

Special Meeting with the USD487 Board of Education and Herington Recreation Commission
June 8, 2022
6:30 p.m.

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Call to Order – Mayor Eric Gares called the meeting to order for the Herington City Commission. President Mark Wendt called the meeting to order for USD 487, moved and seconded to approve the agenda, all in favor 6-0. Josh Lawrenz called the meeting to order for the Rec Commission, seconded by Shelly Langhofer, motion carried 5-0.

Appointed Recreation Commission Representatives – The school board recognized being involved in the appointment of Rec Commission Representatives, to try and streamline how the city is involved with appointing representatives. School board asked for two months' notice on opening positions to find applicants.

City and USD 487 responsibility to the Recreation Commission – The Rec Commission requested that the Rec Director have full authority to designate who can use what facilities and when. Rec Commission and City are working on a completing a new lease. Boards recognize issues with North Field, especially vandalism, asked that the City delegate the police department to more regular checks, and requested that the restrooms be repaired. Kyle Lorson will be the first line of defense for complaints if not resolved, they need to be encouraged to go to a rec commission meeting. School board will contact school appointees to confirm complaints.

Communication to the City Commission and USD 487 from the Recreation Commission – City Commission would like a quarterly update from the Rec Commission. Rec Commission will report quarterly to the school board as well. Consensus between all boards to allow monthly minutes to suffice as an update.

Support Needed from the City and USD 487 to the Recreation Commission – Rec Commission request small maintenance items for example realigning lights or replacing light bulbs. Pothole repair on the roads entering south park facilities. Hole in the crossing bridge at mini train station. Lights at the north park. The Rec Commission receives a lot of help from school staff. He would welcome more feedback. Would like to get a gym at the school for rec use.

Mayor Eric Gares, Mark Wendt, and Josh Lawrenz adjourned the meeting.

Megan Lawrenz, City Clerk