

Board of Parks Commissioners
Tuesday, February 7, 2023 12:00 PM
Council Chambers
2500 14 Street
Columbus, NE 68601

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1. Statement of compliance with Open Meetings Act.

Open Meetings Act

Neb. Rev. Stat. § 84-1407. Act, how cited.

Sections 84-1407 to 84-1414 shall be known and may be cited as the Open Meetings Act.

Neb. Rev. Stat. § 84-1408. Declaration of intent; meetings open to public.

It is hereby declared to be the policy of this state that the formation of public policy is public business and may not be conducted in secret.

Every meeting of a public body shall be open to the public in order that citizens may exercise their democratic privilege of attending and speaking at meetings of public bodies, except as otherwise provided by the Constitution of Nebraska, federal statutes, and the Open Meetings Act.

Neb. Rev. Stat. § 84-1409. Terms, defined.

For purposes of the Open Meetings Act, unless the context otherwise requires:

(1)(a) Public body means (i) governing bodies of all political subdivisions of the State of Nebraska, (ii) governing bodies of all agencies, created by the Constitution of Nebraska, statute, or otherwise pursuant to law, of the executive department of the State of Nebraska, (iii) all independent boards, commissions, bureaus, committees, councils, subunits, or any other bodies created by the Constitution of Nebraska, statute, or otherwise pursuant to law, (iv) all study or advisory committees of the executive department of the State of Nebraska whether having continuing existence or appointed as special committees with limited existence, (v) advisory committees of the bodies referred to in subdivisions (i), (ii), and (iii) of this subdivision, and (vi) instrumentalities exercising essentially public functions; and

(b) Public body does not include (i) subcommittees of such bodies unless a quorum of the public body attends a subcommittee meeting or unless such subcommittees are holding hearings, making policy, or taking formal action on behalf of their parent body, except that all meetings of any subcommittee established under section 81-15,175 are subject to the Open Meetings Act, and (ii) entities conducting judicial proceedings unless a court or other judicial body is exercising rulemaking authority, deliberating, or deciding upon the issuance of administrative orders;

(2) Meeting means all regular, special, or called meetings, formal or informal, of any public body for the purposes of briefing, discussion of public business, formation of tentative policy, or the taking of any action of the public body; and

(3) Virtual conferencing means conducting or participating in a meeting electronically or telephonically with interaction among the participants subject to subsection (2) of section 84-1412.

Neb. Rev. Stat. § 84-1410. Closed session; when; purpose; reasons listed; procedure; right to challenge; prohibited acts; chance meetings, conventions, or workshops.

(1) Any public body may hold a closed session by the affirmative vote of a majority of its voting members if a closed session is clearly necessary for the protection of the public interest or for the prevention of needless injury to the reputation of an individual and if such

individual has not requested a public meeting. The subject matter and the reason necessitating the closed session shall be identified in the motion to close. Closed sessions may be held for, but shall not be limited to, such reasons as:

(a) Strategy sessions with respect to collective bargaining, real estate purchases, pending litigation, or litigation which is imminent as evidenced by communication of a claim or threat of litigation to or by the public body;

(b) Discussion regarding deployment of security personnel or devices;

(c) Investigative proceedings regarding allegations of criminal misconduct;

(d) Evaluation of the job performance of a person when necessary to prevent needless injury to the reputation of a person and if such person has not requested a public meeting;

(e) For the Community Trust created under section 81-1801.02, discussion regarding the amounts to be paid to individuals who have suffered from a tragedy of violence or natural disaster; or

(f) For public hospitals, governing board peer review activities, professional review activities, review and discussion of medical staff investigations or disciplinary actions, and any strategy session concerning transactional negotiations with any referral source that is required by federal law to be conducted at arms length.

Nothing in this section shall permit a closed meeting for discussion of the appointment or election of a new member to any public body.

(2) The vote to hold a closed session shall be taken in open session. The entire motion, the vote of each member on the question of holding a closed session, and the time when the closed session commenced and concluded shall be recorded in the minutes. If the motion to close passes, then the presiding officer immediately prior to the closed session shall restate on the record the limitation of the subject matter of the closed session. The public body holding such a closed session shall restrict its consideration of matters during the closed portions to only those purposes set forth in the motion to close as the reason for the closed session. The meeting shall be reconvened in open session before any formal action may be taken. For purposes of this section, formal action shall mean a collective decision or a collective commitment or promise to make a decision on any question, motion, proposal, resolution, order, or ordinance or formation of a position or policy but shall not include negotiating guidance given by members of the public body to legal counsel or other negotiators in closed sessions authorized under subdivision (1)(a) of this section.

(3) Any member of any public body shall have the right to challenge the continuation of a closed session if the member determines that the session has exceeded the reason stated in the original motion to hold a closed session or if the member contends that the closed session is neither clearly necessary for (a) the protection of the public interest or (b) the prevention of needless injury to the reputation of an individual. Such challenge shall be overruled only by a majority vote of the

members of the public body. Such challenge and its disposition shall be recorded in the minutes.

