

**Clearwater Recreation Commission  
Minutes of Wednesday, March 6, 2024  
Held at Clearwater Public Library**

**Members Present:** Jamie Tjaden (in person), Layne Pike and Landon Doll (via zoom)

**Members Absent:** Amanda Germann and John Hurley

**Guests:** none

**Jamie Tjaden called the regular monthly meeting to order at 12:09 pm.**

**Approve agenda for meeting:** Mar. 6, 2024 Pike motion, Doll 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion passed 3-0.

**Review member minutes of:** Feb. 7, 2024 Tjaden motion, Doll 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion passed 3-0.

**Reviewed warrants of:** Feb. 7, 2024, Tjaden motion, Pike 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion passed 3-0.

**Approve warrants for:** Mar. 6, 2024, Pike motion, Doll 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion passed 3-0.

**Review financial reports of:** Mar. 6, 2024 Pike motion, Tjaden 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion passed 3-0.

**Program report:**

Director stated during February there was open gym basketball on Sunday afternoons that were well attended but as the temperature warmed up outside, the participation inside the gym went down. Cool Kids Create! art activities continued after school on Tuesdays. The registration deadline for youth baseball and softball is March 6, the Easter Bunny event will be March 23 and Cool Kids Create! will be held twice during Spring Break.

**Old Business:**

Tjaden spoke with Jim Charles of Clearwater Foundation about Commission overseeing Wellness Center, Charles did not commit to any kind of transition but did voice his belief that a future recreational facility should not include the senior center based on its location. Director reported talking with a representative of Kansas Department of Wildlife & Parks about the option of building a recreation center at the sports complex. When the sports complex was created, it was stipulated in the KDWP grant that no indoor recreational facilities could be constructed on the property. Since it has been over forty years, the KDWP representative said that it is possible to build a facility as long as it also included outdoor recreation. Any type of recreation building would need to be approved by the National Park Service.

Director has not been contacted from accountant about their opinion for changing the Commission name legally from Chisholm Trail to Clearwater Recreation. However, all were in agreement that as long as there are no issues with the names currently, there is no need to look further into the process of changing names.

Director will reach out to USD 264 maintenance director about their staff to move basketball goals in IC gym. Pike said he has spoke about it to USD 264 School Board and as long as it does not affect the play for middle school games, they currently do not see any issues with adding goals that can be lowered.

Pike spoke with Mayor Ussery and currently the City of Clearwater plans to continue maintenance at Sports Complex. Pike also reported USD 264 has negotiated a payment of \$2,500/month for usage of baseball & softball fields at Sports Complex. The Commission has not been contacted by City staff in regards to payment to use fields for Commission's youth season.

**New Business:**

Pike reported about the meeting where initial plans were presented for improvements to sports complex. Those in attendance at the meeting prioritized adding a fourth field, a t-ball field and playground; moving batting cages, concession stand and skateboard park; repurposing tennis courts and adding more landscape features in the first draft of the park plan. The designer will present an updated graphic of the complex at the next meeting that is to be determined.

**Adjournment at 12:54 p.m.**

**The next meeting will be April 10, 2024 at 6:30 PM in the library.**

**Beki Zook - Recreation Director**