

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

The Parks Board of the City of Moore met in regular session, 700 S. Broadway, Moore, Oklahoma on January 7th, 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 DECEMBER 3rd, 2024

Secretary Washington motioned to approve the minutes from the regular meeting held December 3rd, 2024; second by Board Member Milum. Motion passed unanimously.

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

Agenda Item Number 3 being:

NEW BUSINESS

(A) CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

There were no citizens present that wished to be heard.

(B) ITEMS FROM THE PARK BOARD

Chairman Payne commented that the city and the Parks and Recreation Department did a great job on all of the Christmas festivities.

Agenda Item Number 4 being:

REPORTS

Whitney Wathen, Assistant Parks and Recreation Director, noted some big projects for the next two quarters including Buck Thomas Park parking lot on the north side of baseball/softball; Little River Park trails enhancement; additional lighting on field 5 for Moore Youth Baseball Association; replacement of Kiwanis Park parking lot; installation of an auto gate at the Parks Maintenance facility; and replacement of cameras in all parks at playgrounds, splashpads, etc. The entertainment room at the Brand Senior Center will be remodeled, painted and updated with new audio-visual equipment. Proposals for the 5th and Markwell playground project have been turned in and we will put together a group for the selection process.

Chairman Payne asked about the camera locations; he was out walking by football/baseballfields and noticed someone had dumped their furniture next to the dumpster. Whitney responded that we can't stop that from happening, but when it does Public Works will be called to pick it up.

Sue Wood, Parks and Recreation Director, added that Buck Thomas looks so much better since the replacement of the polycarts. She noted that an alarm was installed at the emergency gates at the baseball field due to people letting others in through the gate, causing baseball to lose hundreds of dollars in revenue. Staff is working to get the sports associations in to sign their agreements; the deadline to pay fees is extended to April. Nutmeg will not be returning for soccer; we were being very firm with them and at the last minute they refused to sign the agreement so we're running the soccer program this year, which we have done in the past. Chairman Payne asked if Nutmeg would take their teams elsewhere. Sue responded that they probably will; they wanted to play club ball but we're a recreation league. Whitney is working with the coordinators and Parks personnel on the budget for future projects, which will be approved in June. Chairman Payne asked if the City Manager has said anything about pursuing a hotel/motel tax increase. Sue responded that the City Manager thinks some of the taxes are high and she doesn't know when an increase would happen. Sue noted that there are nine applicants for the Parks Board vacancies in Ward 2 and Ward 3. Chairman Payne asked if there's a timeline to conduct interviews. Sue responded that it can be done after the holidays. She also commented that the City Council praised the Parks and Recreation staff and the Parks Board for all of the holiday activities. Vice Chairwoman Mattocks and Board Member Holland stated that they were very appreciative of the reserved parking at the Christmas Spectacular and enjoyed the vendors and event.

Agenda Item Number 5 being:

ADJOURNMENT

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

Ayes: Payne, Milum, Washington, Mattocks, Holland

Nays: None

Absent: None

The Moore Parks Board meeting adjourned at 6:15 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.