(4) Nothing in this section shall be construed to require that any meeting be closed to the public. No person or public body shall fail to invite a portion of its members to a meeting, and no public body shall designate itself a subcommittee of the whole body for the purpose of circumventing the Open Meetings Act. No closed session, informal meeting, chance meeting, social gathering, email, fax, or other electronic communication shall be used for the purpose of circumventing the requirements of the act.

(5) The act does not apply to chance meetings or to attendance at or travel to conventions or workshops of members of a public body at which there is no meeting of the body then intentionally convened, if there is no vote or other action taken regarding any matter over which the public body has supervision, control, jurisdiction, or advisory power.

Neb. Rev. Stat. § 84-1411. Meetings of public body; notice; method; contents; when available; right to modify; duties concerning notice; virtual meetings authorized; emergency meeting without notice; appearance before public body.

(1)(a) Each public body shall give reasonable advance publicized notice of the time and place of each meeting as provided in this subsection. Such notice shall be transmitted to all members of the public body and to the public.

(b)(i) Except as provided in subdivision (1)(b)(ii) of this section, in the case of a public body described in subdivision (1)(a)(i) of section 84-1409 or such body's advisory committee, such notice shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation within the public body's jurisdiction and, if available, on such newspaper's web site.

(ii) In the case of the governing body of a city of the second class or village or such body's advisory committee, such notice shall be published by:

(A) Publication in a newspaper of general circulation within the public body's jurisdiction and, if available, on such newspaper's web site; or

(B) Posting written notice in three conspicuous public places in such city or village. Such notice shall be posted in the same three places for each meeting.

(iii) In the case of a public body not described in subdivision (1)(b)(i) or (ii) of this section, such notice shall be given by a method designated by the public body.

(c) In addition to a method of notice required by subdivision (1)(b)(i) or (ii) of this section, such notice may also be provided by any other appropriate method designated by such public body or such advisory committee.

(d) Each public body shall record the methods and dates of such notice in its minutes.

(e) Such notice shall contain an agenda of subjects known at the time of the publicized notice or a statement that the agenda, which shall be kept continually current, shall be readily available for public inspection at the principal office of the public body during normal business hours. Agenda items shall be sufficiently descriptive to give the public reasonable notice of the matters to be considered at the

meeting. Except for items of an emergency nature, the agenda shall not be altered later than (i) twenty-four hours before the scheduled commencement of the meeting or (ii) forty-eight hours before the scheduled commencement of a meeting of a city council or village board scheduled outside the corporate limits of the municipality. The public body shall have the right to modify the agenda to include items of an emergency nature only at such public meeting.

(2)(a) The following entities may hold a meeting by means of virtual conferencing if the requirements of subdivision (2)(b) of this section are met:

(i) A state agency, state board, state commission, state council, or state committee, or an advisory committee of any such state entity;

(ii) An organization, including the governing body, created under the Interlocal Cooperation Act, the Joint Public Agency Act, or the Municipal Cooperative Financing Act;

(iii) The governing body of a public power district having a chartered territory of more than one county in this state;

(iv) The governing body of a public power and irrigation district having a chartered territory of more than one county in this state;

(v) An educational service unit;

(vi) The Educational Service Unit Coordinating Council;

(vii) An organization, including the governing body, of a risk management pool or its advisory committees organized in accordance with the Intergovernmental Risk Management Act;

(viii) A community college board of governors;

(ix) The Nebraska Brand Committee;

(x) A local public health department;

(xi) A metropolitan utilities district;

(xii) A regional metropolitan transit authority;

(xiii) A natural resources district; and

(xiv) The Judicial Resources Commission.

(b) The requirements for holding a meeting by means of virtual conferencing are as follows:

(i) Reasonable advance publicized notice is given as provided in subsection (1) of this section, including providing access to a dial-in number or link to the virtual conference;

(ii) In addition to the public's right to participate by virtual conferencing, reasonable arrangements are made to accommodate the public's right to attend at a physical site and participate as provided in section 84-1412, including reasonable seating, in at least one designated site in a building open to the public and identified in the notice, with: At least one member of the entity holding such meeting, or his or her designee, present at each site; a recording of the hearing by audio or visual recording devices; and a reasonable opportunity for input, such as public comment or questions, is provided to at least the same extent as

would be provided if virtual conferencing was not used;

(iii) At least one copy of all documents being considered at the meeting is available at any physical site open to the public where individuals may attend the virtual conference. The public body shall also provide links to an electronic copy of the agenda, all documents being considered at the meeting, and the current version of the Open Meetings Act; and

(iv) Except as otherwise provided in this subdivision or subsection (4) of section 79-2204, no more than one-half of the meetings of the state entities, advisory committees, boards, councils, organizations, or governing bodies are held by virtual conferencing in a calendar year. In the case of an organization created under the Interlocal Cooperation Act that sells electricity or natural gas at wholesale on a multistate basis or an organization created under the Municipal Cooperative Financing Act, the organization may hold more than one-half of its meetings by virtual conferencing if such organization holds at least one meeting each calendar year that is not by virtual conferencing. The governing body of a risk management pool that meets at least quarterly and the advisory committees of the governing body may each hold more than one-half of its meetings by virtual conferencing if the governing body's quarterly meetings are not held by virtual conferencing.

