

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE CITY OF MOORE PARKS BOARD
May 3rd, 2022 -6:00 PM**

The Parks Board of the City of Moore met in regular session, 700 S. Broadway, Moore, Oklahoma on May 3rd, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. with Chairman Jeff Arvin presiding. The following members were present:

Jeff Arvin	Sid Porter
Kelley Mattocks	Robert Washington
Janie Milum	
Charles Payne	

ABSENT: Eddie Vickers

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: Parks Director, Sue Wood; Assistant Parks Director, Whitney Wathen; Special Events Coordinator, Kasey Dean; Recreation Coordinator, Joe Vaughn; Aquatics Coordinator, Megan Kays 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 APRIL 5th, 2022

Vice Chairman Porter motioned to approve the minutes from the regular meeting held April 5th, 2022; second by Secretary Payne. Motion passed unanimously.

Ayes: Payne, Mattocks, Milum, Porter, Arvin, Vickers, Washington

Nays: None

Absent: Vickers

Agenda Item Number 3 being:

DISCUSS, CONSIDER AND IF DEEMED APPROPRIATE MAKE A RECOMMENDATION ON THE NEIGHBORHOOD PARK PORTION OF URBANSKY FARMS ADDITION PRELIMINARY PLAT

Sue stated that based on the property's close proximity to Veterans Park and the identification of the preferred location of a SE Quadrant park at SE 34th and Sunnyslane, staff recommends a fee-in-lieu of parkland for this development. Part of the land is not usable because of creek land and trees, so they will probably leave it as natural as possible. Chairman Arvin added that it has to be usable as a walking trail or something else; even though they can't use it to build on they have to make it usable to the residents of the neighborhood.

Chairman Arvin asked if the credit for the open space affects the amount they pay or does the amount they pay affect the credit for the open space, or are they independent of each other. Secretary Payne asked what the credit for open space is for. Sue responded that she didn't know what the credit for open space is for because it's the first time she has seen this, but will find out.

Board Member Mattocks motioned to accept staff's recommendation of the fee of \$30,264.00 in lieu of land; Board Member Milum second. Motion passed unanimously.

Ayes: Payne, Mattocks, Milum, Porter, Arvin, Washington
Nays: None
Absent: Vickers

Agenda Item Number 4 being:

NEW BUSINESS:

(A) CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

There were no citizens to speak.

(B) ITEMS FROM THE PARK BOARD

Secretary Payne noted that there was a good turnout for the grand opening of the new dog park and asked if work has begun on the old one. Whitney responded that work has not begun yet; the parks maintenance crew are working on mowing and finishing flowerbeds first.

Agenda Item Number 5 being:

REPORTS

- A) OASIS SUMMER CAMP PROGRAM PRESENTED BY JOE VAUGHN,
RECREATION COORDINATOR

Joe reported that this is the 5th year for the Oasis Summer Day Camp program and his second year as Camp Director:

- Camp will meet at the Community Center from 7:00am – 6:00pm Monday through Friday from June 1 – August 5.
- Staff will consist of two Camp Supervisors and 17 Camp Specialists. A maximum of 120 campers total are divided into three age groups: 5/6, 7/9 and 10/12. The ratio of Camp Specialists to campers will be 1:10 when at the Community Center and 1:8 while on field trips.
- Campers will go to The Station Aquatic Center to swim every Tuesday; on Fridays they will go on field trips to various places such as Hey Day, Urban Air, OKC Zoo, etc.

Secretary Payne asked what the campers would be doing when not on a field trip. Joe responded that campers will rotate between three different “homerooms”: An arts and crafts room, activity room with STEM activities, and a game room with board games and interactive games.

Board member Washington asked about sign-ups for camp. Joe responded that sign-ups began on Feb. 14 and are ongoing, with the 7/9 age group already full.

Board member Mattocks asked if they get a certain amount of tokens when they go somewhere like Chuckie Cheese. Joe responded that every place they’re going to has a field trip package; for Chuckie Cheese the package includes tokens and food.

B) SUMMER SPECIAL EVENTS PRESENTED BY KASEY DEAN, SPECIAL EVENTS COORDINATOR

Kasey reported on upcoming special events:

- Cinco de Mayo – new event this year with a live band, food trucks, local brewery, inflatables and lawn games.
- Movie in the Park - Men in Black on 5/13/22; Transformers on 08/19/22; Ghostbusters Afterlife on 9/9/22.
- Food Truck Fridays – food truck and live music on May 20, June 24, July 8 and 22, August 5 and 26.
- Kids Day at the Park – taking place on May 21 at Every Childs Playground at Central Park with food trucks, free snow cones, train rides, inflatables and face painting.
- Farmers Market – every Saturday from 8:00am-12:00pm at Central Park pavilion; this runs from June 4 – August 26.
- Memorial Day Ceremony – May 30 from 10:00am-11:00am at Veterans Park; will be held at The Station if inclement weather.

