

Minutes approved by the Park and Recreation Advisory Board

Park and Recreation Advisory Board
MINUTES REGULAR MEETING
June 16, 2011

Pursuant to the notice as required by law, the Park and Recreation Advisory Board of the City of Ponca City Oklahoma convened in open session at 5:30 P.M. on June 16, 2011 in the B. S. Barnes Room, City Hall, 516 E. Grand Ave.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Young, Kennedy, Moore, Wentroth, Riley, Wilson, Rathbun and Throop.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Cox.

OTHERS PRESENT: Beverly Bryant, Ponca City News; Jim Sindelar, Director, Parks and Recreation; Katie Goss, staff.

1. Call to Order

Young called the meeting to order and welcomed new board member Tim Rathbun. Young asked Rathbun to introduce himself and then all present introduced themselves.

2. Citizen Comments.

None.

3. Consider and vote on the minutes of the May 19, 2011, meeting.

A motion was made by Moore and seconded by Wentroth to approve the minutes of the May 19, 2011, advisory board meeting as written. There being no discussion vote was as follows: Yes - Young, Kennedy, Moore, Wentroth, Riley, Wilson, Rathbun and Throop. No – None. Abstention – None.

4. Directors Report

Sindelar stated Item 6 would be pulled from the agenda. The event already happened and the Park Department was not notified the request was no longer needed.

A review of summer activities included the following:

Fireworks July 4th at Lake Ponca.

Work will begin July 9 on the installation of the new splash pad.

PC Energy has been redoing the lighting in War Memorial Park, which includes refurbishing the original lights and placing them closer to the walking trail.

Sindelar continued his report by explaining the list of advisory board committees and the goals established for this past year. He asked board members to review the list and come to the July meeting prepared to sign up for one of the three committees. Sindelar asked if a board member has served on a committee two years they consider selecting another committee to serve on.

Staff is currently updating the Park and Recreation Department Information Manual.

Riley asked the status of talks with concession vendors at Lake Ponca. Sindelar said only one had shown interest and after requirements were explained there have been no further conversations. A snow cone vendor called about July 4th and Sherbon is working with that vendor.

Public Hearing – None.

Old Business

5. None.

New Business

6. Receive request from Junior Kent – regarding use of stage at Ponca Pow Wow. This item was pulled because the request is no longer needed.
7. Receive Park Committee Report and take action as needed.
Throop reported the following items were discussed during the committee meeting June 14, 2011.
- a) Splash Pad will be located south of the tennis courts at War Memorial Park. The project is scheduled for completion by August 9.
 - b) We will have \$18,000.00 in the 2011-12 budget to replace playground equipment, considering of slide, swing set, and merry-go-round at Red Bud Park.
 - c) The primary goal for the coming year will be a Dog Park. First choice for location is Willow Springs; second choice is Lake Ponca. Young noted the committee plans to visit area dog parks to get an idea of what has worked and not worked.
 - d) An ongoing project will be the replacement of playground equipment as needed at each park.
8. Receive Recreation Committee Report and take action as needed.
Kennedy reported the Recreation Committee met Tuesday, June 14. The main focus of discussion was “are we doing enough to meet Ponca City needs without encroaching on other organizations”. The committee felt we are meeting the needs of our community.

Further discussion included keeping pools open longer hours on Thursday, closing at 9:00 p.m.

Fishing Clinic had 32 participants.

The committee brainstormed ideas for different events/activities which included:

Pursue recruiting someone to hold yoga or meditation camp at Wentz Camp

Hold “Family” Dance to meet the needs of families who don’t qualify for the Father/Daughter Dance currently held each year.

Kid friendly Mardi Gras

Cardboard Boat Regatta at the Lake

Running – Celebrate Wentz Birthday (November 10) with “Daddy Long Leg Race”.

Chilly Cheeks Plunge

Young commented he and his wife had used the outdoor fitness equipment at Red Bud Park and he was surprised at the quality of the equipment.

9. Receive Lake Committee Report and take action as needed.
Riley reported the committee had not met recently. He suggested replacing Item 4 “Evaluate the possibility of a primitive natural water splash at the swim beach” with an outdoor rinse off shower at the beach. Riley felt the rinse off shower would be a better value to the area.

Riley asked the status of proposed parking improvements. Sindelar will get with Traffic Engineering to determine feasible designated parking areas around the Lake.

Sindelar reported we have received the engineering report regarding tie in to the City sewer line. Wentroth reported he had recently learned funding was available for navigation buoys. Riley said the committee needs to meet to discuss a few items.

Young commented on how well the new playground at AMBUC Park has been accepted and used by the community. Sindelar reported the turf is scheduled for replacement in the fall.

10. Comments from chairperson or board members.

Young asked about the status of The Born Learning Trail. Sindelar would like to meet with United Way again. Construction on Highland has changed the proposed location of the project.

11. Discuss July Agenda.

Nomination of chairperson and vice chairperson

Receive committee reports and take action as needed.

Committee signups

2011-2012 Budget Information

12. Adjourn.

A motion was made by Moore and seconded by Kennedy to adjourn the meeting. Vote was as follows: Yes - Cox, Kennedy, Moore, Wentroth, Riley, and Throop. No - None. Abstention - None.