(3) Virtual conferencing, emails, faxes, or other electronic communication shall not be used to circumvent any of the public government purposes established in the Open Meetings Act.

(4) The secretary or other designee of each public body shall maintain a list of the news media requesting notification of meetings and shall make reasonable efforts to provide advance notification to them of the time and place of each meeting and the subjects to be discussed at that meeting.

(5) When it is necessary to hold an emergency meeting without reasonable advance public notice, the nature of the emergency shall be stated in the minutes and any formal action taken in such meeting shall pertain only to the emergency. Such emergency meetings may be held by virtual conferencing. The provisions of subsection (4) of this section shall be complied with in conducting emergency meetings. Complete minutes of such emergency meetings specifying the nature of the emergency and any formal action taken at the meeting shall be made available to the public by no later than the end of the next regular business day.

(6) A public body may allow a member of the public or any other witness to appear before the public body by means of virtual conferencing.

(7)(a) Notwithstanding subsections (2) and (5) of this section, if an emergency is declared by the Governor pursuant to the Emergency Management Act as defined in section 81-829.39, a public body the territorial jurisdiction of which is included in the emergency declaration, in whole or in part, may hold a meeting by virtual conferencing during such emergency if the public body gives reasonable advance publicized notice as described in subsection (1) of this section. The notice shall include information regarding access for the public and news media. In addition to any formal action taken pertaining to the emergency, the public body may hold such meeting for the purpose of briefing, discussion of public business, formation of tentative policy, or the taking of any action by the public body.

(b) The public body shall provide access by providing a dial-in
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number or a link to the virtual conference. The public body shall also provide links to an electronic copy of the agenda, all documents being considered at the meeting, and the current version of the Open Meetings Act. Reasonable arrangements shall be made to accommodate the public's right to hear and speak at the meeting and record the meeting. Subsection (4) of this section shall be complied with in conducting such meetings.

(c) The nature of the emergency shall be stated in the minutes. Complete minutes of such meeting specifying the nature of the emergency and any formal action taken at the meeting shall be made available for inspection as provided in subsections (5) and (6) of section 84-1413.

Neb. Rev. Stat. § 84-1412. Meetings of public body; rights of public; public body; powers and duties.

(1) Subject to the Open Meetings Act, the public has the right to attend and the right to speak at meetings of public bodies, and all or any part of a meeting of a public body, except for closed sessions called pursuant to section 84-1410, may be videotaped, televised, photographed, broadcast, or recorded by any person in attendance by means of a tape recorder, a camera, video equipment, or any other means of pictorial or sonic reproduction or in writing.

(2) It shall not be a violation of subsection (1) of this section for any public body to make and enforce reasonable rules and regulations regarding the conduct of persons attending, speaking at, videotaping, televising, photographing, broadcasting, or recording its meetings, including meetings held by virtual conferencing. A body may not be required to allow citizens to speak at each meeting, but it may not forbid public participation at all meetings.

(3) No public body shall require members of the public to identify themselves as a condition for admission to the meeting nor shall such body require that the name of any member of the public be placed on the agenda prior to such meeting in order to speak about items on the agenda. The body shall require any member of the public desiring to address the body to identify himself or herself, including an address and the name of any organization represented by such person unless the address requirement is waived to protect the security of the individual.

(4) No public body shall, for the purpose of circumventing the Open Meetings Act, hold a meeting in a place known by the body to be too small to accommodate the anticipated audience.

(5) No public body shall be deemed in violation of this section if it holds its meeting in its traditional meeting place which is located in this state.

(6) No public body shall be deemed in violation of this section if it holds a meeting outside of this state if, but only if:

(a) A member entity of the public body is located outside of this state and the meeting is in that member's jurisdiction;

(b) All out-of-state locations identified in the notice are located within public buildings used by members of the entity or at a place which will accommodate the anticipated audience;

(c) Reasonable arrangements are made to accommodate the public's right to attend, hear, and speak at the meeting, including making virtual conferencing available at an in-state location to members, the public, or the press, if requested twenty-four hours in advance;

(d) No more than twenty-five percent of the public body's meetings in a calendar year are held out-of-state;

(e) Out-of-state meetings are not used to circumvent any of the public government purposes established in the Open Meetings Act; and

(f) The public body publishes notice of the out-of-state meeting at least twenty-one days before the date of the meeting in a legal newspaper of statewide circulation.

(7) Each public body shall, upon request, make a reasonable effort to accommodate the public's right to hear the discussion and testimony presented at a meeting.

(8) Public bodies shall make available at the meeting or the in-state location for virtual conferencing as required by subdivision (6)(c) of this section, for examination and copying by members of the public, at least one copy of all reproducible written material to be discussed at an open meeting, either in paper or electronic form. Public bodies shall make available at least one current copy of the Open Meetings Act posted in the meeting room at a location accessible to members of the public. At the beginning of the meeting, the public shall be informed about the location of the posted information.

Neb. Rev. Stat. § 84-1413. Meetings; minutes; roll call vote; secret ballot; when.