- Summer Beats and Eats – June 3 from 6:00pm-9:00pm at Central Park featuring live music by Shiloh Steel, local brewery, food trucks, inflatables and lawn games.
- Daddy Daughter Dance & Dive – June 17 from 6:00pm-9:00pm at the Station Aquatics Center with door prizes, DJ, snacks, swimming and dancing.
- Celebration in the Heartland – July 4 from 2:00pm-10:00pm at Buck Thomas Park featuring live music, vendors, food trucks, breweries and wineries, inflatables, face painting and fireworks show around 9:45pm.
- Mom and Son Dance & Dive – July 29 from 6:00pm-9:00pm at The Station Aquatics Center with door prizes, DJ, snacks, swimming and dancing.

Vice Chairman Porter asked about the presence of security during events serving alcohol. Sue responded that Kasey always coordinates with MPD for events that require their presence. Kasey added that there is always security in the evenings at The Station and extra security is always present at larger events. Sue added that we try to have police presence all the time to discourage any issues from occurring.

C) AQUATICS PROGRAMS AND EVENTS PRESENTED BY MEGAN KAYS,
AQUATICS COORDINATOR

Megan reported on the following programs and events:

- Swim Stroke Clinic – Monday and Wednesday from 7:00am-8:00am; dedicated time with instructor to work on specific swim strokes. Free for passholders or \$4 entry fee.
- Aqua Fitness Classes – Monday through Thursday from 8:00am-9:00am; classes will be held in the deep and shallow water. Free for passholders or \$4 entry fee.
- Swim Lessons - Monday through Saturday from 9:00am-11:30am; 30 minute classes. Group, private and semi-private swim lessons available.
- Swim Strong Week – May 30 through June 2 from 9:00am-11:30am. The Station financial aid recipients have the chance to participate in a week of free swim lessons; this new program also allows new swim instructors to put into practice everything they have learned in their training.
- Toddler Takeover – Monday through Thursday and Saturdays from 10:00am-11:00am. Toddlers can use pool toys in the wading pool to refine their fine and gross motor skills. Free for passholders or \$2 entry fee per person.
- Passholder Appreciation Night – May 25 from 6:00pm-8:00pm. Passholders and their families can enjoy the park before season opening.

- Dive-in Movies – Karate Kid on June 4 and Little Giants on July 9 at 8:30pm; cost is \$5 per person.
- Adult Pool Parties – June 24 and July 22 from 7:00pm-9:00pm; cost is \$5 per person; must be 21 and older. There will be a DJ, food, games and drinks in the beer garden.
- Doggie Paddle- last pool event of the season. Sept. 8 from 6:00pm-8:00pm; cost is \$7.50 per dog.

Megan added that she wants to hire approximately 111 total staff (lifeguards, aquatic attendants, concessions) and is about three quarters of the way there; they are going out into the community to job fairs and also advertising on social media. Board member Washington noted that a couple of his students from MHS are applying to be lifeguards and are nervous about the swim test. Megan responded that most of the applicants are confident about passing the swim test until they find out what it consists of: Swimming 300 yards, a two-minute tread without hands, and swimming to the bottom of a 12-ft pool to retrieve a 10-lb brick and swim back to the surface holding it against your chest.

Sue reported that the potholes at Buck Thomas Park are being filled. She noted that Whitney has worked hard with the Parks crew to develop schedules for mowing and landscaping; the contractors mowing various City properties and landscaping flowerbeds are also doing a great job. Spring soccer was very successful; the chess and table tennis programs at the Community Center are growing. Staff has had to look at the Station expansion blueprints and figure out where it can be tweaked to save on cost; Whitney has been talking to Brooks and Jerry about some changes in the blueprint.

Agenda Item Number 6 being:

ADJOURNMENT

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

Ayes: Arvin, Payne, Mattocks, Milum, Porter, Washington
Nays: None
Absent: Vickers

The Moore Parks Board meeting adjourned at 6:38 p.m.

RECORDED/TRANSCRIBED BY:

RITA CHADRICK, Parks and Recreation Administrative Assistant

FOR:

CHARLES PAYNE, Secretary

These minutes passed and approved as noted this ____ day of _____, 2022.