Press Release: Master Plan Steering Committee Kickoff

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Mulvane Launches Joint Parks and Recreation Master Plan; Community Input Coming in Early 2027

Steering Committee holds first meeting as planning work begins on a 10- to 20-year vision for parks, facilities, and programs

MULVANE, Kan. (11/17/2026) - The Mulvane Recreation Commission (MRC) and the City of Mulvane have begun work on a joint Parks and Recreation Master Plan, a long-range guide for the community's parks, recreation facilities, and programs over the next 10 to 20 years. The plan's 10-member Steering Committee held its first meeting on Nov. 17 at the MRC.

The master plan responds to Onward Mulvane, the City's comprehensive plan, which recommends studying the community's parks and recreation space needs. Planning firm Confluence is leading the work, with completion expected in September 2027. The final plan will go to both the MRC Board and the Mulvane City Council for adoption.

"This plan gives Mulvane a clear, data-driven picture of what our parks and recreation facilities need and what our residents want," said Andrea Kelly, Executive Director of the Mulvane Recreation Commission. "It is not a decision to build anything. It is a roadmap that helps the Recreation Commission and the City make smart, coordinated choices for years to come. The most important voice in this process is our community's, and we will be asking residents to weigh in soon."

The Steering Committee includes four representatives from the City of Mulvane, five from the Mulvane Recreation Commission, and one from the school district. Members will provide local knowledge, help shape the questions asked of residents, encourage community participation, and review findings and draft recommendations before they go to the MRC Board and City Council.

At the first meeting, committee members shared early observations on the condition of parks and sports facilities, accessibility, youth sports fields and practice space, restrooms, trails and walking routes, and space for recreation and senior programs. Confluence, led by Associate Principal Hank Moyers, also began touring Mulvane's parks and facilities to assess their condition.

Over the coming months, the planning team will study:

- The condition and accessibility of existing parks and facilities
- Community demographics and recreation trends
- How well parks and programs serve residents across Mulvane

- How Mulvane compares to similar communities and to national standards from the National Recreation and Park Association
- Programs, partnerships, and operations at the recreation center and the Sports Complex

The finished plan will set phased, realistic priorities and connect them to operations and funding. It will include separate recommendations for the City and the Recreation Commission, along with an approach for reviewing progress each year.

How residents can get involved

Public meetings, an online survey, and stakeholder interviews are expected to begin in early 2027. Residents are encouraged to follow the Mulvane Recreation Commission on social media for meeting dates, survey links, and other chances to share their ideas.

About the Mulvane Recreation Commission

The Mulvane Recreation Commission provides sports, fitness, youth programs, and community events for residents of all ages. Learn more at mulvanerc.com or follow MRC on Facebook.