

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE CITY OF MOORE PARKS BOARD  
August 4<sup>th</sup>, 2020 -7:00 PM**

**The Parks Board of the City of Moore met in regular session, 700 S. Broadway, Moore, Oklahoma on August 4<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. with Chairwoman Janie Milum presiding. The following members were present:**

Sid Porter	Robert Washington
Charles Payne	Kelley Mattocks

ABSENT: Eddie Vickers, Jeff Arvin

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: City Manager, Brooks Mitchell, Parks Director, Sue Wood, City Clerk, Vanessa Kemp, Aquatics Coordinator, Marina Melrose, Parks Coordinator, Whitney Wathen and Administrative Assistant, Kristina Taylor.

**Agenda Item Number 1 being:**

ROLL CALL; (listed above).

**Agenda Item Number 2 being:**

RECEIVE AND APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE REGULAR MEETING HELD JULY 7<sup>TH</sup>, 2020

**Board Member Mattocks motioned to approve the minutes from the regular meeting held July 7<sup>th</sup>, 2020, seconded by Board Member Washington. Motion passed unanimously.**

Ayes: Mattocks, Milum, Porter, Payne, Washington

Nays: None

Absent: Vickers, Arvin

**Agenda Item Number 3 being:**

SWEARING IN OF KELLEY MATTOCKS AND JANIE MILUM TO NEW 3 YEAR TERMS.

- City Clerk, Vanessa Kemp swore in Kelley Mattocks and Janie Milum to new terms set to expire June 2023.

**Agenda Item Number 4 being:**

**PRESENTATION BY BROOKS MITCHELL REGARDING CLARIFICATION OF THE HOTEL/MOTEL BALLOT MEASURE LANGUAGE**

- Brooks reported that City Council agreed to put the new ¼ cent sales tax measure on the ballot in November. City Council also chose to put the Hotel/Motel tax back on the ballot as well. We are not asking for an increase in the tax rate but for a clarification of the language. The Hotel/Motel tax was passed in 1985 and was to solely be used for acquisition of land for parks. The natural extension of that would be maintenance and replacement of equipment in our parks and an argument can be made that the tax does mean that even though it doesn't specifically say that. There is a clause that the Council, by ordinance, can make administrative or technical changes. The City Attorney's Office and I agreed that the best way to go about this to include the maintenance and repairs is to amend the language before the voters. At the time this was passed in 1985, the city had 1 park and currently has 13. Repair and maintenance is a larger issue today than it was in 1985 and we would like to use the funds to maintain our existing parks.
- Board Member Mattocks asked if it would be a restructuring of funds that are already available. Brooks confirmed that it would be a restructure and gave the example of a piece of equipment such as the playground structures outside. With the existing tax language, we could not use the Hotel/Motel Tax but if the measure passes, we could use those funds to repair/replace existing playground equipment.

**Agenda Item Number 5 being:**

**NEW BUSINESS**

**A) CITIZENS TO BE HEARD**

There were no citizens present that wish to be heard.

**B) ITEMS FROM THE PARK BOARD**

Board member Porter thanked the staff for dealing with all the challenges this summer had to offer.

**Agenda Item Number 6 being:**

REPORTS

- Aquatics coordinator, Marina Melrose presented.
- Current annual pass holders are 3,071. 3 month pass holders are 90. 15 visit passes are at 166. Total aquatic passes sold were 655, roughly 100 less than last year which is good considering the current environment with Covid-19.
- We have a new policy at the Station. There were concerns regarding loitering and fighting. As of June 19<sup>th</sup>, anyone under the age of 18 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian who must remain on site. We also closed the family restrooms and made them by request only. We also implemented hourly restroom checks on the outside restrooms. The overall outcome from the change has been positive from pass holders and families. Sue wanted to thank the Police Department for the assistance this summer. We couldn't have done it without them.
- The fitness area has implemented new cleaning measures. The area is closed every 4 hours for 15 minutes of deep cleaning and sanitization. We also increased our staffing. Our class sizes are currently down.
- Due to Covid-19, we have decreased staffing outside. Many parents do not want their children working and school season is also coming up. We will also be changing our hours due to the start of the school season.
- In June, we held a Dive in Movie with 214 in attendance. Our July Dive in Movie attendance was 30. We did reduce the amount of tubes and chairs.
- We had our first senior donuts and coffee. We had about 10 attendees and hope to grow this in the future.
- The Daddy Daughter Dance and Dive was held in June. Due to rain, we had to move the dance inside.
- We held a back to the 80's party in June. We didn't have a huge turnout but it was fun and family friendly. We gave out glow sticks to our guests and had a DJ playing wonderful 80's music.
- We have had 9.1% growth with our senior demographic. Excluding the seasonal influx, seniors are our largest annual growth demographic. Because of this, we have added new senior fitness classes and purchased new Silver Sneaker chairs.
- We added youth Zumba and will resume Fit Kids in August.
- We planned on rolling out Mommy and Me Classes and a Running Club but do to Covid-19 concerns and our April closure, these clubs have been halted until the Fall.
- We would like to start some self-defense classes and are looking into Jujitsu, Karate and Self Defense. Our new Fitness Coordinator, Buster

Bread has a Master's Degree in Fitness and is focused on diabetes prevention, cardiovascular disease and stress management.

- In the future we would like to start a wellness program for our employees. If employees are healthy and happy that reflects outwardly. We are working out some details but would like to see employees come in in the morning, during lunch or after work.
- Board member Mattocks asked about senior classes being possibly virtual. Sue informed the Board that our Senior Center Coordinator is actually working on something like this. It is good for physical health and mental health as well.
- Sue informed the Board that we are currently working on cutting down dead trees. If they see any in the parks, please let us know so we can address it.

**Agenda Item Number 7 being:**

ADJOURNMENT

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

Ayes: Mattocks, Milum, Porter, Payne, Washington

Nays: None

Absent: Vickers, Arvin

**The Moore Parks Board meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m.**

RECORDED/TRANSCRIBED BY:

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KRISTINA TAYLOR, Parks and Recreation Administrative Assistant

FOR:

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SID PORTER, Secretary

These minutes passed and approved as noted this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2020.