

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE CITY OF MOORE PARKS BOARD
October 1st, 2024 -6:00 PM**

The Parks Board of the City of Moore met in regular session, 700 S. Broadway, Moore, Oklahoma on October 1st, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. with Chairman Sid Porter presiding. The following members were present:

Charles Payne
Janie Milum

Kelley Mattocks
Robert Washington

ABSENT: None

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: Parks and Recreation Director, Sue Wood; Parks and Recreation Assistant Director Whitney Wathen; 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 SEPTEMBER 9th, 2024

Board Member Washington motioned to approve the minutes from the regular meeting held September 9th, 2024; second by Board Member Milum. Motion passed unanimously.

Ayes: Payne, Milum, Washington

Abstain: Mattocks

Nays: None

Absent: None

Agenda Item Number 3 being:

MOORE YOUTH BASEBALL ASSOCIATION ANNUAL REPORT

Kacee Coberly, President of MYBA, stated that there were 51 teams with a total of 615 players in the spring and 45 teams with a total of 540 players played in the fall. The Courage League, run by two coordinators and MYBA volunteers, had six teams and 91 players in the spring and eight teams and 110 players in the fall. This year MYBA waived the Courage League's registration fees and also paid for their jerseys, insurance, etc.

MYBA had 21 tournaments scheduled in the spring/fall; six of the spring tournaments were canceled. After the cancellations the board voted to go unsanctioned, which allowed more teams to play, and all 11 unsanctioned tournaments will tentatively make. Last December 14th MYBA only had \$1,700 in the bank account; now we're in a much different financial standpoint. Even with cancelling some spring tournaments we were still able to put about \$16,000 worth of dirt on the fields; spent \$2,500 in fertilizer; had our fields sprayed; got the irrigation system going; purchased a new batting cage net for about \$5,000; and hired a professional power wash company to clean the restrooms once a week. Concessions was in the red through spring; in June we spent \$43,000 and only made \$37,000. Kacee has since spoken with the concessions manager and scaled her menu back greatly; now concessions is a lot more profitable.

Board Member Washington asked for Courage League contact information for members of MHS wrestling to volunteer. Kacee responded that the contact information is on Facebook but he will get the information to Board Member Washington afterwards. Board Member Milum commented that her grandson volunteered and he really enjoyed it.

Chairman Payne asked who handles MYBA's payroll and how they utilize their Venmo account. Kaycee responded that Jerry Saxon, CPA, handles their financials and the Venmo account is how they collect payment for tournaments.

Secretary Mattocks asked how the situation has been with umpire pay. Kacee responded that every Monday he gets an amount needed to pay the umpires from the UIC, withdraws that amount from the bank, then takes it to the UIC to separate and pay the umpires. Board Member Milum asked if they have lost umpires since they were required to file 1099s. Kacee responded some have left because of the 1099 issue, but more and more high school kids that don't mind filing 1099s are starting to umpire; they especially like being able to make a lot of money on weekends.

Board Member Washington asked if the officials are sanctioned. Kacee responded that most of the kids umpiring have played baseball so they have a good grasp of the rules, plus they usually start with the younger age groups and work their way up. He added that the UIC has added an abbreviated version of the rules on the back of the game cards for whatever field the kids are umpiring on and that helps them out, but we also hope to have more training for them in the future.

Agenda Item Number 4 being:

MOORE YOUTH FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION ANNUAL REPORT

Chuck Lewis, who was representing MYFA's president James Boyd III, stated that the numbers for 7 on 7 play were a lot stronger than tackle football. MPS has their own little league football teams so MYFA numbers have dropped considerably. There were 840 players in the 7 on 7 program; 220 players in tackle; 150 players in Friday Night Lights;

and 50 cheerleaders in Cheer. Two tournaments were scheduled: Salute to the Armed Forces, which was cancelled due to storms, and Beast to Peak on October 26-27 that had 13 teams signed up. As for financials MYFA had \$33,236.32; we paid a groundskeeper \$4,000; hired bathroom cleaners for \$225 once a week; CPA was \$300-\$600. With MYFA only having six teams due to losing teams to the Indian Nations Football Conference, we partnered with Woodson Park's Charles Thompson and the Oklahoma Inner City Youth League (OICYL) under the umbrella of a new organization, the Oklahoma United Youth Football League (OUYFL), where we will play home and away scheduled games. The OUYFL has formed a board of directors and has extended an invitation to other leagues/associations to play.

