

Board of Parks Commissioners
Tuesday, March 17, 2020 4:00 PM
Council Chambers
1369 25 Avenue

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1. **Statement of compliance with Open Meetings Act.**
2. **Minutes of February 18, 2020, meeting.**
3. **Request for use of Glur Park for 2020 Time for Change program.**
4. **Prioritization of requests for city funding.**
5. **Review of Park Department fees.**
6. **Report of Public Property Director.**
 - A. Park Department.
 - B. Aquatics Department.
 - C. Golf Department.
 - D. Sports & Activities Council.
7. **Adjournment.**

BOARD OF PARKS COMMISSIONERS
FEBRUARY 18, 2020

A regular meeting of the Board of Parks Commissioners of the City of Columbus, Nebraska, was convened in open and public session on February 18, 2020, at 4:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers, 1369 25 Avenue, Columbus, Nebraska.

Notice of this meeting was given in advance thereof by publication in the Columbus Telegram, with a copy of the proof of publication being on file in the office of the City Clerk. Availability of the agenda was communicated in the advance notice to the members of the Board of Parks Commissioners. All proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the convened meeting was open to the public.

1. **STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE WITH OPEN MEETINGS ACT AND ROLL CALL:** Chair Hansen announced that a copy of the Open Meetings Act is posted in the meeting room. Present were Members Robbin Cutsor, Chuck Fleeman, Brad Hansen, Sandra Jochens, Gary Puetz, Bruce Schmidt, and John Shadle. Members Jack Gutierrez and Nick Larson were absent and excused. City staff members included Public Property Director Doug Moore, Park Superintendent Ron Dush, and Account Clerk II/Records Clerk II Linda Nickeson.
2. **MINUTES OF JANUARY 21, 2020, MEETING:** The minutes were approved as presented with a motion by Jochens and a second by Schmidt. Cutsor, Fleeman, Hansen, Jochens, Puetz, Schmidt, and Shadle voted "Aye" and none voted "Nay". Gutierrez and Larson were absent.
3. **ANNUAL REPORT FROM COLUMBUS AREA YOUTH FOOTBALL ORGANIZATION:** The annual report from Columbus Area Youth Football Organization (CAYFO) was presented. John Zwingman, CAYFO president, reviewed the 2019 season and stated that although the Albion teams chose to play in the Norfolk league this past year, he is hopeful they will return to the Columbus league in a year or two. He pointed out a positive change in the program has been the opportunity for the teams to practice each week at Columbus High School allowing them to work with high school coaches on the most current safety oriented fundamentals, skills, and techniques. He indicated that he's been in contact with Tyler Linder to facilitate the same concept with the Scotus coaches for the upcoming year with the intent of each local school having their own teams within the league. It was noted that online signups will be offered for the upcoming season through SportsEngine; however, a couple in person signup dates will be scheduled for those who prefer to pay with cash or check.
4. **ANNUAL REPORT FROM WILDERNESS PARK OPERATIONS COMMITTEE:** The annual report from Wilderness Park Operations Committee (WPOC) was presented. Kay Arlt, WPOC president, mentioned that the Nebraska State Soccer Association is requiring that a safety coordinator be in place within the organization by the end of this year. She said the association has recommended it be a paid

position and will provide the necessary training. Moore confirmed that paving the lot north of Wilderness Park and the addition to the facility's north storage building will be requested again in the 2020-2021 Budget. Arlt pointed out that due to the lack of volunteers, the organization must pay individuals to work at the concession stand, ultimately reducing their profit margin. She reported that enough benches have been purchased in order to have one on every field during tournaments and indicated that the organization would like to place permanent awnings on all the bleachers.

