



CITY OF
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RECREATION

City of Lawrence Board of Parks and Recreation – Regular Meeting
Wednesday, December 10, 2025 – 5:30 pm
Lawrence Government Center Public Assembly Room

Members present: Jeff Vest, Tom Burns, Helen Taylor, Robert White and Jessica Dunn

Staff: Eric Martin and Dina Gee

Guests: Michael DeSanto, Liz Masur and Rochelle Carey

The meeting was called to order by Jeff Vest at 5:30 pm.

Minutes:

The minutes of November 12, 2025 meeting were distributed for review and clarification. Jeff Vest entertained a motion to accept the minutes with the change of the word from purchase to lease. The motion was made by Tom Burns to accept the minutes, seconded by Helen Taylor. Motion carried 5-0.

Director and Board Comments:

Playground equipment has been delivered but the department is waiting for nice weather to install. The Parks will clear trails if there is 2 inches of snow or more. The core samples have been completed and are good at the track on 59th street. The next step is coming to an agreement with DNR. Tom is against an amphitheater if the Parks Department has to maintain it. All employees are receiving a \$1,500 bonus. As far as Bingo at the Community Center, Eric will need to check to see if there are any ordinances against it.

Old Business: - None

New Business: -

a. **OYO End of the Year Report:**

Michael DeSanto presented the 2025 end of the year report. After discussion, Micheal said he would like to see just one softball/baseball league in Lawrence. He asked the Board about extending the batting cage agreement to 2030 because of all the money they are investing in it. He and the OYO board are hoping to have a ribbon cutting ceremony for the batting cage on January 5, 2026.

Public Comments: None

Adjournment: Jeff Vest adjourned the meeting at 7:00 pm.

Secretary Signature: _____ Date: _____