

Kearney Park Board Minutes—Tuesday, May 18th meeting

On Tuesday, May 18th, 2021 the Kearney Park Board met for its monthly meeting in-person at Lions Park. Connie Crawford called the meeting to order. Members present were Connie Crawford, Lisa Cheesebrough, Julie Jones, Tiffany Kirkland and Dan Holt. Staff members present were Eric Marshall and Ryan Marcotte.

Park board minutes from the April 20th, 2021 meeting were presented, with Dan Holt making a motion to approve the minutes, and Lisa Cheesebrough seconding the motion...the motion was approved unanimously.

Old Business: Youth Sports: Ryan indicated that youth sport games have started, and aside from rainouts, everything is going well so far. He anticipates being done with games mid-june.

Dog Waste Stations: Eric mentioned that the locations for the dog waste stations have been marked, and that the utility companies are marking their lines so that no accidents occur.

Dog Park: Eric informed the board that a fence contractor had been selected for the Dog Park in Jesse James Park. Barham fence will be putting up the fence for the project. Anticipated start date is July.

New Business—Lions Park Update: Eric and Ryan led the board on a tour of the new amenities in the remodeled Lions Park.

Rental Fees: Eric informed the board that they would need to set rental fees for the 2 shelters and 2 cabanas in Lions Park. He mentioned that they would be in high demand, especially in the first several years, as other splash parks reported frequently hosting children's birthday parties. Ryan mentioned that they would like to keep the same 3-hour time period for rentals the same as other city park shelters. Tiffany Kirkland made a motion and Julie Jones seconded to set the fees as follows:

Kearney Residents:

Shelter Rental: \$100 per 3-hour time period

Cabana (and Bandshell) Rental: \$50 per 3-hour time period

Non-Kearney Residents:

Shelter Rental: \$150 per 3-hour time period

Cabana (and Bandshell) Rental: \$75 per 3-hour time period

The motion was approved unanimously.

Amphitheater concert progress: Ryan updated the board on amphitheater booking progress, informing them that the annual Independence Day celebration would occur on July 2nd at Lions Park, with the normal fireworks, and a free concert from Noe Palma. He also mentioned that there would be a total of 6 events, counting the July 3rd event and the Oktoberfest event. He said that a complete schedule would be available in early June.

July 2nd Fireworks: Eric told the board that Premier Pyrotechnics has been retained to shoot the city fireworks on July 2nd. They were able to secure fireworks for us because another municipality had to back out of their commitment, freeing up the supply.

Board Comments—There were no board comments.

ADJOURNMENT

With there being no further business on the agenda, a motion was made by Tiffany Kirkland and seconded by Lisa Cheesebrough adjourn to Tuesday, July 20th, 2021. The motion carried.

Approved: _____ **Connie Crawford Chairperson**

Julie Jones _____ **Secretary**

