

Kearney Park Board Minutes—Tuesday May 16th, 2023 meeting

On Tuesday, May 16th, 2023 the Kearney Park Board met for its monthly meeting in-person. Kristi Mayo called the meeting to order. Members present were Ali Jorn, Dan Holt, Kristi Mayo, Lisa Cheesebrough, Nick DiBenedetto, Jon Costa and Greg Gillahan and Julie Jones. Staff members present was Eric Marshall and Ryan Marcotte. Absent was Connie Crawford.

Park board minutes from the April 18th, 2023 meeting were presented, with Lisa Cheesebrough, making a motion to approve the minutes, and Dan Holt seconding the motion...the motion was approved 6-0.

Public Requests & Petitions: Rich Kolb came before the board to present his group's proposal for a memorial for military and first responders killed in the line of duty from Kearney, Holt and Paradise. He is proposing it be located in the "bowl" section of the trail at Jesse James Park, near the beginning of the trail. He recognized a previous group proposing a monument for all veterans in Jesse James Park, and has merged with the remaining member, Terry Carter, to move forward with the memorial plan. He sought the board's blessing for a "modest but dignified" memorial in Jesse James Park, with an approval coming after a design has been selected. The board indicated (without voting) that they would be in favor of seeing what a design might look like.

Old Business: Aquatics Survey: Eric Marshall indicated that the aquatic survey was ending, and that surveys have been trickling in with 1350 surveys taken online at that time.

Pickleball Court Update: Eric informed the board that there was a hold up with the landscape company at the pickleball courts, and that the contractor would not meet the substantial completion date on time, and was striving to have the courts open for play as soon as possible.

Spring Sports: Ryan reported that all spring sport games have started, with 600 kids enrolled in spring sports, with summer Pickleball league signups starting soon.

New Business: Spring Sports: Eric told the board that the splash park was set to open the Friday of Memorial Day weekend, and that repairs were made where necessary. Ryan reported that all of the features had their respective water pressures dialed in, and that the park was ready to open.

Amphitheater: Ryan reported that the first amphitheater show of the season will be Shooting Star with Missouri, and the July 3rd show is KC Groove Therapy, and the final show is Aug 19th with The Phil Collins Experience.

Board Comments-

Kristi Mayo mentioned that the water fountain on Glenside St was not operational – Eric and Ryan said that they would investigate and fix.

ADJOURNMENT

With there being no further business on the agenda, a motion was made by Dan Holt and seconded by Nick DiBenedetto to adjourn to Thursday, June 22nd at 6:30 pm. The motion carried unanimously.

Approved: _____ **Connie Crawford Chairperson**

Julie Jones _____ **Secretary**