

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE CITY OF MOORE PARKS BOARD
October 5th, 2021 -6:00 PM**

The Parks Board of the City of Moore met in regular session, 700 S. Broadway, Moore, Oklahoma on October 5th, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. with Vice Chairman Jeff Arvin presiding. The following members were present:

Charles Payne	Jeff Arvin
Kelley Mattocks	Robert Washington

ABSENT: Janie Milum, Sid Porter, Eddie Vickers

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: Parks Director, Sue Wood; Assistant Parks 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 SEPTEMBER 13th, 2021

Board Member Mattocks motioned to approve the minutes from the regular meeting held September 13th, 2021; second by Board Member Washington. Motion passed unanimously.

Ayes: Arvin, Payne, Mattocks, Washington

Nays: None

Absent: Milum, Porter, Vickers

Agenda Item Number 3 being:

NEW BUSINESS:

(A) CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

There were no citizens to speak.

(B) ITEMS FROM THE PARK BOARD

- Board Member Payne stated that he had been in contact with a lady who had posted on a neighborhood phone app that while she was walking at the north end of the dog park a man with a painted face jumped out of the trees and scared her. Board Member Payne told her that he would bring it up at the next Parks Board meeting and encouraged her to attend to tell the whole story, but she was not at the meeting. He noted that the south end of the park is well-lit, but there are no lights in the north end.
- Sue responded that she would look into this matter.
- Vice Chairman Arvin stated that while walking at Little River around 5:30pm during the week there is a problem with people on four-wheelers and Razors racing around on the walking track while people are walking.
- Whitney responded that he hasn't received any reports of this occurring, but will let MPD know so they can make extra routes in that area.
- Board Member Payne asked if there's an ordinance regarding motorized vehicles in the parks.
- Whitney responded that there is an ordinance that does not allow motor vehicles in the parks; even parking or just being on the grass is prohibited.

Agenda Item Number 4 being:

REPORTS

A) END OF THE SEASON AQUATIC REPORT PRESENTED BY MEGAN KAYS, AQUATIC COORDINATOR.

This is tabled to the next meeting.

B) PARKS UPDATES PRESENTED BY WHITNEY WATHEN, ASSISTANT PARKS AND RECREATION DIRECTOR

- Whitney stated that the dog park contractor is still working on a few items. We're also installing amenities from the old dog park and moving them to the new dog park; signage and water are probably one of the last things we'll do. They're figuring out whether they want to put a hydrant on that side of the park, either a six inch line on the west side of the parking lot or a two-inch line across the street. The quick and easy fix is the two-inch line to get water there, then do irrigation later and tap on to the six-inch line.
- Waiting on a quote for a new liner for Shields fountain; our goal is to have it up and running by next spring.
- Had some issues with neighbors to the west of the softball light pole that's directly underneath their houses and we're working on replacing it; shouldn't take more than 30 days and will provide an update next month on timeframe if available.

- Temporarily painted Buck Thomas Park parking lines with water-based paint in certain areas; plan on redoing a lot of surfacing out there so we didn't want to address all the areas to be painted.
- We're in the process of ordering a mobile accordion door for an instructor at the Senior Center who requested a sound barrier for where she holds her classes.
- Spoke with MPD and we're having the Parks camera system evaluated to determine if we need to make adjustments to certain cameras to have a better view or if we need to add additional cameras in specific locations in order to create a safer environment and control crime in the areas.
- Sue added that we're having issues with the same gentleman regarding the music at Buck Thomas Park; he's strongly disagreeing with the fact that anybody plays any music at the softball complex. He's sending e-mails to the City Council and the police chief; we are working with the police chief and the City Manager to solve this issue. It's an ordinance issue and Whitney's setting up a chart where we'll be measuring decibals and finding out exactly if they are breaking any ordinance. Parks Maintenance has been working very hard outside The Station replacing some of the older plants that have been here since they first put the gardens in; they removed all the yuccas and are replacing them with hawthorns and other smoke trees, which should be pretty all throughout the year. Upcoming Halloween events are the Mummy Son Dance on October 22 and we're also partnering with Haunt Old Town on October 30.
- Board Member Mattocks asked how all the music in the parks was going; she had tried to get out to the event on October 17 and heard that it was popular.
- Sue responded that the Beats and Eats event went well; we also had a Fall Arts and Crafts Fair that was very successful with more than 50 vendors.
- Board Member Payne asked about the progress of Old Town Park on Main Street.
- Sue responded that they're still working on it; there is a right of way issue with a difference of 50 feet as far as what they previously had looked into.
- Whitney asked if we would still go ahead with plans if we don't get the right to that right of way.
- Vice Chairman Arvin responded it's in the railroad's hands at this point. It will have to be totally redone if we don't have that 50 feet; it could be a make or break deal depending on what BNSF comes up with.
- Board Member Mattocks thanked the Parks and Recreation Department for everything that they do. Vice Chairman Arvin added that he had just left a function attended by Congressman Cole, who complimented the Parks Department and the Parks Board for everything that's been done for the city.

Agenda Item Number 5 being:

ADJOURNMENT

Board Member Payne motioned to adjourn the regular meeting of the Moore Parks Board, second by Board Member Mattocks. Motion passed unanimously.

Ayes: Arvin, Mattocks, Payne Washington

Nays: None

Absent: Milum, Porter, Vickers

The Moore Parks Board meeting adjourned at 6:17 p.m.

RECORDED/TRANSCRIBED BY:

RITA CHADRICK, Parks and Recreation Administrative Assistant

FOR:

SID PORTER, Secretary

These minutes passed and approved as noted this ____ day of _____, 2021.