

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE CITY OF MOORE PARKS BOARD
June 1st, 2021 -6:00 PM**

The Parks Board of the City of Moore met in regular session, 700 S. Broadway, Moore, Oklahoma on June 1st, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. with Chairwoman Janie Milum presiding. The following members were present:

Jeff Arvin Charles Payne
Eddie Vickers Robert Washington

ABSENT: Sid Porter, Kelley Mattocks

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: Parks Director, Sue Wood; Acting Assistant Parks Director, Whitney Wathen; and Administrative Assistant, Rita Chadrick.

Agenda Item Number 1 being:

- ROLL CALL; (listed above).
- Present Dean Chandler, Senior Citizen Services, with 15-year service pin

Agenda Item Number 2 being:

RECEIVE AND APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE REGULAR MEETING HELD MAY 4th, 2021

Board Member Vickers motioned to approve the minutes from the regular meeting held May 4th, 2021; seconded by Board Member Payne. Motion passed unanimously.

Ayes: Payne, Vickers, Arvin, Milum, Washington

Nays: None

Absent: Porter, Mattocks

Agenda Item Number 3 being:

- A) DISCUSS, CONSIDER AND IF DEEMED APPROPRIATE MAKE A RECOMMENDATION ON THE NEIGHBORHOOD PARK PORTION OF HILLS AT TIMBER CREEK ESTATES ADDITION PRELIMINARY PLAT.
- Sue stated that this land off Indian Hills and Sunnyslane is a hilly farm area that does not offer much as far as building a park there. It would just be a playground and additional upkeep for the Parks and Recreation

Department, so the recommendation of a fee-in-lieu of parkland of \$9,316.65 would be appropriate for that area.

Board Member Payne motioned to accept staff's recommendation of the fee of \$9,316.65 in lieu of land, second by Vice-Chairman Arvin. Motion passed unanimously.

Ayes: Payne, Vickers, Arvin, Milum, Washington

Nays: None

Absent: Porter, Mattocks

B) DISCUSS, CONSIDER AND IF DEEMED APPROPRIATE MAKE A RECOMMENDATION ON THE NEIGHBORHOOD PARK PORTION OF MADISON GARDEN ADDITION PRELIMINARY PLAT.

- Sue stated that it would be difficult to build a park at Madison Garden because it's in a very swampy area; we would have to drain the area and do a lot of landscaping before it can even be used. Because the upkeep would be costly, Sue made the recommendation to take the fee of \$5,033.13 in lieu of parkland.

Vice Chairman Arvin motioned to accept staff's recommendation of the fee of \$5,033.13 in lieu of land, Board Member Vickers second. Motion passed unanimously.

Ayes: Payne, Vickers, Arvin, Milum, Washington

Nays: None

Absent: Porter, Mattocks

C) DISCUSS, CONSIDER AND IF DEEMED APPROPRIATE MAKE A RECOMMENDATION ON THE NEIGHBORHOOD PARK PORTION OF CYPRESS CREEK ADDITION PRELIMINARY PLAT.

- Sue suggested thoroughly thinking about this one because there are many citizens that have voiced their opinion about this area. This area is full of forest and the developer wants to take all the forest out and make a small park just for the residents; however, many citizens are upset because it is one of the few areas left that can be used as a nature area for the citizens of Moore. In doing so, the area could be designated as trails and nature programming and the only thing that we would actually have to do as far as construction would be a parking lot and the use would totally be nature-oriented. Parks and Recreation's responsibility would be similar to what we do with Little River North, which is keep the path clear and possibly some mulching.
- Vice-Chairman Arvin asked where they would put the park; Board Member Vickers asked where exactly this land is located.

- Sue responded that it is located at the corner of 19th and Sunnyside and they already have a designated area where there is an oil well on site that will be removed on development.
- Board Member Payne asked what the cost to the City would be to get a park established and what the ongoing cost would be if Parks and Recreation decided to keep the land.
- Sue responded that it is something we would have to look at and put in our five-year plan for budgeting, adding that just keeping it natural right now is what the citizens would be happy with.

Board Member Vickers motioned to table to gather more information and take a better look at the area, second by Board Member Payne. Motion passed unanimously.

