

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE CITY OF MOORE PARKS BOARD
March 4th, 2025 -6:00 PM**

The Parks Board of the City of Moore met in regular session, 700 S. Broadway, Moore, Oklahoma on March 4th, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. with Chairman Charles Payne presiding. The following members were present:

Charles Payne
Janie Milum
Amy Holland

Kelley Mattocks
Robert Washington

ABSENT: None

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: Parks and Recreation Director, Sue Wood; Parks and Recreation Assistant 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 JANUARY 7th, 2025

Vice Chairwoman Mattocks motioned to approve the minutes from the regular meeting held January 7th, 2024; second by Board Member Milum. Motion passed unanimously.

Ayes: Payne, Milum, Washington, Mattocks, Holland

Nays: None

Absent: None

Agenda Item Number 3 being:

DISCUSS, CONSIDER AND IF DEEMED APPROPRIATE MAKE A
RECOMMENDATION FOR KIARA BENSON AND CHRIS ROBINSON TO FILL
THE WARD 2 AND WARD 3 VACANCIES, RESPECTIVELY, ON THE PARKS
BOARD

Chairman Payne stated that he and Board Member Milum interviewed seven individuals and they both liked what they heard from the two individuals chosen. Board Member Milum added that both Kiara and Chris had different and interesting ideas for the parks community in the future; Kiara had great ideas about sensory and stem items being incorporated in the parks.

Vice Chairwoman Mattocks motioned to recommend Kiara Benson and Chris Robinson for the Ward 2 and Ward 3 vacancies, respectively, on the Parks Board; second by Secretary Washington. Motion passed unanimously.

Ayes: Payne, Milum, Washington, Mattocks, Holland

Nays: None

Absent: None

Agenda Item Number 4 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 asked about the status of restroom upgrades at Buck Thomas baseball field and what would become of the existing bathrooms. Sue responded that the ¼ cent sales tax to pay for new restrooms, which will include electrical updates and ADA improvements, is in process; the existing restrooms will be used as storage after cleanup is done.

Chairman Payne asked about grants that are available for parks that he read about in the ORPS newsletter. Sue responded that staff has worked with Elizabeth Weitman's grants crew and grant writers on grants for trails.

Agenda Item Number 5 being:

REPORTS

Whitney reported that Buck Thomas baseball parking lot renovations should be finished in a few weeks; they need to pour asphalt and paint. All asphalt has been removed from Kiwanis parking lot; they kept existing curbing, added sidewalks to the pickleball entrance, doing slope control at the playground area and will plant seeding for erosion control.

Chairman Payne asked if we would ever consider putting a sidewalk between 12th St and 4th St. down to Bryant and possibly connect the two parks. Whitney responded that outside of parks sidewalks it's being considered all over the city. There will be a long-range plan developed over time with Community Development; as park staff we will be associated with that planning to try to connect parks with residential streets. Sue added that it's in the next Master Plan. Chairman Payne also stated he noticed this morning that coming from Bryant down 12th St. towards the dog park there's a 20-30 foot section of the sidewalk that's completely separated. Whitney responded that he will check on it.

Vice Chairwoman Mattocks asked what criteria Community Development has in determining sidewalk size and if biking is allowed at Central Park. Sue responded that there are regulations they go by and it also depends on funding. She noted that the sidewalks down Eastern are very wide; that was included in the bid process for the project. Veterans Park was created with a wider eight-foot sidewalk, which is what we're trying to do at all of the parks for passing lanes and things like that. Whitney added that Central Park has a 10-foot sidewalk and the wider sidewalk does allow for wheel traffic.

Vice Chairwoman Mattocks also noted that when you get to the crosswalk at 34th and Telephone Road rather than it being transitional it makes a 90-degree angle, which makes it difficult for bike riders; it would be nice if it were more user friendly. Also, if you go around and look at various intersections they're all different, depending on the contractor that did the project. Sue responded that we might be able to get that area improved; she will speak to Jerry Ihler about it.

Sue also reported that the Moore Sports Advisory Committee submitted a document for the Park Board to review and reminded the board that the Moore Sports Advisory Committee is not any kind of a board or official committee. They just want to make sure they're helping as much as possible so they've created their goals and purpose, general responsibilities, selection and qualification structure, meetings and recommendations so they will be aware of their own abilities and what they can do to help the sports organizations.

Sue added that they see most of their help in the finance area so they know how they can keep an eye on the administration of these organizations and also help the organization presidents have a good hold on managing their organizations. The Moore Sports Advisory Committee would also be an excellent unbiased source of help in case there are any kind of grievances; if something can't be resolved through the organization they can take it to this advisory committee for their input.

Chairman Payne asked if the advisory committee is already meeting. Sue responded that they are already meeting; they're putting their heads together to determine what they can do to help the organizations and they have really some good ideas. They want to increase the adult sports activities, offer a wider variety of sports and offer encouragement to the organizations that are holding the contracts; many of the advisory committee members

have been past presidents of the sports organizations so they know what the contracts are all about and why they need to be followed. Moore Youth Baseball Association went through some major changes last year; they are wonderful right now and doing a really good job. They're very concerned about how everything is going and doing well financially. They're also holding people to the grind; the concessions supervisor did not agree with the president on how concessions should be run so she quit; the president is doing fine working with college and high school students in concessions that are eager to get their summer money.

Sue added that Wes Williams has resigned as the president of softball and Toby Csonka is the new president. There was also a big baseball tournament this past weekend with 70 teams entered.

Chairman Payne asked if teams will be directed to the advisory committee first, instead of the association, when it comes to grievances. Sue responded no; they will be directed to work it out with the organizations first but if their board can't make a decision then they can take it to the advisory committee.

Vice Chairwoman Mattocks asked if staff feels that having the Moore Sports Advisory Committee is resourceful. Sue responded that she feels having the committee is resourceful; they're getting there but they really want definition before they do anything. They know that they have no authority when it comes to these organizations and they're there just to be of assistance.

Agenda Item Number 5 being:

ADJOURNMENT

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

Ayes: Payne, Milum, Washington, Mattocks, Holland

Nays: None

Absent: None

The Moore Parks Board meeting adjourned at 6:24 p.m.

RECORDED/TRANSCRIBED BY:

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FOR:

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ROBERT WASHINGTON, Secretary

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