

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE CITY OF MOORE PARKS BOARD
January 8th, 2024 -6:00 PM**

The Parks Board of the City of Moore met in regular session, 700 S. Broadway, Moore, Oklahoma on January 8th, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. with Chairman Sid Porter presiding. The following members were present:

Charles Payne
Janie Milum
Eddie Vickers

Sid Porter
Kelley Mattocks
Robert Washington

ABSENT: None

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: Parks and Recreation Director, Sue Wood 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 DECEMBER 5th, 2023

Vice Chairman Payne motioned to approve the minutes from the regular meeting held December 5th, 2023; second by Board Member Vickers. Motion passed unanimously.

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Agenda Item Number 3 being:

MAKE A RECOMMENDATION ON MOORE GIRLS SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION
AGREEMENT

Sue Wood, Parks and Recreation Director, stated that this year all of the sports agreements will begin after City Council has approved them and the associations sign their respective agreements and will run through December 31; beginning in 2025 all of the agreements will run from January 1 through December 31.

Chairman Porter asked if all associations will have 501(c)(3) status; Board Member Milum asked if they will all provide paperwork stating this. Sue responded that they should all be 501(c)(3) and she will have that added to the agreements.

Chairman Porter asked about the difference in wages on all of the sports association's end of year reports; Vice Chairman Payne commented on the need to see payroll breakdown and 1099 for MGSA. Sue responded that due to lack of revenue softball couldn't pay anybody, but if they get organized we can look at level of pay for staff if it's something the board wants to do.

Vice Chairman Payne asked if \$6,400 is too much for softball to pay since their revenue was so low last year. Sue responded that due to difficulties with USSSA MGSA's president made the decision that made teams go play elsewhere, which hurt their revenue, but they should do better this year.

Chairman Porter asked about getting monthly financial reports from the associations as required by the agreements. Sue responded that the association presidents, accountants for the associations and the City's Finance Director John Parker are all familiar with what needs to be done and turned in as far as the reports that are required.

Secretary Mattocks suggested having two association board members sign their respective agreements instead of just the association President; Vice Chairman Payne suggested the association's Treasurer also sign the agreement.

Secretary Mattocks motioned to have all sport association's President and Treasurer sign their agreement; second by Board Member Washington.

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Board Member Washington motioned to accept the Moore Girls Softball Association Agreement; second by Board Member Milum. Motion passed unanimously.

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Agenda Item Number 4 being:

MAKE A RECOMMENDATION ON MOORE YOUTH FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION AGREEMENT

Secretary Mattocks motioned to accept the Moore Youth Football Association Agreement; second by Board Member Washington. Motion passed unanimously.

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

Agenda Item Number 5 being:

MAKE A RECOMMENDATION ON MOORE SOCCER AGREEMENTS

Sue stated that soccer will be separated into two associations this year: Moore Youth Soccer/Nutmeg Futbol, for ages 14 and under, and Cosmos Soccer Club, for ages 15 to adult. The Cosmos Soccer Club will pay \$2,000 for their lease and will be run by Matt Echols, President of the Southlakes Soccer Club. We will begin developing Quail Ridge and possibly the lot behind the old KOMA radio station on 4th St. for soccer to use as practice and game fields.

Vice Chairman Payne motioned to accept the Moore Soccer Agreements; second by Board Member Milum. Motion passed unanimously.

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

Agenda Item Number 6 being:

ESTABLISH METHOD OF SELECTING NEW PARKS BOARD MEMBER

Sue stated the need for a set process for selecting a new Parks Board member; current by-laws only state that there must be at least one board member from each ward represented.

Secretary Mattocks suggested a sub-committee within the Parks Board that could solicit applicants from a particular ward. Board Member Vickers suggested two members from the Parks Board and one from the City, either Sue or Assistant Parks and Recreation Director Whitney Wathen, interview the applicants then send their recommendation for appointment to the City Council.

Chairman Porter motioned to have Secretary Mattocks and Board Member Vickers serve on the subcommittee, with Board Member Milum as an alternate; second by Board Member Washington. Motion passed unanimously.

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

Absent: None

Board Member Milum motioned to have the subcommittee and a representative from the City, either Sue Wood or Whitney Wathen, interview the Parks Board applicants then send their recommendation for appointment to the City Council; second by Board Member Washington.

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Agenda Item Number 7 being:

NEW BUSINESS:

(A) CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

There were no citizens present to speak.

