 0	5 / 10
Totals		658 / 1,219	3 / 3	491 / 966	48 / 80	77 / 111	45 / 65	0 / 0	661 / 1,222