Chairman Payne asked if they were consolidating organizations. Chuck responded that MYFA will still be MYFA and games will still be played at Buck Thomas Park, but with only six teams in the league they needed to expand.

Board Member Washington stated that he doesn't want someone coming from outside trying to take over our park. Chuck responded that since OUYFL has a board of directors not just one person will have a say in any matter. So far some teams from Norman, Mustang and Choctaw have joined OUYFL; this is the only way MYFA can get teams to come and play.

Agenda Item Number 5 being:

MOORE SOCCER ASSOCIATION ANNUAL REPORT

Raj Folmsbee, President of the Moore Soccer Association and Executive Director of Nutmeg, stated that there were 140 players registered for recreation teams; 10 competitive teams; and 11 academy teams. There were 18 league teams across four youth divisions; eight games played per team; and four scholarship recipients. No tournaments were held due to lack of tournament facilities; one of our goals for next year is to get Quail Ridge ready to be able to host tournaments. We would like to have two full-size fields 65 yards wide by 100 yards long and add more full-size fields as space allows. This will allow us to host more games and set up tournament play; have better practice space options for every team; and provide more opportunities for the older age groups, which in turn will benefit the high school soccer athletes in the community so they won't have to look elsewhere for competitive play. Our association has also joined a national platform, Oklahoma Rush, but is still under the umbrella of Nutmeg. Our goal with the platform is that they have the ability to get our word spread out; they have our websites; they deal with fundraising; they have the staff to be able to do all this. We're all volunteers and do the best we can but we feel like we need to step up what we've been able to do. Once we get our facilities to the point that we can expand we'd like to expand as big as we possibly can in the recreation area.

Chairman Payne asked where Quail Ridge is at as far as development and the status of the lighting there. Sue responded that there is a parking lot there now and soccer teams are practicing there; she added that Whitney and Tanner are working on getting the fields developed. Sue also said that they still have to discuss the lighting there and added that a pavilion and a spray ground are part of Quail Ridge planning if the ¼ cent sales tax passes.

Agenda Item Number 6 being:

DISCUSS, CONSIDER AND IF DEEMED APPROPRIATE MAKE A RECOMENDATION FOR AMY HOLLAND TO FILL THE WARD 2 VACANCY ON THE PARKS BOARD

Sue asked for a motion to approve Amy Holland to fill the Ward 2 vacancy on the Parks Board and set the process going forward for future applicants to be interviewed by the Parks Board and the Parks and Recreation Director or Assistant Director, after which a recommendation will be made to City Council.

Secretary Mattocks motioned to approve Amy Holland to fill the Ward 2 vacancy on the Parks Board and the process going forward for future applicants to be interviewed by the Parks Board and the Parks and Recreation Director or Assistant Director; second by Board Member Milum. Motion passed unanimously.

Ayes: Payne, Milum, Washington, Mattocks

Nays: None

Absent: None

Agenda Item Number 7 being:

NEW BUSINESS:

(A) CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

There were no citizens present that wished to be heard.

(B) ITEMS FROM THE PARK BOARD

Board Member Milum spoke about the Aging Services Chili Cook-off and silent auction that will be held at the Station on November 1st from 11:00am – 1:00pm. Secretary Mattocks asked if we have demographics of the city and membership at the Station as the new YMCA Wellness Center's programs are very engaging for

the seniors; she also wondered if our programming aligns with senior programming. Sue responded that she has been talking to a lot of them there and she knows the manager; she pointed out that only patrons 50 years and older can join that facility and many of the senior-aged pickle ball players actually come to the Station to play. Board Member Milum commented that Aging Services will be moving their meal service from the church on 4th St. to the Wellness Center.

Agenda Item Number 8 being:

REPORTS

Sue stated that the first ever Grillstock held at Buck Thomas Park went well with more than 60 participants; the event will be held again next year from September 11th -13th. The Station is also decorating for Halloween and getting ready for other holiday activities.

Agenda Item Number 9 being:

ADJOURNMENT

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

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

The Moore Parks Board meeting adjourned at 6:53 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.