(B) ITEMS FROM THE PARK BOARD

Vice Chairman Payne commented that his in-laws want to visit Moore again next Christmas because they love the Station facility and the holiday events. He also received calls from Moore citizens who enjoyed the Christmas light show at the Station and added that the Kiwanis Park pickleball courts are very nice.

Secretary Mattocks also thanked the Parks and Recreation Department for their hard work in putting up Christmas decorations throughout the city, the light show, and the Christmas Spectacular.

Board Member Washington stated that he attended the recent Cops and Cocoa event at the Brand Senior Center and some of the seniors in attendance were concerned about the status of the bus transportation. Sue responded that the title for the bus has been transferred from Aging Services to the City; we are officially in charge of the Brand Senior Center and transportation for the seniors will continue as usual. Board Member Washington added that his son, Officer Washington from the Moore Police Department, is working on developing a database of information on senior citizens that live in Moore that will help the MPD if they are called to assist a particular senior citizen.

Board Member Vickers commented that staff from the Brand Senior Center has never given a presentation regarding the center and any concerns the senior citizens may have. Sue responded that she will arrange for the Senior Center Coordinator to make a presentation at a future meeting.

Agenda Item Number 8 being:

REPORTS

Sue spoke about the new lights at Parmele Park; the way they shine down onto the street you can't tell that they are on so this may help in putting lights up on a field in a neighborhood if they know that lights have that kind of restricted illumination.

Sue also spoke about the 30-day notice of termination of agreement given to MYBA; it could've been avoided if the association president had done better since she did sign the agreement. The MYBA president and the tournament director have both resigned; there are now two MYBA board members trying to correct some of the issues that were happening with MYBA. There is an RFP open for another organization to run baseball; the bid closes Friday at noon. MYBA will be submitting a proposal; organizations from Edmond and Shawnee may also submit proposals.

Secretary Mattocks stated that someone can look good on paper but there needs to be a stronger vetting process for selecting another organization. Sue responded that the requirements in the bid are very intensive; the City Council wants to make sure mistakes aren't made again by the new organization.

Board Member Washington had concerns about Shawnee/Edmond groups possibly applying since the hope is that it will stay a Moore League and Moore players will eventually play for the high schools. Sue responded that it should not be an issue since we have Friday Night Lights and they are a Moore league.

Board Member Vickers asked if the City backed off on running the league. Sue responded that she has run baseball/softball leagues all her life so that's not a problem; due to the cost of running a league it was decided that opening it up for bid is the best course of action.

Agenda Item Number 9 being:

ADJOURNMENT

Vice Chairman Payne motioned to adjourn the regular meeting of the Moore Parks Board; second by Board Member Vickers. Motion passed unanimously.

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

The Moore Parks Board meeting adjourned at 7:14 p.m.

RECORDED/TRANSCRIBED BY:

RITA CHADRICK, Parks and Recreation Administrative Assistant

FOR:

KELLEY MATTOCKS, Secretary

These minutes passed and approved as noted this ____ day of _____, 2024.

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE CITY OF MOORE PARKS BOARD
January 30th, 2024 -6:00 PM**

The Parks Board of the City of Moore met in special session, 700 S. Broadway, Moore, Oklahoma on January 30th, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. with Chairman Sid Porter presiding. The following members were present:

Charles Payne
Janie Milum
Eddie Vickers

Sid Porter
Kelley Mattocks

ABSENT: 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:

DISCUSS AND APPROVE THE REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL FOR THE 2024 YOUTH BASEBALL PROGRAM

Sue Wood, Parks and Recreation Director, stated that there were four RFPs received; after reviewing each proposal two were selected as finalists. After interviewing both organizations it is our recommendation to select Moore Youth Baseball Association for 2024. After reading their proposal and listening to their presentation we feel that MYBA will be a much better organization going forward; they have reviewed our proposed lease agreement and they have not raised any concerns.

Board Member Vickers commented that this selection seemed to happen rather quickly; two weeks ago everything was still in turmoil as to who would be running the baseball program at Buck Thomas Park.

Sue responded that MYBA worked hard and they have completely changed their Board of Directors; they have also gone through the agreement and agree that there are many things that need to be changed. The City Manager and I believe that they are honestly and sincerely meaning to change this organization for the better and the lease is only through the end of December.

Chairman Porter asked if there were any citizens present who would like to speak.