5. **ANNUAL REPORT FROM COLUMBUS SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION:** The annual report from Columbus Softball Association (CSA) was presented. Chuck Fleeman, CSA president, reviewed the annual report and noted the only city funding requested in the 2020-2021 Budget is agri-lime on the north fields of Gerrard Park at an estimated cost of \$30,000. He pointed out the need to address drainage issues at the facility and Moore indicated that city staff is observing the situation for a possible solution. Fleeman mentioned that the organization lost a total of four teams from the previous year in addition to the Fire & Ice tournaments; however, fall men and coed leagues have been added.
6. **REQUEST FROM COLUMBUS SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION FOR CANNED BEER PERMIT AT GERRARD PARK:** Fleeman stated there were no incidents regarding the 2019 beer permit and Moore pointed out that Police Chief Sherer confirmed the same. The request for a canned beer only permit for CSA sponsored events at Gerrard Park during the 2020 softball season was approved with a motion by Schmidt and second by Cutsor. Cutsor, Fleeman, Hansen, Jochens, Puetz, Schmidt, and Shadle voted "Aye" and none voted "Nay". Gutierrez and Larson were absent.
7. **CHANGE OF AQUATIC CENTER SUMMER HOURS:** Moore explained that attendance at the Aquatic Center during the hours of 6:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. from Memorial Day weekend to the mid-July annual maintenance shutdown is very minimal and staff would be better utilized at Pawnee Plunge during this time. He confirmed that in the event Pawnee Plunge would be closed, the Aquatic Center would open during these hours. The recommendation to the mayor and city council to approve the change in summer hours at the Aquatic Center was approved with a motion by Jochens and a second by Hansen. Cutsor, Fleeman, Hansen, Jochens, Puetz, Schmidt, and Shadle voted "Aye" and none voted "Nay". Gutierrez and Larson were absent.
8. **REPORT OF PUBLIC PROPERTY DIRECTOR:**
 - 8.A. **Park Department.** Dush reviewed the recent activity in the parks and stated that two separate auto accidents in Pawnee Park caused significant damage to the baseball field fence and wooden posts near the Higgins Memorial.

- 8.B. Aquatics Department.** Moore mentioned that spring swimming lessons are full and that the 2020 Leadership Columbus graduating class will finish painting the men's locker room at Pawnee Plunge.
- 8.C. Golf Department.** Moore reported that staff continues working with FEMA on the reconstruction of Quail Run.
- 8.D. Sports and Activities Council.** Moore announced that the city did not receive the requested grant funding for the Frontier Park horseshoe complex and noted that Doug Kluth intends to apply again next year. He pointed out the annual sign up day for a variety of youth programs is scheduled for March 21.
- 9. ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting adjourned at 5:15 p.m. with a motion by Cutsor and a second by Fleeman. Cutsor, Fleeman, Hansen, Jochens, Puetz, Schmidt, and Shadle voted "Aye" and none voted "Nay". Gutierrez and Larson were absent.

OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK
: Linda Nickeson

2020
PLAY DAYS
IN THE
PARK

JUNE/JULY
GLUR PARK
10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

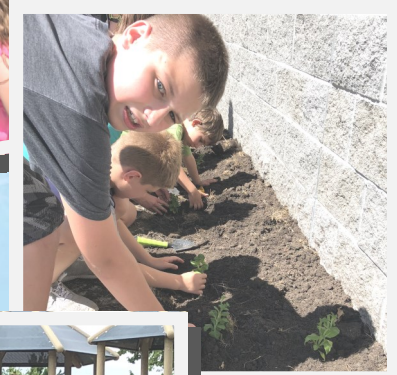
Monday - Thursday

June 1-4, 8-11, 15-18, 22-25

July 6-9, 13-16, 20-23, 27-30

- **SPORT GAMES**
- **LIFE SKILLS**
- **ARTS AND CRAFTS**
- **PLAYGROUND**
- **OUTDOOR READING**
- **COMMUNITY VISITORS**

Come and enjoy activities with each weekly theme. The program is open to all children **ages 4-12** where they get to have fun outdoors in a supervised, nurturing environment.



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This program is sponsored by the Time for Change Coalition through funds provided by the Columbus Area United Way.

