

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE CITY OF MOORE PARKS BOARD
October 7th, 2025 -6:00 PM**

The Parks Board of the City of Moore met in regular session, 700 S. Broadway, Moore, Oklahoma on October 7th, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. with Chairman Charles Payne presiding. The following members were present:

Charles Payne
Kelley Mattocks
Janie Milum

Amy Holland
Kiara Benson
Chris Robinson

ABSENT: Robert Washington

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: City Manager, Brooks Mitchell; Assistant City Manager, Deidre Ebrey; Parks and Recreation Director, Sue Wood; Police Chief, Todd Gibson; 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 SEPTEMBER 8th, 2025

Board Member Milum motioned to approve the minutes from the regular meeting held September 8th, 2025; second by Vice Chairwoman Mattocks. Motion passed unanimously.

Ayes: Payne, Milum, Mattocks, Holland, Robinson, Benson
Nays: None
Absent: Washington

Agenda Item Number 3 being:

SAFETY TOWN PRESENTATION BY THE POLICE FOUNDATION

Todd Gibson, Chief of Moore Police Department, spoke about the Moore Police Advancing Community Foundation, an organization whose goal is to impact lives in the community and one of the ways they hope to achieve this is by the creation of a Safety

Town in Moore. He introduced Steve Shawn, one of the founding members of the foundation, to provide more information.

Steve Shawn explained that a Safety Town is a miniature town, to include small-scale roads, buildings, traffic lights, and crosswalks, designed for children to learn about fire, pedestrian, bicycle, and traffic safety. Local police, fire, and community volunteers would lead educational sessions and the typical ages for participants is between 4-10 years old. He noted that statistics show nearly 488 children ages 14 and under die in home fires, approximately 400 children drown accidentally each year and approximately 25 children in the United States are treated for bicycle-related injuries in emergency departments each hour. Having a Safety Town would enable children to build lifelong safety awareness in a positive, community-based setting. He added that the City of Edmond has implemented their own Safety Town, providing a valuable resource for children to learn about safety in a hands-on environment. However, while Edmond's Safety Town is a great foundation, the lack of continued resources and broad community involvement has limited its growth and overall impact.

Steve spoke on the community benefits of having a Safety Town: Promotes child safety and awareness; strengthens partnerships between schools, police, fire department, and city parks, and creates a family-friendly educational attraction within the parks system. Two possible locations for Safety Town, Fairmoore Park and Parmele Park, were identified with Fairmoore Park preferred due to its proximity to and visibility from I-35 and availability of parking spaces there.

Deidre Ebrey, Assistant City Manager, asked what the size of Safety Town would be. Steve responded that they need about 1-2 acres of land, with Safety Town occupying at least one-half acre.

Sue Wood, Parks and Recreation Director, said more than likely the area where the horseshoe pits are at Fairmoore Park would be the most plausible location; it wouldn't be difficult to have the Parks crews move that and there's already parking available there.

Chairman Payne stated that OGE has teams of retirees that go around to schools teaching electrical safety and they could possibly assist with the project; he asked what the cost would be. Steve responded that it could cost between 3.5 and 4 million dollars; the foundation has raised \$250,000 so far, with a fundraising event coming up next month, and the county has given the foundation \$100,000.

Board Member Holland suggested contacting the Army Corps of Engineers, which has a full curriculum regarding water safety. She added that they will teach their curriculum or they can also train someone to teach their curriculum.

Steve stated that Safety Town is still in its infancy; the foundation is just trying to get it off the ground and the main thing to make this work is a partnership with MPD, Moore Parks and Recreation, and the Moore Schools district.

Chairman Payne thanked Steve for his presentation.

Agenda Item Number 4 being:

NEW BUSINESS

(A) CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

There were no citizens present to speak.

(B) ITEMS FROM THE PARK BOARD

Board Member Milum reminded everyone about the Aging Services Chili Cookoff and silent auction on November 7th at the Moore Community Center. Some of the items in the auction include a generator, a "Great Outdoors" basket, Christmas items, wreaths, etc. Funds raised at this event will stay in Moore and will provide meals served at the Brand Senior Center and meals delivered to seniors in Moore.

Agenda Item Number 5 being:

REPORTS

Sue updated the board on the presentation she gave at the recent City Council meeting regarding landscaping efforts in the city and job positions within the Parks and Recreation department. A Parks and Cemetery Maintenance II position will become a Crew Chief position and the Horticulturist position will become an Inspector position, allowing us to have three different park crews: A sanitation/maintenance crew; mowing/trimming crew; and a Central Park crew, which will better enable us to meet the needs of the city.

Agenda Item Number 6 being:

ADJOURNMENT

Vice Chairwoman Mattocks motioned to adjourn the regular meeting of the Moore Parks Board; second by Board Member Robinson. Motion passed unanimously.

Ayes: Payne, Milum, Mattocks, Holland, Robinson, Benson

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Nays: None
Absent: Washington

The Moore Parks Board meeting adjourned at 6:58 p.m.

RECORDED/TRANSCRIBED BY:

RITA CHADRICK, Parks and Recreation Administrative Assistant

FOR:

ROBERT WASHINGTON, Secretary

These minutes passed and approved as noted this ____ day of _____, 2025.