

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE CITY OF MOORE PARKS BOARD
August 2nd, 2022 -6:00 PM**

The Parks Board of the City of Moore met in regular session, 700 S. Broadway, Moore, Oklahoma on August 2nd, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. with Chairman Jeff Arvin presiding. The following members were present:

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

ABSENT: Eddie Vickers

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: Parks Director, Sue Wood; Assistant Parks and Recreation Director, Whitney Wathen; 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 JUNE 7th, 2022

Secretary Payne motioned to approve the minutes from the regular meeting held June 7th, 2022; second by Board Member Washington. Motion passed unanimously.

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

Agenda Item Number 3 being:

DISCUSSION OF CAPRA CERTIFICATION

Sue stated that Parks and Recreation has applied for certification through the Commission for Accreditation of Park and Recreation Agencies (CAPRA) and the National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA). It will take approximately two years to get accredited; we will be completing 10 different standards of information that deal with personnel issues,

risk management, park management, recreation activities, etc. Inspectors will come in 2024 to look at everything that we've presented and determine whether or not we'll be accredited; it is a five-year accreditation and we will have to send in annual reports and reaccredit every five years.

Chairman Arvin asked about the cost of accreditation; what accreditation will do for us, whether or not we would get to set our own benchmarks and whether we're dependent on this for any funding sources. Sue responded that there is an initial fee of \$300 and accreditation opens us up for everything we can possibly obtain through NRPA. She added that we've already given Community Development information on different grants that they weren't aware of before and that's mainly because we have access to state and federal information to NRPA that we didn't have before. We'll be setting our own benchmarks; the first section is identifying our city and our Parks and Recreation Department; how big it is, who we serve, our communities and culture, etc. There will be different expectations for us and we will not be compared to Oklahoma City, Tulsa, Austin or any other city around the nation; we also would not be dependent on this for any funding sources.

Secretary Porter noted that accreditation from a national organization such as this would be very good for the city.

Board Member Mattocks asked if organizations such as softball and baseball would be able to promote this because it would be a positive draw for them to promote. Sue responded that they will definitely be able to promote it and we'll also be working with Public Affairs to put it on all of our marketing.

Board Member Washington asked if there are any other cities working towards accreditation. Sue responded that Oklahoma City was working on getting their accreditation, but ran into some issues so they have not gotten accredited yet. She added that right now Tulsa is the only city in Oklahoma that is accredited.

Secretary Payne asked if we've contacted anybody in Tulsa as far as what it took for them to get their accreditation. Sue responded that Tulsa has completely changed since they were accredited years ago; although they are still have their accreditation their Parks and Recreation department is mostly county now.

Agenda Item Number 4 being:

PHILIPPS 66 DONATION OF NEW PARK

Sue stated that we were given a new park at the last City Council meeting. It was an acceptance of a quit claim deed from Philipps 66 pipeline and the land is located in section 24, south of SE 12th St. and west of Bryant Ave., very close to Veterans Park. There was some type of spill at that site previously so the land has environmental

restrictions as far as what can be put on it; no water parks or bathrooms can go there. However, we've come up with many good ideas and are working with the Department of Environmental Quality on getting some grants to improve land that has been destroyed like that. With the DEQ's assistance we can hopefully make a very nice park; something very nature oriented with bike trails, walking trails and maybe a music area.

Secretary Payne asked if all environmental issues have been taken care of. Whitney responded that they wouldn't have been able to donate the land and we also wouldn't have accepted the land if the issues had not been taken care of.

Agenda Item Number 5 being:

NEW BUSINESS:

(A) CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

There were no citizens present that wish to be heard.

(B) ITEMS FROM THE PARK BOARD

There were no items from the Park Board.

Agenda Item Number 6 being:

REPORTS

Whitney reported on the following events:

- This is the last week for Oasis Summer Day Camp and other camps; STEAM camp and Basketball Camp were cancelled due to low enrollment and scheduling issues respectively.
- Youth Basketball registration is currently open through September 26; late registration is from September 27-October 11 (\$20 late fee applies).
- Aquatic Center will be open on weekends only after August 10; last operational day is Labor Day. Last operational day for splash pads is September 18.
- Last Food Truck Fridays for the season will be on August 5 and 26.
- Movie in the Park at Little River Park on August 17.
- Kids Day in the Park on September 5 from 9:00am-Noon at Every Child's Playground – inflatables, yard games, food truck and free snow cones.
- The new Parks Maintenance building at Buck Thomas is complete and the crew has moved in.
- Next Park Board meeting is on September 12 due to the Labor Day holiday.

Vice Chairman Porter asked about pool attendance this year. Whitney responded that it's been a very good season; attendance has been great and on par with every other year. There have been many compliments from the patrons about our rules and how we're enforcing and communicating them more effectively and we're very excited about future seasons.

Secretary Payne asked how the new dog park is doing and what the plans are for the old one. Whitney responded that the new dog park is a huge success garnering positive feedback. It looks like the grass is holding up well, but we're going to go out there and aerate and take care of it to keep it growing. The current plan for the old park is to go straight to ground and try to remove as much of the rock as possible, maybe bring in some dirt to backfill, then lay strip sod and seed as best as possible.

Sue noted that 4th Street Cemetery was thoroughly cleaned and mowed today; all of the artificial flowers, bottles and cans were removed and this will be done every six months. She added that it is mostly the new part of the cemetery, by the fencing, where people are decorating and creating problems. Chairman Arvin added that people also cut through the cemetery to the Little River Park splash pad because there's no place to park at Little River; Sue responded that we are working on adding parking at Little River Park

Board Member Mattocks asked if Parks and Recreation also maintains Smith Cemetery at 34th Street and the progress on the signage for the trees at Arbor Gardens. Sue responded that Parks and Recreation does also maintain Smith Cemetery. She added that Cayden Lamb is still working on his Eagle Scout project to provide signs for some of the trees at Arbor Gardens and is trying to find sponsors to help pay for the signs. Chairman Arvin suggested he contact the Moore Chamber of Commerce for assistance. Whitney added that Tanner McGuire, Parks and Recreation Facilities Maintenance Manager, is also working with him to get this project accomplished.

Vice Chairman Porter asked if it would be possible to take a tour of the parks once the weather gets cooler to see all the updates and changes; Whitney responded that it will be arranged.

Agenda Item Number 7 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, Milum, Porter, Washington, Mattocks
Nays: None
Absent: Vickers

The Moore Parks Board meeting adjourned at 6:27 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.