2020-2021 Park Department budget requests

Please rank the following projects 1 thru 19

- Horseshoe courts at Frontier Park
- Splash Pad at Centennial Park
- Bleacher shade covers at Centennial Park
- New restroom/concession stand at Centennial Park
- Replace field lights at Pawnee Park baseball field
- Armor coat Centennial, Bradshaw and Gerrard parking lots
- Addition to Wilderness Park storage/concession stand building
- Milled asphalt north of Wilderness Park
- Agri-lime south fields at Gerrard Park and Berne Square
- Drainage and Concrete at Gerrard Park
- Fence repairs at Centennial and Gerrard Park
- Paving Pawnee Park Road south of Ramada
- Tennis/Basketball court repairs at Hanover, Glur, Centennial and Gerrard
- Tree planting
- High jump/Pole vault pits at Memorial Stadium
- Picnic Tables
- Indoor tennis facility
- Remote control car track
- Baseball field - CHS

PARKS

Established by Board of Parks Commissioners

Bark Park:

Reservation

~~\$ 31~~ — \$36

Baseball:

High School

\$ 67 for refuse disposal

Electricity is 35% of actual usage during high school season

American Legion

Electricity is 35% of actual usage for each season.

Due to proximity of the track and ball field, no baseball games shall be scheduled at the same time a track meet is in progress. Baseball practice may take place, but limited to a practice where balls do not land anywhere in the track and football field area.

ALL OTHER GAMES MUST BE APPROVED BY THE PARK BOARD/CHARGE WILL BE \$155.

Bleachers:

Bleacher rental for special events held in a city park will be \$93 per bleacher (5 row only), per event. The city will deliver and pick up – contingent upon availability.

Clinics:

Non-Profit (if sponsor is a local organization,
Such as Legion, AYSO, Youth Softball, etc.)

\$ 57 (includes refuse disposal)

Private (defined as “Profits to be used for
Individual’s benefit.”)

\$215 per day

\$240 per day if lights are used

Park Board Approval Required

Commercial Nature:

For anything of a commercial nature in any park where electricity is used, a \$9 fee will be assessed or if additional clean up is required, a \$47 fee will be assessed.

Clean up for Columbus Days events in Frankfort Square shall be \$190 per day.

Concessionaire:

\$ 16 per day

\$ 31 per month

For those wishing to sell goods and services on property under jurisdiction of the Park Board.

Concession Stand Rentals:

Armory, Gerrard, Centennial, Pawnee Park Baseball, Bradshaw (incl. Midget Football) and Wilderness

Non-Profit Concession Stands \$130 per season, plus cleanup

Private \$295 per season, plus cleanup

Disc Golf:

Tournaments ~~\$31~~ \$36

League Play ~~\$31~~ \$36

Once per week/12 consecutive week maximum

Football: (Pawnee and Bradshaw Parks)

Scotus & Columbus High Schools \$775 per varsity game

JV, Junior High, Freshman, Middle School
and Soap Scrimmages (under lights) \$390 per game

JV, Junior High Including Freshman
and Middle School \$165 per game

Playoffs: Scotus & Columbus High Schools \$800 per game

All other games must be approved by the Park Board \$1,025 per game

Events may be cancelled, postponed or relocated due to weather or extenuating circumstances upon discretion of the Park Board, Park Superintendent or Public Property Director.

Horseshoe Courts:

Electricity \$98 per season

Tournaments \$63 per tournament

Shelter Reservations:

Glur Park Shelter	\$50 per day
Pawnee Park West Shelter	\$25 per table
Pawnee Park East Shelter	\$20 per table

Payable at time reservation is made. No refunds.

Soccer:

Electricity is 35% of actual usage for each season.

Softball:

High School/College Softball \$67 for refuse disposal

Electricity is 35% of actual usage for each season.

Stadium Reservations:

\$130 plus cleanup per event where no admission is charged or concession used. Park Crew will clean up and their wages will be added to the \$130 fee.

\$225 per event where admission is charged.

\$295 per event where concession is used.

\$650 per event where admission and concession is used.

\$25 per hour for video board usage

Stadium – Marching Band Festival: \$775

Events may be cancelled, postponed or moved to another sight upon discretion of the Park Board, Park Superintendent or Public Property Director due to weather or extraordinary circumstances.

