

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE CITY OF MOORE PARKS BOARD  
April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2022 -6:00 PM**

**The Parks Board of the City of Moore met in regular session, 700 S. Broadway, Moore, Oklahoma on April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. with Secretary Charles Payne presiding. The following members were present:**

Kelley Mattocks	Eddie Vickers
Janie Milum	Robert Washington
Charles Payne	

ABSENT: Jeff Arvin, Sid Porter

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: Parks Director, Sue Wood; Assistant Parks Director, Whitney Wathen; Parks and Recreation Facilities Maintenance Manager, Tanner McGuire and Administrative Assistant, Rita Chadrick.

**Agenda Item Number 1 being:**

- ROLL CALL; (listed above).

**Agenda Item Number 2 being:**

RECEIVE AND APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE REGULAR MEETING HELD MARCH 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022

**Board Member Washington motioned to approve the minutes from the regular meeting held March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022; second by Board Member Mattocks. Motion passed unanimously.**

Ayes: Payne, Mattocks, Milum, Vickers, Washington

Nays: None

Absent: Arvin, Porter

**Agenda Item Number 3 being:**

PRESENTATION BY CAYDEN LAMB REGARDING EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT AT ARBOR GARDENS

Cayden, a Life Scout from Troop 20, stated that he is working on a project to install new signage at Arbor Gardens in order to obtain his Eagle Scout rank. The signage will consist of five 6x6 signs and two 18x24 signs that will identify the different types of trees

in the park, similar to Myriad Gardens. Each small sign will have the proper name of the tree, the scientific name and a brief description of the tree. The larger signs will have small pictures of the types of trees and the wildlife that are in the park.

Sue added that it will be an actual arboretum where people can walk around the trail and see the identification of each of the trees. After Cayden is done with his project, the Parks Department will continue to add more signage in the park.

Board Member Vickers asked Cayden where the funding would come from for this project.

Cayden responded that he will have to fund this project on his own. He will see if the City can help and he will also reach out to Home Depot and Lowes to see if they can donate supplies. The project will cost approximately \$600-\$700 and will take about two days to complete; he will start in about a month after he has raised the funds.

Board Member Washington thanked Cayden for taking on this project; as a science teacher he sees it as very beneficial for the community.

**Agenda Item Number 4 being:**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**(A) CITIZENS TO BE HEARD**

Chad Wilson, 117 Meadowbrook Drive, Moore, OK, asked the board if there are any plans to expand the tennis courts at Buck Thomas Park. Mr. Wilson stated that his team of 30 players is currently associated with Westwood because a facility must have five or more courts to be recognized by the United States Tennis Association. He also stated that he heard a rumor that Quail Ridge could possibly be used.

Sue responded that an expansion of the courts is being discussed, but it is definitely an extra project because there are many projects ahead of it. We could expand at Buck Thomas or go to the south side of town. She stated that we are developing Quail Ridge as a park; there will be some soccer fields and some other things depending on what citizens want. We could put a couple of tennis courts there, but we will be conducting surveys before we do anything more. She stated that the best thing to do is for citizens to come Park Board meetings and mention what they are interested in seeing done, then we can start working on developing some ideas and propose them to the City Manager. She added that there is also a possibility of getting a grant of some sort to build the courts.

Secretary Payne added that if Mr. Wilson knows other people that want to come to a Park Board meeting they just need to come and sign in as a citizen to be heard.

Mr. Wilson added that he heard that the high schools are building courts; possibly five courts at Moore High School.

Board Member Washington suggested that Mr. Wilson contact Brian Fitzgerald or Chad Mashburn at Moore Public Schools regarding what's on the bond issues for the schools as far as building new facilities.

Mr. Wilson thanked the Park Board for their time.

#### (B) ITEMS FROM THE PARK BOARD

There were no items from the Park Board.

#### **Agenda Item Number 5 being:**

#### REPORTS

Sue reported on the following:

- The new parking area in the grass next to the football field at Buck Thomas is now open; this parking will also alleviate congestion in the paved parking area when softball and baseball have tournaments.
- There is a new LED light pole on one of the softball fields and all the light shines down into the field, which makes a big difference in the backyards of the people that live nearby. All the light poles will eventually be replaced.
- Noise control ordinances have changed; there is no longer a measure where you can waive non-high school athletic activities. Buck Thomas is now covered by noise control ordinances; we also now have a digital measuring device that tells us how loud the noise gets.
- Working on new bathrooms for the baseball area.
- The Adaptive Worlds agreement for those with disabilities was signed and is in effect, as is the soccer agreement with Nutmeg, Inc.
- Old Town is on hold until we can get the right of way taken care of; it's up in the air with BNSF.
- Pool season begins May 20 and about 50% of the employees needed are now hired for aquatics positions; we're having a hard time getting applicants.

Board Member Vickers asked if we have to bump up our pay scale; Secretary Payne suggested hiring incentives.

Whitney responded that we are looking into different options. Staff has done research and reached out to different communities and cities to see what they're doing as far as hiring

and we're going to make a proposal to city management to get something on the books for that, such as incentives.

Secretary Payne asked about the status of the new dog park.

Whitney responded that the last leg of adding water is being completed; going to install a fire hydrant and have a grand opening after water is done.

Secretary Payne asked about plans to put in a trail connecting Buck Thomas to Bryant; he stated that Elizabeth Weitman had said at one time that it was in the plans to get done.

Sue said that would probably be easy to do and would look into it.

Board Member Mattocks asked about summer special events such as music in the park; Secretary Payne asked about the Farmer's Market dates.

Whitney responded that we will have the same events we've had in the past as well as some new ones. Kasey Dean, Special Events Coordinator, will be at next month's meeting to provide an update.

**Agenda Item Number 6 being:**

ADJOURNMENT

**Board Member Vickers motioned to adjourn the regular meeting of the Moore Parks Board; second by Board Member Milum. Motion passed unanimously.**

Ayes: Payne, Mattocks, Milum, Vickers, Washington

Nays: None

Absent: Arvin, Porter

**The Moore Parks Board meeting adjourned at 6:28 p.m.**

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RITA CHADRICK, Parks and Recreation Administrative Assistant

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FOR:

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CHARLES PAYNE, Secretary

These minutes passed and approved as noted this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2022.