

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

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

Jeff Arvin Kelley Mattocks Robert Washington
Sid Porter Janie Milum

ABSENT: Charles Payne, Eddie Vickers

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: 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 June 1st, 2021

Vice Chairman Arvin motioned to approve the minutes from the regular meeting held June 1st, 2021; second by Board Member Washington. Motion passed unanimously.

Ayes: Arvin, Milum, Mattocks, Washington
Nays: None
Absent: Payne, Vickers

Agenda Item Number 3 being:

SWEARING IN OF JEFF ARVIN, ROBERT WASHINGTON AND CHARLES PAYNE TO NEW 3-YEAR TERMS.

City Clerk, Vanessa Kemp, swore in Vice Chairman Jeff Arvin and Board Member Robert Washington to new 3-year terms to the Moore Parks Board.

Board Member Payne was absent.

Agenda Item Number 4 being:

MOORE YOUTH FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION REVIEW FOR PARKS BOARD APPROVAL

- Mitch Allen and John Black updated the Board regarding the Moore Youth Football Association. 501(c)(3) status has been filed for the association. The new advisory board is established and composed of everyone who was on the temporary advisory board set up in May. John will be the advisor over the finances. The new by-laws state that the advisory board will meet once or twice a year; more if required. As for the leagues 50-55 teams are registered for fall tackle football, up from 39 last year. The 7 on 7 season just ended; 76 teams played. For the first time sign-ups were online only; no in-person sign ups. We're trying to get away from the use of cash and working with our concessions to be able to take payments using cards, in addition to a tracking method on a spreadsheet when concessions workers are paid at the end of the night. As for maintenance issues, at the start of 7 on 7 we hired someone to mow the fields, take trash out and paint; we're also working with Parks & Recreation to get drainage issues fixed.
- Board Member Mattocks asked Whitney if Parks and Recreation had reviewed the agreement and other documents presented by the association and whether there were additional questions for Mitch.
- Whitney responded that there were minor changes made to the verbiage in the agreement to reflect the direction Parks and Recreation is moving with the sports association. Establishing their 501(c)(3) and getting their tax-exempt status is the association's first step and they are also getting their financial information submitted. Whitney stated that we're happy with where they're at and if they would like to move forward we would like that as well.
- Secretary Porter asked Mitch and John if everybody has come together and if things have calmed down since the last time the association met with the Board. He commended Mitch on what they have done with the association because it takes a lot of work and they don't get paid for doing this. You do it for the love of the sport and the kids and that's the number one goal, although sometimes parents forget about that. He appreciates the work that the association has accomplished and said that in his opinion it's come a long way.
- Mitch responded that there will always be disagreements between parents and coaches and teams, but as far as this past 7 on 7 season everyone worked together to stay on top of things and be more organized.

Secretary Porter motioned to accept the Moore Football League Association and their new by-laws; second by Board Member Mattocks. Motion passed unanimously.

Ayes: Arvin, Milum, Mattocks, Washington

Nays: None

Absent: Payne, Vickers

Agenda Item Number 5 being:

(A) CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

- Ms. Lorraine Mattingly-Emo, 10900 S Sunnyslane Rd, Oklahoma City, addressed the board regarding an issue she had when trying to purchase a season pass at The Station. She asked why she has to purchase a non-resident pass since her children go to Moore Public Schools, therefore they are Moore residents. She also stated that since she was not considered a resident of Moore she was unable to purchase a season pass and could only purchase a day pass.
- Whitney responded that you can purchase a season pass whether you are a resident of Moore or a non-resident; the difference is that if you are a Moore resident you will get a discount on the fees. He added that there may be some confusion regarding what establishes someone as a resident of Moore.
- Secretary Porter stated that residency **is** established by whether you pay taxes to the City of Moore, not by a child or children attending Moore Public Schools.
- Vice Chairman Arvin added that the building of The Station was a \$25,000,000 bond issue that was paid by the people that live within the city limits of Moore and pay taxes to the city, which is why Moore residents get a little break in fees.
- Ms. Mattingly-Emo thanked the board for explaining the Moore resident/non-resident issue.

(B) ITEMS FROM THE PARK BOARD

There were no items from the Board.

Agenda Item Number 6 being:

REPORTS

- Whitney reported that Celebration in the Heartland on July 4th went well, especially with the change of hours of the event. There will be a meeting later this week to work out some suggestions and ideas to improve it and make it flow more efficiently; Sue had brought up maybe making the roadway one-way to help with the traffic flow.
- Secretary Porter asked how many food trucks were at the event and thanked Whitney for all the hard work that Parks & Recreation put into the event.

- Whitney responded that there were nine food trucks in two separate food courts, which worked out well. There were also two beer vendors and a couple of wineries, which the people really enjoyed, and there were no issues with having them there. There were also vendors that provided some kind of food throughout the park, like caramel popcorn and cotton candy, which went over really well. Some local football teams were allowed to do fundraising, selling bottled water, drinks, snacks, etc. and they were very excited about it so we'll continue that as well.
- Whitney added that there will be a lot of changes this new fiscal year and updates will come as they happen. Some special events coming up include Food Truck Friday, Dive-in Movie, Fishing Derby at Buck Thomas Park on the 24th. We're just operating day to day and everything is going well. We will have a lot of new staff coming this year that Council approved the budget for and that increases our part-time staff by about 25%, which is sorely needed; we struggle to increase our programming because of staffing and this will allow us to provide citizens more programming and activities.
- Vice Chairman Arvin asked Whitney if he had any idea when the remodel of the facility would start and whether anything would have to be shut down during the process.
- Whitney responded that the Public Works building would be done first, which should start in August and take about 90 days to complete, then they focus will shift to The Station. Nothing should have to be shut down; it should take from 9-12 months from start to finish.

Agenda Item Number 7 being:

ADJOURNMENT

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

Ayes: Arvin, Milum, Washington, Porter, Mattocks

Nays: None

Absent: Payne, Vickers

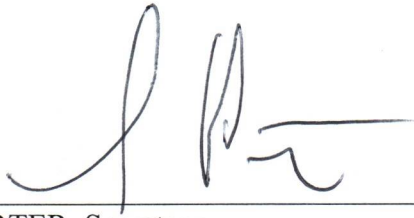
The Moore Parks Board meeting adjourned at 6:22 p.m.

RECORDED/TRANSCRIBED BY:



RITA CHADRICK, Parks and Recreation Administrative Assistant

FOR:



SID PORTER, Secretary

These minutes passed and approved as noted this 3rd day of August, 2021.