Barry Williams; 1061 NW 6th St., Moore, stated that MYBA has been operating at Buck Thomas Park for at least 20 years now and an organization that has been doing this for two decades should be a fine-tuned, well-oiled organization by now. MYBA did not pay their lease fee in 2022 and their 2023 payment was late and according to the agreement if full payment is not made by the first tournament game of the season it would result in immediate termination of the agreement, so they should not have had an agreement with the City in 2022 or 2023. He added that the last board election posted by MYBA on social media was in 2017, yet they now have a new board elected that is not currently listed on their website and the general public was not made aware of the election to be able to attend. Mr. Williams also commented on the total tournament income of \$5,836.45 on MYBA's 2023 financial report. His calculations for total tournament income based on tournament entry fees and entry fees for spectators added up to approximately \$135,784.00; he would like to know what happened to the other \$130,000. MYBA spent a total of \$14.09 on background check services in 2023; were background checks even conducted if that small amount was the total paid? According to MYBA financial reports Umpire in Charge fees totaled \$49,305 in 2023; \$25,601 in 2022; and \$192,668.28 in 2021. Mr. Williams believes that the City needs to reconsider what they're doing as far as selecting MYBA to return.

Patrice Williams, 1061 NW 6th St., Moore, stated that MYBA is not the only one at fault; she is very disappointed in the City as they also didn't abide by the contract: Coaches were not background checked, lease payments were not paid on time, financial reports were not turned in on time, etc. For the City to terminate MYBA's contract and cause parents and coaches to wonder where their child or team will play ball it's ridiculous that they turn around and give it right back to the same organization we've had problems with. If the City wants one person out it's easy to do; put it in the contract that he can't be part of MYBA. Ms. Williams expects that in this contract because MYBA can still consult with him and hire him back as a tournament director; they can do anything to let this person that everybody knows is the reason the contract was terminated in the first place back in. She also asked who the baseball items at Buck Thomas Park belong to as every year there should be a list made of what property belongs to whom and that has not been done.

Kacee Coberly, 2509 NE 16th St., Moore, stated that for the past few weeks it was either pack up MYBA's stuff and get out or try to make it right for the kids and the City of Moore. Board member's names are not up to date on the website because the bid agreement states that board members have to be approved by City officials and we have not been given the green light to do that. Mr. Coberly stated that he does not have experience running a league but he has been a part of MYBA for the past five years; they have asked Brian Hall, a former MYBA President, to be an executive board member to bridge the gap between MYBA and the City to make sure we're doing things the correct

way. He added that MYBA's accountant has all the proper information and authority to communicate with the City on their behalf to make sure that every financial document required is turned in on time. Mr. Coberly stated that this is not something he's taking lightly; he's putting his heart and soul into it and appreciates everyone that was at MYBA's bid interview and took the time to hear them out.

Board Member Vickers stated that the Parks Board has discussed numerous times the infractions committed by MYBA; when he was a member of the MYBA board many years ago he had seen money disappear, his name was used to cash checks illegally, etc. The bottom line is to try to do better for the kids; people are eager to make it go well and run smoothly but sometimes things fall through the cracks. He added that he knows Sue and the City Manager will keep a close eye on MYBA and make sure things are running smoothly and correctly. He also invited everyone to attend the Parks Board meetings held every month if they ever have any issues they need to bring up or discuss.

Mr. Williams responded that he brought in a guy that has run baseball parks before to submit a bid proposal but he wasn't selected; if softball could've taken it over and had been given time to work on it he believes they would have been a better choice. He also suggested ending the agreement on October 31 instead of December 31 to allow enough time for another group to take over well before the next baseball season starts if need be.

Sue responded that there will be a review of MYBA's year to date report on October 25 which would allow for plenty of time for another organization to take over if it comes to that.

Secretary Mattocks stated that the Parks Board tries to give constructive feedback and is glad that information on Behavior Policy, Code of Ethics and Background Checks was added as part of the agreement; she also commended everyone for coming together to make the season happen.

Chairman Porter added that the Parks Board and the City have been discussing this for quite some time and he is not aware of any other city where the City Manager takes time to come out to meetings because he is genuinely concerned about the issues. He added that the Parks Board has to make a decision but it is just a recommendation; the City Council makes the final decision.

Secretary Mattocks motioned to approve the request for proposal for the 2024 Youth Baseball Program; second by Vice Chairman Payne. Motion passed unanimously.

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

Agenda Item Number 3 being:

ADJOURNMENT

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

Ayes: Payne, Mattocks, Porter, Milum, Vickers

Nays: None

Absent: Washington

The Moore Parks Board meeting adjourned at 6:29 p.m.

RECORDED/TRANSCRIBED BY:

RITA CHADRICK, Parks and Recreation Administrative Assistant

FOR:

KELLEY MATTOCKS, Secretary

These minutes passed and approved as noted this ____ day of _____, 2024.