

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE CITY OF MOORE PARKS BOARD
May 5th, 2026 -6:00 PM**

The Parks Board of the City of Moore met in regular session, 700 S. Broadway, Moore, Oklahoma on May 5th, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. with Chairman Charles Payne presiding. The following members were present:

Charles Payne
Kelley Mattocks
Janie Milum

Chris Robinson
Kiara Benson

ABSENT: Robert Washington, Amy Holland

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: Assistant City Manager Deidre Ebrey; 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 APRIL 7th, 2026.

Board Member Robinson motioned to approve the minutes from the regular meeting held April 7th, 2026; second by Board Member Milum. Motion passed unanimously.

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

Agenda Item Number 3 being:

NEW BUSINESS

(A) CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

There were no citizens present to speak.

(B) ITEMS FROM THE PARK BOARD

Chairman Payne stated that he has met twice with the Buck Thomas Comprehensive Planning Committee to discuss renovations/upgrades at Buck Thomas Park. He has gone through a few proposals with them, including utilizing the Huddleston property to have an entrance into the park off Bryant, the inclusion of a splash pad, establishing a one-way circular road through the park, and a new skate park. He also noted the addition of 1,154 parking spaces in the plans, but couldn't see where they would fit.

Deidre Ebrey, Assistant City Manager, stated that the designs for Buck Thomas Park are in the process of changing again. The intent is to have the police, fire, Community Development, the Parks Board, and City Council figure out what can be done, what can fit, and what it will look like. All other elements will likely go out to the public to see what people want to use Buck Thomas Park for. She noted that the police would like the skate park more toward the 12th St. side and not at the back of the park, so maybe the dog park and skate park locations could be flipped. The new parking spaces would be angled parking, which would fit more vehicles. However, the issue is how it all would get paid for.

Chairman Payne stated that he listened to a podcast with the City Manager talking about the penny sales tax and how to present it again. Vice Chairwoman Mattocks asked what happened at the briefing for the penny sales tax and the lawsuit settlement involving the city.

Assistant City Manager Ebrey responded that the tax could possibly be half a cent this year and a quarter cent in two years. She noted that the top three reasons why the people didn't vote for the sales tax was the permanency of the tax and the amount; they want more say in projects and the ability to pick them; and they want to see the projects that are already started, finished. As for the lawsuit involving the city she noted that there was a \$126 million dollar judgment against the city but in a tort claim the city's obligation is \$125,000.

Chairman Payne stated that they will discuss what changes/updates have occurred with the Buck Thomas Park plans at the next Parks Board meeting.

Vice Chairwoman Mattocks stated that a while a friend was on her boat she was able to watch her granddaughter play softball live in Plano through a video link and thought that our sports associations would be interested in looking into having a live video link during tournaments.

Agenda Item Number 4 being:

REPORTS

- Received approval to start drainage work at Phillips 66 Park.
- Tus Nua Mowing and Landscape, LLC won the bid for the landscaping contract.
- The splashpads open on Friday, May 8.
- The pool is inspected and ready; 55 lifeguards have been hired so far.
- Oasis Summer Camp is fully staffed.
- The Station windows are painted to support the OKC Thunder and the 250th birthday of the United States.
- Summer programs at The Station start Memorial Day.

Agenda Item Number 5 being:

ADJOURNMENT

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

Ayes: Payne, Mattocks, Milum, Robinson, Benson

Nays: None

Absent: Washington, Holland

The Moore Parks Board meeting adjourned at 6:40 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 _____, 2026.