(1) Each public body shall keep minutes of all meetings showing the time, place, members present and absent, and the substance of all matters discussed.

(2) Any action taken on any question or motion duly moved and seconded shall be by roll call vote of the public body in open session, and the record shall state how each member voted or if the member was absent or not voting. The requirements of a roll call or viva voce vote shall be satisfied by a public body which utilizes an electronic voting device which allows the yeas and nays of each member of such public body to be readily seen by the public.

(3) The vote to elect leadership within a public body may be taken by secret ballot, but the total number of votes for each candidate shall be recorded in the minutes.

(4) The minutes of all meetings and evidence and documentation received or disclosed in open session shall be public records and open to public inspection during normal business hours.

(5) Minutes shall be written, except as provided in subsection (6) of this section, and available for inspection within ten working days or prior to the next convened meeting, whichever occurs earlier, except that cities of the second class and villages may have an additional ten working days if the employee responsible for writing the minutes is absent due to a serious illness or emergency.

(6) Minutes of the meetings of the board of a school district or educational service unit may be kept as an electronic record.

(7) Beginning July 31, 2022, the governing body of a natural resources district, the city council of a city of the metropolitan class, the city council of a city of the primary class, the city council of a city of the first class, the county board of a county with a population greater than twenty-five thousand inhabitants, and the school board of a school district shall make available on such entity's public web site the agenda and minutes of any meeting of the governing body. The agenda shall be placed on the web site at least twenty-four hours before the meeting of

the governing body. Minutes shall be placed on the web site at such time as the minutes are available for inspection as provided in subsection (5) of this section. This information shall be available on the public web site for at least six months.

Neb. Rev. Stat. § 84-1414. Unlawful action by public body; declared void or voidable by district court; when; duty to enforce open meeting laws; citizen's suit; procedure; violations; penalties.

(1) Any motion, resolution, rule, regulation, ordinance, or formal action of a public body made or taken in violation of the Open Meetings Act shall be declared void by the district court if the suit is commenced within one hundred twenty days of the meeting of the public body at which the alleged violation occurred. Any motion, resolution, rule, regulation, ordinance, or formal action of a public body made or taken in substantial violation of the Open Meetings Act shall be voidable by the district court if the suit is commenced more than one hundred twenty days after but within one year of the meeting of the public body in which the alleged violation occurred. A suit to void any final action shall be commenced within one year of the action.

(2) The Attorney General and the county attorney of the county in which the public body ordinarily meets shall enforce the Open Meetings Act.

(3) Any citizen of this state may commence a suit in the district court of the county in which the public body ordinarily meets or in which the plaintiff resides for the purpose of requiring compliance with or preventing violations of the Open Meetings Act, for the purpose of declaring an action of a public body void, or for the purpose of determining the applicability of the act to discussions or decisions of the public body. It shall not be a defense that the citizen attended the meeting and failed to object at such time. The court may order payment of reasonable attorney's fees and court costs to a successful plaintiff in a suit brought under this section.

(4) Any member of a public body who knowingly violates or conspires to violate or who attends or remains at a meeting knowing that the public body is in violation of any provision of the Open Meetings Act shall be guilty of a Class IV misdemeanor for a first offense and a Class III misdemeanor for a second or subsequent offense.

Neb. Rev. Stat. § 84-1415. Open Meetings Act; requirements; waiver; validity of action.

No motion, resolution, rule, regulation, ordinance, or formal action made, adopted, passed, or taken at a meeting as defined in section 84-1409 of a public body as defined in such section shall be invalidated because such motion, resolution, rule, regulation, ordinance, or formal action was made, adopted, passed, or taken at a meeting or meetings on or after March 17, 2020, and on or before April 30, 2021, pursuant to a Governor's Executive Order which waived certain requirements of the Open Meetings Act.

2. Election of chair and vice-chair.

3. Minutes of January 3, 2023, meeting.

BOARD OF PARKS COMMISSIONERS
JANUARY 3, 2023

A regular meeting of the Board of Parks Commissioners of the City of Columbus, Nebraska, was convened in open and public session on January 3, 2023, at 12:00 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 on December 28, 2022, 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.** Chair Hansen announced that a copy of the Open Meetings Act is posted in the meeting room. Present were Members Jon Brezenski, Robbin Cutsor, Brad Hansen, Sandra Jochens, Nick Larson, Gary Puetz, and Bruce Schmidt. Member Lynn Sjuts was absent and excused. Member Jack Gutierrez was absent. City staff members included Public Property Director Doug Moore, Park Superintendent Tom Ek, Park and Recreation Manager Betsy Eckhardt, Park and Recreation Coordinator Sydney Winger, Aquatics Park and Recreation Coordinator Joe Krepel, City Administrator Tara Vasicek, and Account Clerk II/Records Clerk II Linda Nickeson. Also present was Mayor James Bulkley.

2. **MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 1, 2022, MEETING.** The minutes were approved as presented with a motion by Schmidt and a second by Jochens. Brezenski, Cutsor, Hansen, Jochens, Larson, Puetz, and Schmidt voted "Aye" and none voted "Nay". Gutierrez and Sjuts were absent.

