

MINUTES

King Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee

Thursday November 13th, 2025

6:00 PM

Call to order: Vice Chairman Lynn Barr called the regular meeting of the King Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee to order at 6:00 p.m.

Invocation: The Invocation was given by Board Member Steve Roberson.

Attendance: Present: Vice Chair Lynn Barr; Thomas Newsome; Chris Chunn; Steve Roberson; Peggy Slate; Diane Irvine; City Engineer Ben Marion; Administrative Assistant Tiffany George.

Absent: Chairman Garry Merritt.

Motion: Peggy Slate moved to excuse Chairman Garry Merritt from the meeting. The motion was seconded by Lynn Barr and carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

There was no public comment.

APPROVAL OF MINUTIES:

Motion: Lynn Barr moved to approve the minutes from April 10th, 2025. Motion seconded by Diane Irvine and carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS:

Overflow Parking Lot Update:

City Engineer Ben Marion updated the committee on the overflow parking lot. Wood Star Clearing will begin work in the next few weeks to clear, grade, and gravel the lot.

Alcohol at Parks (Special Events Permit)

City Engineer Ben Marion updated the committee on alcohol in parks with special-event permits. It was approved by the City Council for Special events at Central Park and Downtown King to apply for an ABC permit. A new special events permit was created that includes a section for applying for an ABC permit. It is then signed off by the Police, Fire, and Engineering departments once the permit is completed.

NEW BUSINESS:

KING LITTLE LEAGUE CONTRACT & FEES

Contract Term Length

City Engineer Ben Marion presented the committee with the current contract term with King Little League, which is 1 year. He discussed whether they would like to keep it as it is or enter into a six-month contract.

Motion: Peggy Slate moved to revise the contract term to run from the date the contract is signed to the last day of the calendar year. Vice Chairman Lynn Barr seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

Concession Stand Rental Fee

City Engineer Ben Marion discussed the current concession rental fee of \$1,500.00 and whether the committee would like to keep it as is or increase it. He presented information on the 2024-2025 expenses for maintaining the concession stand.

Motion: Vice Chairman made a motion to keep the concession stand rental fee at \$1,500.00. Member Peggy Slate seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

Ballfield Lime Expenses

City Engineer Ben Marion presented the committee with the ball field lime expense that the city covers for King Little League. From April 2025 to November 2025, the City of King purchased 157 bags of lime for \$1,568.43. City Engineer Ben Marion discussed with the committee whether they would like to include a flat fee for ballfield lime in the upcoming contracted season, or if the city would continue to cover all ballfield lime expenses.

Motion: Diane Irvine moved to add a \$750.00 flat fee to the upcoming contract with King Little League to help offset lime cost, payable at the start of the season with the concession rental fee when the contract is signed. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Lynn Barr and carried 6-0.

STOKES UNITED SOCCER LEAGUE CONTRACT & FEES

Contract Term Length

City Engineer Ben Marion presented the committee with the current contract term with Stokes United Soccer League, which is 1 year. He discussed whether they would like to keep it as it is or enter into a six-month contract.

Motion: Member Peggy Slate moved to amend the contract term to run from the date the contract is signed through the last day of the calendar year. Vice Chairman Lynn Barr seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

Concession Stand Rental Fee

City Engineer Ben Marion discussed the current rental fee of \$0.00 for maintaining the concession building and whether the committee wants to start charging the Soccer league. The Soccer league does maintain utility fees associated with the building.

Motion: Member Diane Irvine moved to not charge a concession fee and to have the Soccer league continue to maintain the building's utilities. Member Thomas Newsome seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

PICKLE BALL

Rental Fee/Schedule

City Engineer Ben Marion discussed with the committee about increased interest in pickleball courts. He asked whether the committee would like to consider adding a rental fee or establishing a schedule for reserving the pickleball courts. Currently, the city has not had any issues with people not being able to play when they wish.

Motion: Member Diane Irvine moved to not charge rental fees or have a schedule to reserve pickleball courts at this time. Motion was seconded by Member Thomas Newsome. Motion carried 6-0.

Court Lights, Bakko Backboards

City Engineer Ben Marion discussed requests we have received from citizens for pickleball court lights and a Bakko backboard (for single-player use).

Motion: Vice Chairman Lynn Barr moved to table discussion until the court lights and the Bakko Backboard are priced. Motion carried 6-0.

SIGNAGE AT RECREATION ACRES

City Engineer Ben Marion discussed replacing some of the aging signs at both Central Park and Recreation Acres.

Motion: Vice Chair Lynn Barr moved to table discussion of replacing aging signage until pricing is provided. Motion carried 6-0.

PARKING LOT SIGNAGE, ARROWS (RECREATION ACRES)

City Engineer Ben Marion discussed having NO PARKING signs installed in areas of parking lots that are in use and cause issues when people are trying to leave. He discussed with board members repainting parking lots and installing directional arrows to improve traffic flow when the park is busy during Little League seasons.

Motion: Steve Roberson moved to approve the installation of NO PARKING signs and repainting of parking lots, including directional arrows, to improve traffic flow. Diane Irvine seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

FY-2026-2027 BUDGET REQUEST ITEMS

City Engineer Ben Marion requested that members think of any requests they would like to include in the FY-2026-2027 City budget and bring them to the next meeting.

Paver For Central Park Phase 3

City Engineer Ben Marion reviewed plans for the next phase of paver replacement at the Veterans Memorial in Central Park. Staff have begun identifying pavers for replacement and will place orders in the coming months.

ITEMS OF GENERAL CONCERN

Application/Renewal of Terms

a. **Board Member Term Renewals**

City Engineer Ben Marion distributed renewal applications to Lynn Barr, Chris Chunn, Peggy Slate, and Steve Roberson for submission to the City Council.

b. **December 2025 Meeting**

Motion: Lynn Barr moved to cancel the December 2025 regular meeting. By consensus, the meeting was canceled, and the next regular meeting will be held on **Thursday, January 8th, 2026.**

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Peggy Slate moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Lynn Barr and carried **6-0**. The meeting was adjourned.

APPROVED BY:

ATTEST:

Chairman, Garry Merritt

Tiffany George

Community Relations Coordinator