Tennis:

High School \$450 per school year

Six Courts

All Reservations & Tournaments \$31 for 6 courts, 2 hours per day
having Park Board approval \$98 for 6 courts per day

Per Court

Park Board Approval \$26 per court, per day

Tennis Association Electricity Fee \$263 per season

Tournaments: (Softball, Baseball, and Soccer)

Weekend or Holiday Tournaments Requiring Extra Clean Up
(Garbage Barrels Emptied Only) \$62 per day

Track:

Practice per season, per school \$335
(Columbus and Scotus High Schools,
Columbus Middle School & Scotus Jr. High)

Invites and Relays \$165 (boys or girls) per meet
\$195 (boy/girl), per meet

Districts or Conference \$270 per meet
\$395 per meet (not involving Columbus schools)

Dual/Triangular Meets \$57 (boys or girls) per meet
\$67 (boy/girl) per meet

Electronic Timing System \$210 per meet

Special Olympics \$42

No track practice can be held when a scheduled track meet is in progress. Due to proximity of the track and ball field, no baseball games shall be scheduled at the same time a track meet is in progress. Baseball practice may take place, but limited to a practice where balls do not land anywhere in the track and football field area.

Cost for items such as hurdles, jumping standards, jumping pits, and pole vault boxes will be split between the City, Columbus High School, and Scotus High School.

Wedding Reservation ~~_____~~ ~~\$ 36~~

Condition of area for wedding is "as is".

YMCA:

Tennis \$ 80

T-Ball \$130

**Reservation of an area within any park not specified in
this fee schedule** \$36

Condition of area is "as is".



The City of *Columbus*

PUBLIC PROPERTY DEPARTMENT

Director (402) 562-4240

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March 2020

Monthly report

Park Department

- Started to turn on bathrooms as events and weather permit
- Spring High School practices have begun (baseball, track, tennis, soccer)
- First games scheduled for March 19
- Trimming trees
- Adding woodchips in playground areas
- Track jumping pits, hurdles, timers have been put out
- All tennis nets and windscreens have been put out for play
- All tennis outdoor lighting checked and clocks adjusted for summer hours
- Milled asphalt hauled to Sock Pond and spread in parking lot
- Painting some benches in Frankfort Square that have been chipped
- Recall repairs on new playground at Frontier Park have been completed
- Place flags at Higgins Memorial
- Trimmed brush and trees around Lake Ester
- Accepting quotes for new playground at Sunset Park
- Damage to Pawnee Park baseball field fence repaired after one vehicle accident
- Vandalism in Pawnee Park repaired, six wooden posts driven over and destroyed
- Staff attending Tree Care workshop on March 17
- Working on quotes for bleacher shades and batting cage at Bradshaw

Aquatics report

- Leadership Columbus class 2020 will complete painting of Men's locker room at Pawnee Plunge
- Have begun contacting staff for next season at Pawnee Plunge
- Starting interviews for two open positions at Aquatic Center
- Improving outdoor lighting at Pawnee Plunge
- New heat pump is installed
- Spring swimming lessons classes are all full
- Stan Frewing is new employee that has started in maintenance
- Mr. Frewing will be attending training in Bellevue next week
- New Ferris mower has been delivered

Golf report

- Have removed approximately 30 trees due to flood damage, splitting or disease
- Drawings for Quail Run restoration complete
- FEMA will be doing an additional site inspection next week
- Landscapes Unlimited have been on site for a month
- Staff attending Tree Care workshop March 17
- Staff attended Landscapes Unlimited workshop in Lincoln last week

COLUMBUS AQUATIC CENTER
MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORT
February

