

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE CITY OF MOORE PARKS BOARD
May 4th, 2021 -6:00 PM**

The Parks Board of the City of Moore met in regular session, 700 S. Broadway, Moore, Oklahoma on May 4th, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. with Chairwoman Janie Milum presiding. The following members were present:

Jeff Arvin	Charles Payne	Eddie Vickers
Kelley Mattocks	Janie Milum	

ABSENT: Sid Porter, Robert Washington

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).

Agenda Item Number 2 being:

RECEIVE AND APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE REGULAR MEETING HELD APRIL 6th, 2021

Board Member Mattocks motioned to approve the minutes from the regular meeting held April 6th, 2021; second by Board Member Vickers. Motion passed unanimously.

Ayes: Payne, Mattocks, Vickers, Arvin, Milum

Nays: None

Absent: Porter, Washington

Agenda Item Number 3 being:

NEW BUSINESS

A) CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

- There were no citizens that wished to be heard.

B) ITEMS FROM THE PARK BOARD

- Vice Chairman Arvin asked about the progress of the water feature at the Shields pond.
- Whitney responded that we're trying to get several pumps and electricians have been contacted to get lights replaced out there.
- Chairwoman Milum asked if seniors are able to participate in the senior farmer's market nutrition program at our farmer's market.
- Sue responded that we're checking on that; since we already use the SNAP program we should be able to incorporate the nutrition program and will share the information at Brand Senior Center once it is finalized.
- Board Member Mattocks asked about the progress of distance markers and other accoutrements along the way at the walking track. Board Member Payne asked if the walking program was up and running now and noted that some of the parks he walks in already have markers.
- Sue responded that Buster Bread, Fitness Coordinator, has measured each park and currently has a walking program set up that began on May 3. We're also working with the library to set up a "storybook trail" where there will be kiosks set up in which the library will put books or art displays, which people can look at while walking.
- Whitney added that Buster's walking program is not based on the distance markers, which were already in place before his program started. Buster lined out walking trails digitally that incorporated the parks, along with other areas of the city, where you can walk and track your distance and how much you participated in the program. Whitney also noted that there are distance markers at every park that has a walking trail.
- Board Member Payne asked whether a sidewalk would be built down Bryant from 12th St. to 4th St. to connect Buck Thomas to Veterans Park, based on previous talks.
- Sue responded that she hadn't heard about that particular project yet. She added that one of her goals is to have a bike trail all the way around Moore.
- Board Member Mattocks asked whether the new sidewalk installations that make abrupt 90-degree turns, like at 34th St., are within code, and the possibility of addressing this due to safety concerns.
- Sue responded that she would contact Public Works regarding this concern.

Agenda Item Number 4 being:

REPORTS

- Whitney reported that City Council approved the purchase of fitness equipment from Advance Exercise. The fitness equipment bid request included 25 pieces of

equipment – 11 treadmills, 10 ellipticals, four stepmills. The new machines will have integrated screens that will function like a tablet. Purchase cost is \$187,785.72, lease-to-own,.

- Board Member Payne asked if the equipment is a replacement for what we currently have.
- Whitney responded that it is a replacement, but we'll keep some of the upright bikes, recumbent bikes and rowers. Sue added that the Moore Fire Department will be purchasing some of the old equipment that has the least amount of hours on it to replace some of their old equipment. Whitney stated that we'll be charging MFD about 25% of what was initially charged for the equipment from the original purchase; the money will go into General Fund. We've also started a program with our Fitness Coordinator to track equipment usage better and rotate machines around from "hot spots."
- Whitney also reported an issue with an adult patron of the facility who had been harassing the staff and other patrons, mainly minors. This individual has been trespassed and is no longer allowed in the facility or on Central Park property.
- Vice-Chairman Arvin asked whether we had any issues with a female who was trying to film inside Moore Youth and Family Services and also at Moore Police Department over the weekend; she claimed she was doing a story and since it's a public building and uses public funds she should have access to anything she wants in the buildings.
- Whitney responded that we have a policy where filming of any kind is not allowed inside our facility unless it's approved beforehand.
- Board Member Payne asked if we knew what the lady's agenda was.
- Vice-Chairman Arvin replied he didn't know for sure, but her real agenda may have been to get the police to do something so that she could post it on social media.
- Sue reported that we are still having issues with the noise and music at Buck Thomas Park at the softball field, which is the closest to the neighborhoods. Walkout music is played for each of the players on a team, which the neighbors have to hear all day, every weekend. Brooks is looking into ordinance change and we'll also be getting some digital measurers to measure decibel levels of the sound from various locations.
- Board Member Payne asked how much land we now own back towards Bryant.
- Sue responded that we have the area all the way to a Bryant to a certain space, then there's a house to the north and the animal shelter. The corner of Bryant & 12th is owned by schools and there's a whole area there that we don't have as park ground.
- Board Member Payne asked if the land on which the house to the north sits is the one that we would acquire when the owner passes away and the chances of planting cedar trees to reduce noise.
- Whitney responded he has not heard anything about that; we own a little bit past the softball fields but not much going north right now. There is a possibility of putting two more fields next to the two on the hill, which would make the

quadruplex more functional; move the girl's teams up and use the other fields for only adult games or something that will restrict music altogether.

- Board Member Mattocks added that with all the different technology these days there may even be noise abatement equipment that could help.
- Sue also distributed preliminary information on the fee-in-lieu of parkland recommendation, which will be discussed at the next Parks Board meeting.

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: Payne, Mattocks, Vickers, Arvin, Milum

Nays: None

Absent: Porter, Washington


The Moore Parks Board meeting adjourned at 6:29 p.m.

RECORDED/TRANSCRIBED BY:



RITA CHADRICK, Parks and Recreation Administrative Assistant

FOR:

 *Vice Chair*

for SID PORTER, Secretary

These minutes passed and approved as noted this 1st day of June, 2021.