

**EMPORIA RECREATION COMMISSION  
BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
January 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2023**

The Regular Board Meeting was called to order by Chairperson Dave Harding.

**OTHER MEMBERS PRESENT:** Ryan Karjala, Jeremy Dorsey, Mike Helbert and Susan Brinkman.

**GUESTS PRESENT:** Amanda Gutierrez (Assistant Director of Operations), Amy Moody (Accountant), Rick Cunningham (Sports Supervisor), Aaron Hammond (Wellness Supervisor) and Stephanie Dreasher (Clerk of the Board).

Chairperson Dave Harding welcomed new board member Susan Brinkman.

Mike Helbert moved to approve the Consent Agenda and Ryan Karjala seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

**Leadership Team Updates**

Rick Cunningham (Sports Supervisor) recapped soccer, 140 indoor participates. Youth basketball for grades 3<sup>rd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> is slightly down from last year; however, the Micro, Kindergarten and 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> grade levels are booming with enrollment. There have also been a few out-of-town teams that have joined the league. The gymnasium is staying busy between, youth and adult basketball leagues, pickleball, adult soccer and open gym times.

Aaron Hammond (Wellness Supervisor) has started moving into his newly designed office. The office was originally designed for one desk, but with the addition of an assistant it needed to be reconfigured to fit two.

Six new pieces are being delivered to the fitness room for the 2<sup>nd</sup> phase of updating equipment. The new equipment consists of 4 treadmills and 2 upright bikes. He reported they started a new evening fitness class, StrongNation. The class is also offered in the swimming pool.

Amanda Gutierrez (Assistant Director of Operations) reported that Valu-Net came and added an emergency button for the gymnasium. The emergency button is to alert staff of where the emergency is located in the building and to come help with rendering aid quickly.

Celebrate ERC has 23 members of women and men that will be learning about the ERC during monthly lunch meetings. The first presenters were Aaron Hammond (Wellness Supervisor) and Kali Martin (Assistant Wellness Supervisor) who gave the ins and outs of the wellness program. Celebrate ERC will meet the third Wednesday of each month for the 2023 year.

**Director's Items**

The Director reported that all full-time staff will be attending the 75<sup>th</sup> Kansas Recreation and Park Association State Conference in Overland Park. This is the largest conference in KRPA history with CO, WY, ND, SD and NE joining. The Director will be teaching a few sessions himself at the conference.

The Director presented changes to Section C, Administrative Matters Sec. 7.16-7.18. Please review the changes and updates to the policy. The changes and updates will be presented at the next Regular Board Meeting for the approval.

**New Business**

No Items

**Old Business**

No Items

**Executive Session**

No Items

Next Regular Board Meeting is Monday, February 20<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

Jeremy Dorsey moved to adjourn the meeting and Susan Brinkman seconded the motion.  
Motion passed 5-0.

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Prepared by Stephanie Dreasher, Clerk

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Approved by Ryan Karjala, Secretary