	2020	2019	2018
Attendance			
3 & Under	22	3	11
Child	259	106	172
Adult	88	84	64
Senior	1	3	5
PT/Caregiver	0	1	9
Programs	93	0	3
Lessons	52	57	105
Swim Team	534	360	688
AC Member Passes	940	965	833
Total Swimmers:	1989	1579	1890
Average Daily Swimmers:	(28 days) 71	(27 days) 58	(27 days) 70
Income			
Passes	\$ 1,315.00	\$ 1,435.00	\$ 1,600.00
Admissions	\$ 1,218.00	\$ 647.50	\$ 805.00
Swimming Lessons	\$ 8,130.00	\$ 3,575.00	\$ 2,710.00
Red Cross Classes	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Uniforms	\$ -	\$ 30.00	\$ -
Programs	\$ 249.00	\$ 225.00	\$ 180.00
Sales	\$ 2.00	\$ 17.00	\$ 50.00
Building Rentals	\$ 540.00	\$ 180.00	\$ 280.00
Equipment Rentals	\$ 70.00	\$ 40.00	\$ 46.50
Misc. Revenue	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Over/Short	\$ 11.50	\$ (6.00)	\$ 17.50
	\$ 11,535.50	\$ 6,143.50	\$ 5,689.00

2020 February Golf Report

ROUNDS	2020 QR	QR (2019)	2020 VB	2019 VB	2020 VB pass	2019 VB pass
Jan	0	0	21	53	0	0
Feb	210	0	48	10	47	13
March		0		114		141
April		1494		510		549
May		1461		440		751
June		1492		812		721
July		1724		994		702
Aug		1777		948		421
Sept		1154		421		187
Oct		578		65		37
Nov		295		19		21
Dec		108		27		45
TOTAL	210	10083	69	4413	47	3588

2014-2018
5 year ave
\$470,041.56

Total Revenue Comparison to 2019

By Comparison		* WEATHER				GOLF COURSE REVENUE				
	QR	VB	Total Rds	DAYS	Total Rev	QR	VB	Passes/Punch		
2006	14,145	3,636	17,781	33	380,114.13	250,815.13	51,345.00	77,954.00	Jan-Dec 2006	
2007	13,856	3,921	17,777	37	374,656.70	247,502.95	52,484.75	74,669.00	Jan-Dec 2007	
2008	16,490	3,322	19,812	29	392,168.16	269,130.62	45,071.64	77,965.90	Jan - Dec 2008	
2009	24,044	5,805	29,849	30	440,517.65	296,032.27	54,070.01	90,415.37	Jan-Dec 2009	
2010	20,100	4,708	24,808	39	430,316.66	282,355.79	44,678.10	103,282.77	Jan-Dec-2010	
2011	17,231	4,255	21,486	51	403,737.50	256,447.20	44,311.40	102,978.90	Jan-Dec 2011	
2012	20,763	5,554	26,317	36	453,582.16	281,325.80	42,449.43	129,806.93	Jan-Dec 2012	
2013	17,780	6,833	24,613	32	435,869.17	242,846.89	58,229.51	134,792.77	Jan-Dec 2013	
2014	19,116	6,493	25,609	34	456,925.82	267,817.90	52,747.99	136,359.93	Jan-Dec 2014	
2015	21,206	7,014	28,220	47	466,655.67	267,674.40	58,490.34	140,490.93	Jan-Dec 2015	
2016	24,008	7,029	31,037	35 + 8	473,738.90	286,042.87	52,593.92	135,102.11	Jan-Dec 2016	
2017	21,905	6,230	28,135	43	478,110.61	275,744.95	54,269.26	148,096.40	Jan-DEC 2017	
2018	21,434	6,224	27,658	49	474,776.79	269,995.46	59,190.46	145,590.87	Jan-DEC 2018	
Jan-DEC 2019	2019	10,083	8,001	18,084	x	278,628.11	113,332.47	84,097.59	81,198.05	Jan-DEC 2019
Jan-Feb 2019	2019	0	76	76	x	21,029.91	4,106.53	588.79	16,334.59	Jan-Feb 2019
Jan-Feb 2020	2020	210	118	328	x	40,200.90	7,812.68	645.15	31,743.07	Jan-Feb 2020

FootGolf 2018	
Players	Rentals
300	217
\$3,412.60	

FootGolf 2019	
Players	Rentals
10/180	2/66
99.10 / 1625.66	

FootGolf 2020	
Players	Rentals

* Weather affected days are recorded from April 1 thru September *

Outings	2006	2009	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
20-39	16	21	16	17	15	16	19	20	24	27	7	
40-59	3	3	8	5	6	8	9	8	7	8	3	
60-79	2	8	9	11	14	12	13	14	14	14	3	
80-99	1	2	2	5	4	5	5	4	3	4	0	
100+	2	4	3	5	2	3	3	3	3	2	1	
200+	0	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	2	0	
	24	39	39	44	42	45	51	50	52	57	14	0