Lynn Sjuts arrived.

3. **REQUEST OF TOUR DE NEBRASKA TO CAMP OVERNIGHT IN PAWNEE PARK, TUESDAY, JUNE 20, 2023.** Eckhardt gave a brief description of the event. A recommendation to approve the request of Tour De Nebraska to camp overnight in Pawnee Park, June 20, 2023, was approved with a motion by Larson and a second by Jochens. Brezenski, Cutsor, Hansen, Jochens, Larson, Puetz, Schmidt, and Sjuts voted "Aye" and none voted "Nay". Gutierrez was absent.

4. **COLUMBUS YOUTH SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION ANNUAL REPORT.** Brent Johnston was available to answer questions and confirmed there were approximately 870 participants during the 2022 season.

5. **COLUMBUS YOUTH BASEBALL LEAGUE ANNUAL REPORT.** No representative for the organization was in attendance.

6. **AMERICAN LEGION BASEBALL ANNUAL REPORT.** Ken Robinson reviewed the 2022 season report in detail.

City Council Member Ron Schilling arrived.

7. **COLUMBUS BASEBALL ASSOCIATION ANNUAL REPORT.** Tom Meays reviewed the 2022 financial report. He thanked the park board and city council for their support of the new lighting at Pawnee Park baseball field and explained future plans for field turf and dugout renovations at the facility. He pointed out that the Columbus Baseball Association (CBA) has committed to contributing \$50,000 toward the projects and that once the organization has better knowledge of total costs and can secure funds through fundraising and committed sponsorships, the CBA plans to request city funding of at least \$50,000.

8. **ADVERTISING SIGNS LOCATED AT PAWNEE PARK, CENTENNIAL PARK, AND BERNE SQUARE BASEBALL FIELDS FOR THE 2023 BASEBALL SEASON.** Meays explained the difficulty the CBA has had in communicating with the Centennial Park baseball league for getting signs hung at the facility and stated that in order to continue receiving revenue from those businesses wishing to advertise, going forward, the CBA will take it upon themselves to make sure signs are hung at Centennial Park. The advertising signs for the 2023 season were approved with a motion by Jochens and a second by Brezenski. Brezenski, Cutsor, Hansen, Jochens, Larson, Puetz, Schmidt, and Sjuts voted "Aye" and none voted "Nay". Gutierrez was absent.

9. **GOLF PROFESSIONAL AGREEMENT WITH DOUGLAS DUNBAR.** A recommendation to approve the golf professional agreement with Douglas Dunbar was approved with a motion by Brezenski and a second by Schmidt. Brezenski, Cutsor, Hansen, Jochens, Larson, Puetz, Schmidt, and Sjuts voted "Aye" and none voted "Nay". Gutierrez was absent.

10. **REQUEST OF COLUMBUS GOLF ASSOCIATION FOR CITY FUNDING FOR TRANSFORMATION OF VAN BERG GOLF COURSE CLUBHOUSE TO AN INDOOR GOLF LEARNING CENTER.** Tom Freimuth stated that the Platte County Visitors Bureau approved the Columbus Golf Association's (CGA) grant request of \$27,925 to transform the Van Berg clubhouse to a golf learning center; however, because Van Berg is a city-owned facility, the city must match the amount awarded for the project in order for the grant money to be issued. Due to that requirement, the CGA is requesting city funding of \$27,925. Moore pointed out that the park board does not have authority to award funds; however, the request will be submitted for consideration in the 2023-2024 budget along with those of other organizations. Freimuth confirmed

that the grant must be accepted within 18 months from the date of approval; however, the organization would like to begin the project as soon as possible.

11. **REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR CONCESSION STAND SERVICES AT GERRARD PARK.** Eckhardt explained that staff shortages made it difficult to run a successful concession stand this past season. A recommendation to approve the Request for Proposals for concession stand services at Gerrard Park was approved with a motion by Brezenski and a second by Sjuts. Brezenski, Cutsor, Hansen, Jochens, Larson, Puetz, Schmidt, and Sjuts voted “Aye” and none voted “Nay”. Gutierrez was absent.

Bulkley left the meeting.

12. **PUBLIC PROPERTY DIRECTOR REPORT.** Moore reviewed the report and pointed out that Golf Superintendent Keith Kline was recently awarded Superintendent of the Year by the Nebraska Chapter of the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America for his hard work, dedication, and professionalism in rebuilding Quail Run after the 2019 flood. Eckhardt reviewed fall activity at the Aquatic Center, the multiple fall programs held for youth and adults, and the upcoming activities planned for the winter and spring seasons. She confirmed that the number of Aquatic Center memberships have remained consistent at approximately 575.
13. **ADJOURNMENT.** The meeting adjourned at 12:54 p.m.

OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK
: Linda Nickeson

4. Columbus Mariners Baseball League annual report.

Columbus Mariners Youth Baseball Association

INCOME/EXPENSE REPORTING FORM -Year 2022

	<u>Income</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Net</u>
<u>Fees</u>	\$23,500	\$19,141	\$4,359
<u>Concessions</u>	\$0	\$0	
<u>Tournaments</u>	\$44550	\$44550	\$0
<u>Special Events</u>			
<u>Special Fund Raisers</u>	\$24,949	\$24,949	
<u>Entry Fees</u>			
<u>Registration Fees</u>			
<u>Other</u>	800	250	600
<u>Total:</u>			\$4,950

Park Improvements Completed

Cost

Ag Lime to Gerrard Park CBA Grant	\$8700
Repaired Sprinklers Armory	\$495
Fence Toppers	\$857

Park Improvements Planned

Estimated Cost

Pawnee park Astro Turf and Dugout Field Project	\$1,500,000
Sponsorship, donors and Grants	\$750,000
2023 Dugouts 2024 Field Turf	
City Funding Requested:	\$750,000

Park Maintenance Expenses (Your cost for field preparation, irrigation, etc.)

Cost

Purchased 4-wheeler for Gerard park use	\$4000
4 wheeler payment for Armory 4 wheeler	\$700
Gas and insurance on machines	\$1500
Caulk	\$350

List of Board Members

Cory Reeder: President – Scott Camron: VP – Ross Moch: Treasurer – Nick Young: Secretary
 Dave Gustafson, Craig Williams , Logan Bronson, Doug Cooney Chris Mustard - Members

5. Wilderness Park Operations Committee annual report.

Columbus Soccer Club 2022 Financials	
Income:	
Tournament Income (June)	\$ 14,689.60
Tournament Income (October)	\$ 29,549.25
Player Registration	\$ 23,880.36
Developmental League Registration	\$ 13,490.00
Grant Money	\$ 1,000.00
High School Field Use	\$ 2,550.00
Corporate Sponsors	\$ 13,600.00
Percentage of T-Shirt Sales	\$ 1,097.50
Total Income	\$99,856.71

Expense:	
Board Positions	\$ 22,450.00
Rival Design (Website)	\$ 2,214.77
CSC Scholarships	\$ 2,000.00
Coaches Shirts/Training Shirts	\$ 5,166.91
Goalkeeper Camp Expenses	\$ 1,235.38
USPS PO Box	\$ 212.00
Turf Tank	\$ 1,500.00
Office Supplies	\$ 212.00
Player Registration - to NSSA	\$ 7,033.00
5th Season/Evan Trofholz	\$ 6,445.00
Field Striping Supplies/Paint	\$ 2,485.95
Goal/Net Expenses	\$ 435.55
Tournament Expense (June)	\$ 16,835.50
Tournament Expense (October)	\$ 17,722.06
Equipment Repairs	\$ 338.33
Developmental League Expenses	\$ 6,606.36
High School Field Set Up	\$ 2,400.00
Referee Certification Fees	\$ 1,431.56
Wilderness Park Sign	\$ 1,297.12
Sponsor Banners/Plaques	\$ 2,646.71
Misc Expenses/Meeting Room	\$ 964.26
Team Benches	\$ 1,484.92
Total Expense	\$103,117.38
NET	\$ (3,260.67)

AYSO 2022 Financials	
Income:	
AYSO Registrations	\$32,462.48
Sponsorship Income	\$241.75
Total Income	\$ 32,704.23

Expense:	
Field Expenses/Supplies	\$24,133.07
Rent/30 Center Mall	\$3,000.00
NAGM/Conferences	
Equipment-Tax Paid	
Ads	\$4,074.36
Volunteer Expenses	\$8,990.80
Utilities	\$874.51
Postage	\$58.10
Office Supplies	\$1,366.18
Service Charge	\$151.00
Total Expense	\$ 42,648.02
NET	(\$9,943.79)

Columbus Adult League 2022 Financials	
Income:	
Player Registration	\$6,145.00
Sponsorship Income	\$200.00
Total Income	\$ 6,345.00
Expenses:	
Referee Supplies/Expenses	\$2,822.29
Volunteer Expenses	\$202.38
Insurance	\$1,160.78
League Expenses	\$505.02
Total Expense	\$4,690.47
NET	\$1,654.53

Wilderness Park Concessions	
Concession Income	\$19,390.00
Concession Expenses	\$23,699.96
NET	\$ (4,309.96)

Park Improvements Completed Previous Year (2022)	Cost
1) Aerated/Overseeded Fields #6, 7, & 10	\$5,940.00
2) Replaced Front Entrance Sign	\$1,897.12
3) New U8 Goals	\$2,140.00
4) Entire Park was Trimmed/Edged	\$200
5) Blacktop-City (North Parking Lot)	\$0

Park improvements Needed	Total Project Estimated Cost
Blacktop NORTH PARKING LOT (Smooth out)	?? City
Repaint Paking Lot Lines	?? City
Addition to North Storage Room	?? City

PARTICIPANTS:

AYSO - 1,112 Players, 126 Teams, 15 VIP Players

CSC - 307 Players (174 Boys/133 Girls) | 375 DL Players | 26 Teams (16 Boys/10 Girls) | 37 Coaches

