

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE CITY OF MOORE PARKS BOARD
December 6th, 2022 -6:00 PM**

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

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| Jeff Arvin | Janie Milum |
| Charles Payne | Kelley Mattocks |

ABSENT: Sid Porter, Eddie Vickers, Robert Washington

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: Parks and Recreation 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 NOVEMBER 1st, 2022

Secretary Payne motioned to approve the minutes from the regular meeting held November 1st, 2022; second by Board Member Mattocks. Motion passed unanimously.

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

Agenda Item Number 3 being:

NEW BUSINESS:

(A) CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

There were no citizens present to speak.

(B) ITEMS FROM THE PARK BOARD

Chairman Arvin thanked Sue for the invitation to the Fairmoore Park Fitness Court ribbon-cutting ceremony on November 30 and stated that the new fitness area will be a big benefit to the park. Board Member Mattocks added that everyone did a great job on the project.

Agenda Item Number 4 being:

MOORE BASEBALL ASSOCIATION ANNUAL REPORT

Rob McCutchan, President of the Moore Baseball Association, baseball brought in about \$615,000 this year through league games, tournaments and concessions sales. Net profit was \$5,600 for the year; most of the funds went to the upkeep of the fields and new equipment. Improvements made include moving the scoreboards and video boards to a better location on the fields and installing a canopy over the concession stand; also in the process of getting new bathrooms. One hundred three teams played in the spring league; hosted 12 tournaments in the spring with 803 teams entered. Eighty-three teams played in the fall league; hosted nine tournaments in the fall with 45 entries. There are 14 tournaments scheduled in spring 2023. Restructured our Board of Directors and cut coordinators down to two for all age groups due to everything being electronic now. MBA will also be taking over the Courage League in the spring, which is a league composed of developmentally disabled players ages 4 to 30 that come out once a week and play games with the help of volunteers. Looking into building another field for the Courage League that is more adaptable to their needs and possibly bring in little league at some point to play on the field.

Secretary Payne asked where the Courage League plays; Board Member Mattocks asked if there are any grants that might help the Courage League. Rob responded that they played on the 11-year old field this year; their games were scheduled in with other league games going on. Rob stated that the league has run on donations in the past, but they have exhausted all that money so he will explore other options such as grants and sponsorships.

Chairman Arvin asked what governing body MBA is using right now. Rob responded that they were unsanctioned this past year to see if what they were paying USSSA was worth it and they have decided that it is, so they will be going back to USSSA in the spring.

Matt Purser, Tournament Director at Buck Thomas, added that the parks in Moore are great, but we need to start forward thinking as a group and figure out how to progress or we will fall way behind other cities. Midwest City has built a four-field complex with turf and they have re-turfed their baseball fields behind Carl Albert. Edmond is getting ready to turf their fields; Choctaw and Elk City also have turf. He also noted that Charles Thompson is helping to renovate Woodson Park and Oklahoma City Parks and

Recreation has taken over Boomer Sports Complex; they are redoing everything with brand new turf, backstops and eight fields.

Board Member Mattocks asked if there is any insight as to where these places are getting their funding.

Sue responded that what other people are doing now is because of what Moore has already done; we have been the first to do things and they are all looking to see what we have done and are finding ways to do things better. It has taken Oklahoma City 15 years to get where they are now and they are getting people like Charles Thompson to help them. Moore citizens have done a fantastic job of supplying finances; now is the time to get sponsorships. We are way ahead of other cities even though it may not look like it. We have nice fields, but also things we have been dealing with for the last 15 years that they did not have, and now other cities are getting these new fields. We also try to stay within Moore and get our support from Moore businesses; we were using all of the penny sales tax to update our parks and now we are working more on improving bathrooms and facilities. She added that softball just got \$90,000 through sponsorships to improve their fields, so they are available and now is the time to look for them.

Agenda Item Number 5 being:

MOORE FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION ANNUAL REPORT

Tom Tuck, Chairman of the Moore Football Association, reported that their revenue for the year was \$132,000; there were 26 league teams this year. We also hosted Friday Night Lights flag football that had 29 teams; they paid \$4,000 to use the two fields. Expenses included hiring a CPA firm to get things back in order; hired a cleaning crew to clean the bathrooms, purchased a new refrigerator. Had three tournaments this year that went well; between 15-22 teams at each tournament. Used Sports Thread for all the sign-ups this year; everything was done online. Our profit was \$18,062; we are still working on becoming a 501c3. Paid all back taxes and have a good amount to start with next year. Working on improvements to drainage, restrooms and concessions stand next year; grass is looking good and lights are working well. We are also coordinating with the football teams from the junior highs to use our fields when we aren't using them so they don't tie up the football fields at the high schools.

Chairman Arvin expressed his appreciation to Tom for everything that has been accomplished since he stepped in as Chairman and noted that things are much better with football and the association than they were two years ago.

Agenda Item Number 6 being:

MOORE SOCCER ASSOCIATION ANNUAL REPORT

Raj Folmsbee, Moore Soccer Association, reported that their revenue for spring and fall was \$17,000. Purchased goals for Buck Thomas and indoor goals for futsal with some of the revenue. The spring league had 171 total registered in three age groups; we expanded and added a fourth age group for the fall league. Currently have futsal going on at the Moore Community Center; looking for support and sponsors to get the word out about futsal.

Chairman Arvin asked what the futsal numbers are currently and how they are getting the word out to the public. Raj responded that there are 62 younger kids playing futsal; right now it's just advertised on their website as far as marketing. Chairman Arvin suggested contacting Moore Monthly to advertise and get the information about futsal out to the public; Raj said he would look into doing that.

Agenda Item Number 7 being:

REPORTS

Sue stated that the Christmas Tree Lighting ceremony, Breakfast with Santa, and Christmas Spectacular went well. However, there was an incident with the fireworks for the Christmas Spectacular so that portion was cancelled and will not be rescheduled. There was also a Salvation Army Angel Tree in The Station lobby; all angels were taken and the gifts will be picked up this week.

Board Member Mattocks expressed the board's appreciation for all the special events that the Parks and Recreation Department works on every year.

Agenda Item Number 8 being:

ADJOURNMENT

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

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

The Moore Parks Board meeting adjourned at 6:35 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 _____, 2023.