

Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Meeting

Thursday, February 20, 2025, 9:30am

Logan Community Recreation Center Conference Room

Present Russ Akina, Dan Blakely, Ed Stephens, Russ Akina, Bill Peterson, Jake Powell, Alyson Ward, Val Christensen, Sylvan Needham, Amy Anderson, Eric Elison

Absent: Rachel Behm, Melissa Dahle,

Guest: Debbie Harvey

Welcome Bill Peterson and Amy Anderson:

- Board Members welcomed Bill Peterson to the Parks & Rec Advisory Board
- He is a Logan native and honored to be a part of this board.
- Has 6 McDonald's restaurants in town
- Amy has been serving on the Logan City council for 8 years.

Approval of Minutes:

- Jake made a motion to approve the minutes from the January 16th P&R Advisory Board Meeting. Sylvan seconded the motion; the minutes were approved as written.

Update on Maple View Park:

- Ed gave a brief update
- Opened bids for project in January
- Lundahl Construction were selected to build the park and are eager to begin the project- weather conditions have not slowed them down.
- Restrooms and playgrounds have been ordered
- Maple View Park is located at 200 S and 1300-1400 W across by green waste area of landfill.
- This park will be classified as a neighborhood park (less than 10 acres)
- Parcel itself has approximately 5 acres of wetland that need to be protected.
- Disc Golf Course will be across the street, part of a larger 200 acre park development.
- Residents west of 1000 W were complaining that there was not a playground in their area.
- Jake asked if there were ordinances within Logan City where developers are to contribute to the Parks & Rec impact fees. Russ said residential developers, participate in Parks impact fee.

Update on Recreation Center Feasibility Study:

- Dan gave a brief update on topic
- Not much communication since Stephens is out of the committee.
- Feasibility study has begun. Some residents have seen signs and door hangers with a QR code.
- The same company is doing the study for Providence one as well causing some confusion.
- Gloria will send out the QR code with the meeting minutes
- Location selection will most likely be an issue.
- Feedback from the committee members says residents do not want it in Logan.
- This Rec facility itself along with its programs has over 50% county residents.
- Russ gave Bill a brief update on the New Joint Use Agreement with Logan High.
- Due to limited space, Recreation programs will be limited to Logan residents only.
- Jake suggested feasibility study be posted on social media to gain more attention and feedback.
- Dan will contact VCBO for information on the survey to relay back to board members.
- Russ explained to board members how the limited space has already and will continue to impact our programs.
- Dan explained how all the challenges of the limited space have already affected our public patrons and staff.
- Jake suggested hosting a P&R open house for questions and feedback residents may have during the transition. He also suggested transitioning to a “Service District” like other agency’s models that seem to be working well for those areas.

Recreation Superintendent Report:

- Wrapped up the Ice Rink season
- This year Dan hired a “night Security” to help sharpen skates all night and keep the area clear of any loitering.
- Had a total of 10,702 skaters this season
- 24 concerts, 5 movies are scheduled for the Alive after 5 summer concert series
- Working on an inventory list for any Rec center items that were purchased with joint funds or city funds.
- Has filled 5 shipping containers so far
- The Utah Hockey Club program begins next week. Has 80 kids registered. Several on the waitlist.
- Baseball started early this year. Logan High Baseball coach wants to team up with Rec Center to help with a baseball clinic.
- Has met with returning senior staff for the Aquatic Center. Will begin to recruit lifeguards at school job fairs soon.

Parks Superintendent Report:

- Eric and Alyson gave Ed some suggestions for trail improvements on Boulevard and Canal Trail.
- Ed met with Avery with Aggie Blue Bikes for a list of trails that need “adopting”
- Russ let board members know there is a grant he is working on to extend the trail on 200 South at 1900 West to 200 North.
- Alyson and Eric suggested lowering the grade along the Deer Fence trail. Ed was not opposed.

Open Forum:

- There is money set aside this year’s budget to work on the Cemetery Master Plan.
- The irrigation system ‘switching station’ has not been completed.
- Eric asked for an update on Canal Trail access.
- Met with their attorney last week. The city has given them all the information required for both parties to make a decision. Still waiting.

Next Meeting: Thursday, March 20, 2025

Location: Logan Recreation Center Conference Room

Meeting Adjourned: 10:56am

Minutes Submitted by: Gloria Chacon