

Park and Recreation Advisory Board
MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING
March 15, 2012

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 March 15, 2012 in the Barnes Room, City Hall, 516 E. Grand Ave.

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Cox and Wilson.

OTHERS PRESENT: Alan Keller, The Red Barn; Beverly Bryant, Ponca City News; Jim A. Sindelar, Director Park and Recreation Department; Katie Goss, staff.

1. Call to Order.

Young called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

2. Consider and vote on the minutes of the February 16, 2012, regular meeting.

Young asked for any changes or additions to the minutes of the February meeting. There were no changes. The motion to accept the minutes as written was made by Moore and seconded by Wentroth. Vote was follows: Yes - Moore, Rathbun, Riley, Throop, Troutman, Wentroth, and Young. No – None. Abstention – None. Motion passed.

3. Director's Report.

Sindelar reported staff has completed the first phase of the budget process. Some of the capital items requested include dredging of the ponds at Lake Ponca Park, Dog Park, replacement of the unit that hauls mowers, a play structure for Liberty Park, tuck point and seal the Dining Hall-Concession-2 bathhouses at Wentz Camp and handicap lifts for Ambuc Pool and Wentz Pool and tree replacement. We have been instructed to go ahead and purchase the handicap lifts for the two pools.

Wentroth inquired about the status of the proposed pocket park. Sindelar reported the Park Committee met with members of the Main Street Board to discuss maintenance, ownership, and design. The group will meet again toward the end of March. The committees are looking at the water design; splash park if done will be more decorative than recreational. 2014 is the target date for the project; however, there is work which needs to be done to develop the direction of the proposed project in order to develop accurate cost estimates. The committees will reevaluation including a stage, how to maintain the facility and discuss how the area would be used and reserved.

Public Hearings – None.

Old Business – None.

New Business

4. Discuss and take action on request to use portable stage for event at The Red Barn.

Alan Keller, The Red Barn, presented a request to rent the portable stage for an event to be held at The Red Barn. Keller stated he is doing a fundraiser to purchase an Amtrike. The Amtrike is constructed to meet specific needs for ages four through adults and is a therapy mobility trike. The

Amtrike is one of the projects of the Ambuc clubs. Tickets are being sold for drawings for various items to be given away as part of the event and funds raised through ticket sales would be used towards the purchase of the Amtrike.

The stage would be located on the west side of the building and placed facing north. Bands will be performing during the evening. There is plenty of electricity available. Sindelar stated the request is coming before the Park Board since the stage would be placed on private property.

A motion was made by Wentroth and seconded by Rathbun to recommend to the City Commission approval of the request to rent the stage for use at The Red Barn. Vote was follows: Yes - Moore, Rathbun, Riley, Throop, Troutman, Wentroth, and Young. No – None. Abstention – None. Motion passed.

5. Discuss and take action as needed regarding deer population inside City limits.

The City Commission has asked the Park Board to review concerns regarding the deer population inside the City limits. Possible items to be considered may be an ordinance “not the feed” wildlife within City limits or discuss a controlled kill. Wentroth reported the Department of Wildlife has asked the Police Department to track the number of deer killed inside the City limits.

Sindelar asked for a sub-committee to look at the concerns regarding the deer population within City limits. Volunteers for the committee are Rathbun, Riley and Wentroth.

6. Receive Park Committee Report and take action as needed.

Throop reported the Park Committee is currently working on two projects, a community dog park and the Main Street proposed pocket park. The committee met February 23 and formed a task force which includes citizen representation, K-9 Dog Club and Humane Society representation. The committee is thinking of possible locations. Committee members will visit different dog parks and gather information regarding does and don'ts encountered by the different parks.

The committee met again on March 8 and came up with a possible location to consider. This is behind the Lake Patrol house at Lake Ponca. The dog park needs a location with a restroom. The park area when built will be fenced. The committee will meet again April 12.

Committee members met with members of Main Street on March 5 to discuss the proposed downtown pocket park. Jayne Detten was asking what the City would do towards the project. City Administration told the group there would be no tax dollars used for the project and Main Street would need to raise funds to construct the project. The Park Department would likely do the needed maintenance for the park. Rental fees and booking would be the responsibility of Main Street.

7. Receive Recreation Committee Report and take action as needed.

Wentroth reported the committee focus is on the Health and Wellness Fair. There are currently thirty-six providers. Screenings, information and possible solutions will be available. The Lions Mobil Screening Lab will be on location. Door prizes are being provided by the providers. Current plans are to have this as an annual event.

8. Receive Lake Committee Report and take action as needed.

Riley told board members to check out Jaycee Park if they had not already done so. There is a new parking lot and a small ramp for canoes and kayaks (untrailed water craft).

9. Comments from chairperson or board members.

Rathbun asked if all parks have dog waste dispensers. Sindelar said that currently there are only two and they are located along the trail at War Memorial Park. Plans are to install additional dispensers along the Marland Mansion trail and the trail through Redbud Park.

Wentroth suggested if board members had not already done so, they should check out the newly completed trail extension at the Marland Mansion. The paved trail now goes all the way around the Marland Mansion grounds.

10. Discuss April Agenda.

Budget update

Dog Park update

Recreation Report

Lake Ponca cleanup/possibly as part of Leadership Class City Wide Cleanup Day

CITIZENS COMMENTS

11. Citizen Comments.

Bryant will be publishing information pertaining to Earth Day and taking care of the environment in the MidWeek Section of The Ponca City News. She will include information regarding dumping and what can be done.

Keller asked if he has another event would he have to come back to the board for approval. Staff will check on this and get back with him.

12. Adjourn.

There being no further business to discuss a motion was made by Moore and seconded by Troutman to adjourn. Vote was follows: Yes - Moore, Rathbun, Riley, Throop, Troutman, Wentroth, and Young. No – None. Abstention – None. Motion passed.

Approved this 19th day of April, 2012.

ATTEST:



Wes Young, Chairman



Minutes prepared by Katie Goss