

## **University Park Board Minutes February 11, 2025**

**7:00 at the Clubhouse and on ZOOM**

NOTICE: All attendants will need to state their first and last name on the sign-in sheet or have their first and last name displayed on the Zoom meetings. This is for proper recordkeeping of the UP public meetings. If your first and last name is not displayed properly on Zoom, you can provide it in the chat, or speak it aloud at the start of the meeting. If your first and last name has not been recorded by 5 minutes after the start of the meeting, you will be removed from the Zoom. This meeting is being recorded, including both the live and Zoom audiences, for future reference. Viewer Discretion is advised. To adhere to proper record keeping, the audio and visual recordings will stay active throughout all Zoom meetings.

---

Call to Order: Board Members present are Sarah Dahl, Jo Ann Zahner (on Zoom), and James Slaymaker

In person at meeting: Karla Slaymaker, Gary McCabe

On zoom at meeting: Jim Jackson, Kim and Jeff Luna, Susan Tucker

### **Announcements**

The Clubhouse bathroom continues to be closed until further notice due to damage to the water line that happened during construction of the new firehouse. There is a porta potty at the location of the new firehouse if anyone needs a bathroom prior to the water line repair.

### **Audience Comments**

Please stand and state your name if you have any comments. Keep comments to under 5 minutes. Be brief and respectful of the Board and other community members. The audience will have the opportunity to take part in discussion of agenda items in the order that they appear on the agenda.

**Approval of January meeting minutes and financial report - approved 3-0**

**Approval of 2025 End of Year Financial Report – approved 3-0**

### **Old Business**

#### **Standing Committee Reports**

**Boat Ramp** – John Cassida (nothing new to report)

**Golf Course** – Jeff Luna (nothing new to report)

**Welcome Committee** –. If any residents are interested in leading the Welcome Team, email the board.) Jo Ann will be a part of the Welcome Team starting this spring/summer if no one else volunteers.

**Firewise** - Karla Slaymaker (nothing new to report)

**Parks & Rec** – Curt Friedrich (nothing new to report)

**Sherman Township** – Tracy Sabo (nothing new to report)

**Golf Course Prairie Management** – Laura Mendenhall would like the grass committee to plan a pre-scribed burn this spring? They would coordinate with the fire department again like last year. Laura will put something together about what areas and when and let the board know what plan is and we can approve it.

**Equipment** – Curt Friedrich (no update)

**Sewer/Lagoon Update** – updates continue to be posted at [universityparkks.org](http://universityparkks.org)

From Evan McMillan Public Works Asst Director/County Engineer:

Grant Funding: All grant funding through the Small-Town Water and Sewer infrastructure Assistance (STWSIA) program has been executed and finalized. With the recent discussion of potentially limited accessibility of Federal Funding, we are keeping a close eye on any updates from the Federal Government for this project, and others. As of right now, we believe the programs will continue to operate as they normally would. The portal for funding is currently still active as of last week.

SRF Funding – We have reached the final steps of the State Revolving Fund application process and are nearing finalizing this loan program. Any updates on this loan will be shared as they are received. This funding will cover costs in excess of the grant funding awarded if needed and consists of a loan with potential loan forgiveness.

Project: The engineering consultant is working on finalizing design and plans and working with KDHE for final approval. Once approved by all interested agencies, the project construction can be sent to bid. The design is expected to be finalized early to mid-summer, with construction to begin late summer and completed around the end of 2025.

SMH has continued to meet the reporting requirements of both KDHE and EPA regarding progress and timeline, informing them of any changes to anticipated completion dates. We are looking forward to construction this year and will of course keep University Park updated with any new project developments.

**Rental House Management search – on hold for now.**

**Firehouse Building** – Building package has arrived. Still waiting for Riley County Counselor to prepare the one-page license that gives Evergy and Riley County permission to have an electric line over UP property to provide electricity to the new fire station. We will sign once we receive. Also, waiting for them to hook the water back up to the clubhouse.

**Legal Discussion** – James spoke to our attorney today. He said he would send over documents before the meeting for UP to sign concerning reconciliation of the HUD investigation and withdrawal of the civil case. The Board will sign the reconciliation documents when they are received if they are what we have previously discussed. Once documents concerning the withdrawal of the civil case have been received a determination will be made if a special meeting needs to be called.

**Heywood Park Sign** - Brian McNulty is working on it. Thank you Brian!

## **New Business**

Approval of 2025 Meeting and picnic dates.

**Dates below Approved 3-0**

Meeting Dates (typically on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday each month).

February 11	May 13	August 12	November 13 <sup>th</sup> (Thursday)
March 11	June 10	September 9	December 9
April 8	July 8	October 14	January 13, 2026

Picnic Dates (typically on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday each month)

May 17 June 21 July 19 August 16 September 20 October 18

### **Proposed 2025 Fee Structure**

- Annual Parks Usage Fee including Ball/Disc Golf/Golf Cart - \$100 family
- Annual Fee for Disc golf ONLY (no ball golf or cart) - \$30 (residents and non-residents)
- Annual Disc Golf Fee with golf cart - \$100
- Daily Ball/Disc Golf fee: \$5/per day

Note - Flag will have the Same logo as last year with a different color.

**Approved 3-0**

- Burn pile will continue at \$25

The community will provide Complimentary Annual Parks Usage and Burn pile access to volunteer firefighters and support personnel.

**Approved 3-0**

Mail payments to University Park ID, 7321 Hi-View Dr, Manhattan, KS. 66503 or put in the UP mailbox by the flagpole. We prefer checks or cash, so we do not have to pay fees to Venmo or PayPal.

- Contracted mowing remaining at \$75/lot/mow, 3 times per year is \$225. **Approved 3-0**
- Non-compliant Lot owners per County Regulations remain at \$150/lot/mow.

**Approved 3-0**

### **Pickle Ball/Basketball Court Construction**

We have received all of the funding we've asked for- \$32,000 for the courts. It won't be enough to finish the courts because of the increases in concrete. We will proceed with pouring the concrete and spend what we can of the \$32,000. Goals and pickle ball nets will be next.

It was mentioned that we need to clear the area around the fire hydrants when it snows. We will ask Sherman Township to be careful when they clear the snow to not block the fire hydrants to help with this situation. It is important to weed eat and mow around the hydrants in the summer for the same reasons.

**Adjourn at 7:36 pm /Leave open for Executive Session**

**Approved 3-0**