Ayes: Payne, Vickers, Arvin, Milum, Washington

Nays: None

Absent: Porter, Mattocks

Agenda Item Number 4 being:

DISCUSS FREELANCE PAID INSTRUCTORS IN PARKS

- Sue stated that there was a question from a City Council member about how we deal with freelance paid instructors in our parks and said that at this time we have no policy, by-law or ordinance that controls any kind of instructor activity in the parks. There are times when people are charging for activities that they're sponsoring in various park areas, such as boot camps, and the tennis courts are used frequently by instructors that are charging for lessons. Parks and Recreation has its own instructors and we utilize what we need to utilize, but for anyone to go out and have a class at any of our parks is a free-for-all.
- Chairwoman Milum asked whether these instructors have to schedule the use of the tennis courts.
- Sue responded they do not; they just use them when they want to unless we're there and we remove them because we have a scheduled event or there are signs posted that the high school will be using the courts.
- Whitney added if somebody is out there giving paid instruction, should we regulate that, just allow it, or require a fee or permit?
- Board Member Vickers responded that if it's a business charging for lessons or use they should pay a fee and make a reservation time so we know it's being used for that purpose and other citizens know that it's taken at a certain time; maybe put signage out to let people know.
- Board Member Payne added that it would be similar to renting a park pavilion where you get a permit to post that shows anyone that shows up that you have the pavilion reserved.

- Vice Chairman Arvin stated that it would be too much to keep track of and asked if this has created a problem yet because the more rules you create, the more you have to police the rules; if it becomes a problem we can address it then.
- Board Member Vickers stated as long as it's not taking away from normal citizens using the area, he doesn't see a problem with it. If it becomes a problem, we can take it on a case by case basis.

Agenda Item Number 5 being:

DISCUSS DRONES IN PARKS

- Sue stated that we do not have a problem with drones at this time, but we also do not have any control over drones over neighborhoods. Oklahoma City has very strict drone regulations; you can't fly drones in the parks due to the airways and small airports around. She suggested setting up a drone area where people can actually go and use them with no problems, such as Little River or Central Park.
- Vice-chairman Arvin stated his concern with drones is not with the airways, but the cameras on the drones and what's being filmed, especially in the parks. He asked about getting drone policies from other communities that don't necessarily have air traffic issues and asked Sue to gather more information about flying drones and also shooting aerial rockets and get back to the board with the information.

Agenda Item Number 6 being:

NEW BUSINESS

(A) CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

There were no citizens present that wish to be heard.

(B) ITEMS FROM THE PARK BOARD

There were no items from the Board.

Agenda Item Number 7 being:

REPORTS

- Whitney reported that the final quote for the second dog park is about \$45,000 for a complete job; just the fencing was a little over \$32,000.
- Board Member Washington asked if there have been any issues in our dog park such as the one in Norman, where the dog was shot, and whether guns are allowed on the premises.

- Whitney responded we have not had any issues at our dog park and that guns are allowed on the premises, even in the ballpark, and we cannot regulate that because of state law.
- Board Member Vickers asked about having a flea market weekend on the north grounds of Central Park.
- Sue responded that Kasey Dean is working on that. Whitney added that we're going to try to do a lot of different things depending on our budget; manipulate the programs currently in place and add things as we can.
- Board Member Payne asked about the current plans for the renovations to The Station.
- Sue responded that the Public Works facility will be built first, which will start in July or August, and as soon as that's completed they will start on renovations here, in late fall or early spring.

Agenda Item Number 8 being:

ADJOURNMENT

Vice Chairman Arvin motioned to adjourn the regular meeting of the Moore Parks Board, seconded by Board Member Vickers. Motion passed unanimously.


Ayes: Payne, Vickers, Arvin, Milum, Washington

Nays: None

Absent: Porter, Mattocks


The Moore Parks Board meeting adjourned at 6:49 p.m.

RECORDED/TRANSCRIBED BY:



RITA CHADRICK, Parks and Recreation Administrative Assistant

FOR:



SID PORTER, Secretary

These minutes passed and approved as noted this 6th day of July, 2021.