March Events

- CCH Free Foot Screening Clinic**: March 4 @ Columbus Orthopedic & Sports Medicine Clinic, 4:00-6:00 PM
- iDance Project No Limits 10 Week Dance Program Starts**: March 4 @ iDance Project
- Columbus Public Library Story Time "Celebrating Dr. Suess"**: March 5 @ CPL, 10:30 AM & 1:30 PM
- CCH Food Thoughts "Health Benefits of Tea"**: March 6 @ Columbus Wellness Center, 11:30 AM
- CCH Bump and Beyond Prepared Childbirth Class**: March 6 & 7 @ CCH Platte Room, 6:00 PM (F), 8:00 AM (S)
- Columbus Indoor Guard/WW/Winds/Marching Competition**: March 7 @ CHS Gym, 4:00 PM
- Heartland Winter Arts Association Competition**: March 7 @ Columbus High School, 4:00 PM
- Creative Crafters Spring Fling**: March 7 & 8 @ US 30 Center, 9:00 AM-5:00 PM (Sat), 10:00 AM-4:00 PM (S)
- Columbus Public Library Monday Night Book Adventures**: March 9 @ CPL, 6:30 PM
- CCH Cooking Class "Wake Up To Breakfast"**: March 10 @ Columbus Wellness Center, 5:30 PM
- True Black History Month Museum**: March 11 @ Central Community College, 11:00 AM-6:00 PM
- Pawnee Shrine Club Circus**: March 11 @ Ag Park, 4:00 PM & 7:30 PM
- Columbus Public Library Story Art "Cute Kitties"**: March 12 @ CPL, 10:30 AM & 1:30 PM
- CCH Food Thoughts "What is an Elimination Diet?"** March 13 @ Columbus Wellness Center, 11:30 AM
- Columbus Community Hospital Book and Gift Sale**: March 13 @ 3rd Floor Conference Room, 9:00 AM-4:30 PM
- CCH "Walk with a Doc" with Dr. Sanjay Mukerji**: March 17 @ 30 Center Mall, 5:30 PM
- Columbus Public Library Story Time "Spring Fun"**: March 19 @ CPL, 10:30 AM & 1:30 PM
- Platte Valley Playhouse "Clue on Stage"**: March 19-22 @ CCC Fine Arts Building, 8:00 PM (Th-Sat), 2:00 PM (S)
- CCH Food Thoughts "Expert Advice on Produce Safety"** March 20 @ Columbus Wellness Center, 11:30
- CASAC 5th Annual Youth Sign Up Event**: March 21 @ Ag Park, 9:00-11:00 AM
- Keep Columbus Beautiful Glass Recycling**: March 21 @ Pizza Ranch Lot, 9:00-11:00 AM
- Fire and Ice Team Roping**: March 21 & 22 @ Ag Park, 9:00 AM
- CPL Presents: "Songs & Stories of the American West"**: March 21 @ Columbus Public Library, 2:00 PM
- March Mayhem Boxing**: March 21 @ Ag Park, 5:00 PM
- Columbus Public Library Monday Night Book Adventures "Cool Cattle"**: March 23 @ CPL, 6:30 PM

Life on the Farm 4H Event: March 24 @ Ag Park, 12:00 PM

Columbus Public Library Story Art “Under the Sea”: March 26 @ CPL, 10:30 AM & 1:30 PM

CCH Food Thoughts “Foods to Fight Iron Deficiency” March 27 @ Columbus Wellness Center, 11:30

CMS Presents: “Frozen Jr.”: March 27-28 @ Nantkes Performing Arts Center

Columbus Public Library Super Sensational Saturday: March 28 @ CPL, 10:00 AM

Friends of Music “Sultans of String”: March 30 @ Nantkes Performing Arts Center, 7:00 PM