CSC Tournament Teams: Classic (June) - 56 Harvest Cup (October) - 80

CASL - 119 Players | 8 Teams

Contact Person(s): AYSO/Katie Gassmann, CSC/Scott Jarecke, CASL/Vanessa Adame

AYSO Board Members: Regional Commissioner-Katie Gassmann; Coach Administrator-Tim Gentile; Assistant Coach Administrator-Chrissy Wood; Treasurer-Jordan Mueller; VIP Coordinator-Amber Stary; Referee Administrator-Matt Moseman, CVPA-Kelli Parsons; CVPA-Tim Sky; Region Registrar-Bellini Maldona; Region Registrar-Carli Amack

CSC Board Members: President-Scott Jarecke, V.P./Tournament Director-Jason Beiermann; Treasurer-Melissa Goc; Registrars:Jean Cornwell, Nicole Henderson, Head Referee-John Arlt; Director(s) of Coaching-John Bailey, Jon Brezenski; Director of Marketing-Brenda Preister, Field Coordinator - Bobbi Pensick

CASL Board Members: President-Vanessa Adame, Vice President-Karla Coria; Treasurer-Katie Gassmann; Registrar:Flor Pulido, Coaching-Alex Sanchez; Assistant Director of Coaching-Magda Marin, Director of Marketing - Virginia Acost-Mascorro; Coordinator - Belyni Maldonado

Requests for the City - 2023

(1) The City of Columbus put down asphalt in the Wilderness Park North Parking Lot in 2022. We request that the asphalt be smoothed out in 2023.

(2) We request that the city restripe the east parking lot as well as stripe the north parking lot after the asphalt is smoothed out.

(3) We request the city look to install additional signage along the bikepath/trail on the north side of Wilderness Park. Columbus Soccer Club installed stakes and ropes in the north parking lot at Wilderness Park during to Columbus Harvest Cup Tournament to prevent vehicles from driving/parking on the bikepath/trail.

Future Capital Improvements (Timeline)

1) *Field Maps/New Field Signs: Less than 1 Year*

2) *Portable Scoreboards: 1-2 Years*

3) *Turf Field/Expand Wilderness Park to the north/bypass: 5-7 Years*

2023 Wilderness Park Tentative Schedule

High School Soccer: March 16 - May 6, 2023

Columbus Soccer Club Developmental League: April, 2023

Columbus Adult Soccer League Memorial Weekend Tournament: May 26-29, 2023

Columbus Classic Tournament: June 9-11, 2023

AYSO Regular Season: August 5 - September 30, 2023

Columbus Adult Soccer League: August 5 - September 30, 2023

Columbus Harvest Cup Tournament: October 6-8, 2023

6. Columbus Youth Baseball League annual report.

INCOME/EXPENSE REPORTING FORM

Organization Columbus Youth Baseball League at Centennial Fields
 Year 2022 Report

	Income	Expenses	Net
Fees			
Concessions	18,000	15,000	3,000
Tournaments			
Special Events			
raffle- Special Fund Raisers	4,000	2,000	2,000
Entry Fees			
Registration Fees	16,000	18,000	- 2000
Other			
Total			3,000

Park Improvements Completed

	Cost

Park Improvements Planned

	Estimated Cost

City Funding Requested

Park Maintenance Expenses (Your cost for field preparation, irrigation, etc.)

	Cost
Field Prep & chalk	3000
Fertilize etc.	600
Fix Pop Cooler	900

Number of Participants (List as appropriate for your organization, i.e., leagues.)

List of Board members & Park Department contact person.

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Board Members 2022

Stacy Steffen - President 402 750-9790
Linda Smith - Secretary
Brian Oppliger - Treasurer
Dan Britt - Chief Umpire
Erv Kopp - Concessions
Joe Baechle - Equipment
Craig McCollum -
Christy Larson -
Tim Sky
Jeff Peabody - Scheduling

Number of Kids

2022 - 218 Kids on 18 Teams
2021 - 237 " " 20 Teams
2020 - 206 " " 17 Teams

Lakeview teams in our League

2022 - 65 Kids on 6 teams
2021 - 51 Kids on 4 teams

7. Request of the Antique Tractor and Gas Engines Show to camp overnight in Pawnee Park, June 9 and 10, 2023.



The City of **Columbus**

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE

Phone (402) 562-4224 • Fax (402) 563-1380

TOPIC FOR CONSIDERATION FOR CITY COMMITTEE AGENDA

If you have a specific topic that you would like a city committee to consider at a future meeting, please complete the information below and submit to the City Clerk's office. The item will be reviewed and forwarded to city staff for appropriate action or scheduled for a future meeting of the appropriate committee if necessary. You will be notified of the staff recommendation or action taken on your request or when the item will be presented to the committee for consideration.

Name: Robert and Diane Sliva

Address: 14120 S Rd Lot L, Columbus, NE 68601

Telephone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Date of Request: June 9-11 2023

Description of Requested Topic: (Please be as specific as possible and use additional sheets of paper if needed.)

The Antique Tractor and Gas Engines Show members would like to reserve the West Pawnee Park Area, south of tennis court and parking lot, as in past years for the annual show. Set up is Friday June 9, 2023 and Show Time is Saturday June 10th, and Sunday June 11th 2023. Camping is requested for Friday and Saturday nights.

For Administrative Purposes Only:

Date Request Received: _____

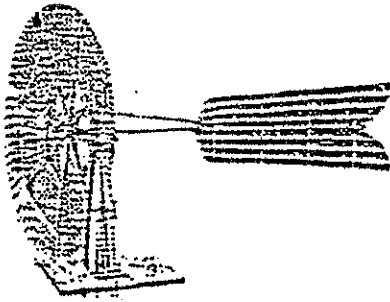
Action Taken: _____

Follow-Up Needed: _____

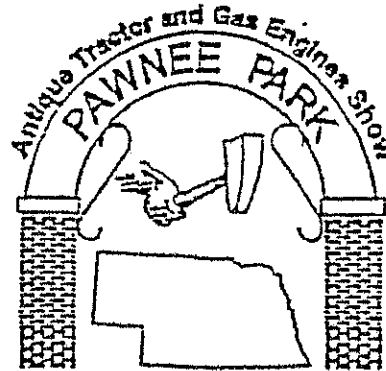


ANNUAL

Eclipse Windmill, Type "P"



Restored by Louie and Larry Michis



See How They Helped Shape
NEBRASKA



1885 Shingle Mill
Owned by Joe Moore

City Park Supervisor:

Doug Moore:

August 28th, 2023

City Board:

The Antique Tractor and Gas Engines Show members would like to reserve the West Pawnee Park area, South side of tennis court and Parking lot, as in past years. For our Annual show, Set up Friday June 9th, 2023 and Show Time Saturday June 10th, and Sunday June 11th, 2023. Also camping out over night Friday and Saturday. Thankyou...

Thank you.

The Antique Tractor and Gas Engines Show Members

Robert & Diane Sliva

14120 S Rd Lot L

Columbus, Nebr 68601

8. Public Property Director report.



The City of *Columbus*

PUBLIC PROPERTY DEPARTMENT

Director (402) 562-4240

Fax (402) 562-4265

January 2023

Monthly report

Park Department

Pawnee Park baseball field lights are installed, waiting on electrical equipment to make final connections

Repairing and painting some benches in Frankfort Square that have been chipped

Currently doing playground equipment repairs

Completed repairs to some areas of the Frankfort Square stage

Working on dead tree removal

New Wilderness Park sign has been installed

Placing signs in parks reminding patrons that parks are closed from 12:00 a.m. to 5:00 a.m.

Installing cameras throughout Pawnee Park

Updated Fiber being installed in most parks with facilities

Shade covers at Centennial Park baseball complex complete.

Working with public schools on ice skating at CHS this year

Trimming trees throughout the parks

Installing new lights at restrooms in the parks

Attending tree care workshop

Staff taking re-certification tests for chemical application license

New six foot zero turn John Deere mower has arrived

Working on a grant with Nebraska Forest Service for tree planting, removal and other programs

Received parts for repair of Ara Vista Park playground

Golf report

Quail Run closed for the season, Van Berg to remain open thru the winter

10 new carts ordered in February have arrived, currently being used at Van Berg

Advertising for additional seasonal staff at both courses

Completed contract extension with Doug Dunbar

Koch Excavating has completed the renovation of the Quail Run irrigation lake.

Seeding area around the north and west sides of the lake done in spring

Grosch Drilling has started replacement of the irrigation pumps.

Concrete work around clubhouse has been completed

Have pulled the air pumps out of the irrigation lake for cleaning.

Working with Brent and staff on some pro shop improvements at Van Berg.

Received matching grant for pro shop work from Platte County Visitors Bureau

Tree trimming and removal

January Park and Rec Report

Aquatic Center Attendance 2023: 1120

Membership Count as of January 31, 2023: 575

January Started a New Season of Programs:

Current Kids Registered for Swim Lessons: 87

- Session 1 Swim Lessons: Started Jan 23rd with 23 participants
- Session 2 Swim Lessons: Started Jan 24th with 21 participants

Corals Class: Cancelled due to lack of participation

Reefs Dive in Movie: 6 participants. We normally average about 25-30 but it snowed that evening.

Snow Man Social Media Contest

- 22 Snowmen entered! Nelleah Bordy was the winner.

Snow Day in a Bag

- Sold 10 Bags all together.

Fitness Classes Started

- FitMat (Can only hold a max of 10 due to Mats)
 - Afternoon Class: 6 participants
 - Evening Class 7 participants
- AquaBalance Class
 - 14 Participants

February Upcoming Events:

- February At Home Challenge
 - Bingo Card Available online via Instagram and Facebook
 - Example of Activities: Listen to a favorite song, Schedule a fitness class, organize your closet, Go for a 10 minute walk
 - 28 Miles in 28 Days: Walking/Running Challenge
- Corals Class: I <3 the AC: Feb 11th
- Reefs Dive & Movie: February 25th: How to Train your Dragon

More to come:

- March hiring event, Spring Break Lifeguard Trainings, CPR & First Aid.

9. Adjournment.