

Park and Recreation Advisory Board
MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING
October 18, 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 October 18, 2012 in the McFadden Room, City Hall, and 516 E. Grand Ave.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Tim Rathbun, Tom Throop, Jason Troutman, Bill Wentroth, Wes Young, and Kara Polito.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Amy Cox, Al Moore, and Robin Riley.

OTHERS PRESENT: Beverly Bryant, Ponca City News; Jim Sindelar, Director, Parks and Recreation; Katie Goss, staff; public attendance as listed in attached sign in sheet.

1. Call to Order.
2. Consider and vote on the minutes of the August 16, 2012 regular meeting.
A motion was made by Throop and seconded by Rathbun to accept the minutes of the August 16 meeting as presented. Vote was as follows: Yes – Tim Rathbun, Tom Throop, Jason Troutman, Bill Wentroth, Wes Young, and Kara Polito. No – None. Abstention – None. Motion carried.
3. Director's Report. (Taken out of order – reported prior to Item 12 November Agenda Items)
Sindelar reported the following:
Contract has been awarded for construction of the sewer lift station and restroom.
Demolition of the bridge has started. When completed the new bridge will be two foot higher.
Veterans Day Parade is November 10
Craft Fair at Senior Center is November 10
Daddy Long Legs 5K Race is November 17
Goblins on Grand will be October 25, 5:30 – 7:30 pm
Lake Ponca Park will close November 1 and Park personnel will help set up the displays at the park November 1 and 2.

Public Hearing

4. A. Presentation from Park & Recreation Advisory Board Dog Park Task Force regarding a proposal to develop a Dog Park on the southwest side of Dan Moran Park.
Tom Throop, chairperson of the Dog Park Task Force, made a presentation for the proposed "Pilot Dog Park". Representatives from the K-9 Dog Club, Ponca City Humane Society, Park and Recreation Advisory Board, and canine owners have met as a committee for over a year to discuss the development of a dog park in Ponca City.

The committee members have met and/or researched established dog parks in the area to determine good points as well as bad points of the individual parks in order to develop a responsible plan of action for our community. Needs for the Pilot Dog Park include lighting, water available for sprinkler system and dogs, parking, bathrooms and convenience to the dog park.

Several locations were discussed and the Task Force decided on Dan Moran Park. The Task Force would like to begin with a “pilot park” utilizing the two ball fields at the southwest corner of Dan Moran Park along Franklin Street. It is the committee’s opinion that utilizing these fields incorporates many of the requirements and would lower the development cost to the City. Parking would be available at the north end of the fields. Hours of operation will be dawn to dusk, with a tentative opening date of December 1, 2012.

Sindelar stated the committee is trying to reutilize property we already have and propose putting the two fields together. The south field has a six foot tall fence and the other field has four foot tall fencing which would be replaced. The dug outs are located so entry with the dog can be set up conveniently. Signs will be installed indicating designated areas for small dogs or large dogs. Sign wording from established dog parks will be used to be consistent with all other dog parks. Cleanliness is a concern and users will be required to clean up after their dog.

B. Receive Citizen Comments regarding a proposed Dog Park at Dan Moran Park.

Young asked for citizen comments “For” the proposal:

Marilyn Epperly, 500 Redbird stated she is for the dog park and would suggest installation of water fountains with the pet drinking , such as the fountains in War Memorial Park, be installed. Reseeding of grass should also be considered for the proposed area. Ms. Epperly said she and her dogs visit many dog parks and when they visit they spend money in those communities. This would another boost to the local economy.

Chuck Greenwood, 3509 High Pointe, commented he was impressed with starting a pilot park reusing existing property, rather than pouring money into an unknown. It is a good feeling coming to see the evolution of the project based upon needs.

Cindy Gorrell, 200 Turkey Creek, asked what the proposed timeline would be. Staff said the “pilot park” would be evaluated by August to determine how the park has been used. By August there would be a good idea of how people are using the park. Funding will be request for additional improvements to be used once the use of the park has been evaluated. Gorrell commented that as a member of PC Humane Society Board, anything which will get a bigger bond between people and their dogs will be beneficial.

Laura Primeaux, 912 S. 5th and **Irene Baird**, Forrest Road, also spoke in support of the “Pilot Dog Park” commenting the park is an opportunity to strengthen the relationship between dog owners and their pets, and as an educational tool to help people learn about their dog’s behavior.

Throop said the K-9 Dog Club is willing to provide an education program regarding park etiquette. Sindelar said notices of the proposed project and the Public Hearing were mailed to homeowners and property owners in the area. There were no comments against the proposed “Pilot Dog Park”.

C. Consider and vote on recommendation from Park & Recreation Advisory Board Dog Park Task Force.

The motion was made by Throop and seconded by Troutman to develop a “Pilot Dog Park” at Dan Moran Park. Vote was as follows: Yes – Tim Rathbun, Tom Throop, Jason Troutman, Bill Wentroth, Wes Young, and Kara Polito. No – None. Abstention – None. Motion

carried. The recommendation to develop a "Pilot Dog Park" in Dan Moran Park will be presented to the City Commission for consideration at the November 12, 2012, meeting.

Old Business – None.

New Business

5. Receive presentation from Ponca City Disc Golf Club is on the October agenda to request the leasing of the "Old Archery Range Area for the placement of a new disc golf course and take action as needed.

Jim Soutter, President of the Ponca City Disc Golf Club, reported the sport is growing in Ponca City. The club is an Oklahoma Not-For-Profit Corporation founded in July 2012. They are currently working on their 501(c)3 status with the IRS. In the time period they have been organized as a group they have put on or participated in Fall League, Spring League, Weekly Doubles, Clinics, Crazy Day on Grand, and held a clinic for approximately 45 youth from Life Church. Currently to leadership of the club has worked with the City to help with maintenance of the existing 18-hole course at Lake Ponca.

The group has cleaned up holes 4, 10, 15 and 16 at the Lake. They have sprayed the poison ivy and picked up trash. With help from the City on painting and numbering, basket numbers have been placed on all of the baskets at the Ponca Lake Course. Mulch is placed around each basket every year. Through the working partnership with the city, the course has been kept clean and well-kept.

The Ponca Lake Course is a long and open course, and is great for advanced/pro players, but is difficult for beginners. Development of a course at the "Old Archery Range" would help solve a few issues. This area would provide a short to mid-range course that is technical. A technical course will allow new players a place to learn to control their throw and advance/pro players to practice the "trick" shots they can utilize in tournament play. The "Archery Range" course would have different baskets than the current courses which are the new baskets commonly used in a majority of sanctioned tournaments.

With the "Archery Range" course being in close proximity of the Ponca Lake Course, there would be two 18 hole courses available for tournaments which would have a positive financial impact on the community.

The "Archery Range" course would be installed and maintained by the Ponca City Disc Golf Club. Each "hole" will be maintained by sponsorship. On top of each basket, will be a number and sponsor plate. Each hole will have a Tee Sign which will display a bird's eye view, distance, and hole sponsor. Tee Pads will be concrete, brick, or paving stones. The materials used will be determined by cost.

The organization currently has 45 members. The more the parks are being used the vandalism will occur. Ponca City was one of the first cities in Oklahoma to have disc golf courses. If the request to lease the "Old Archery Range" is approved the new 18-hole course would be in place by the spring of 2013.

Comments were received from Ken Luttrell, Michael Vines, Jeremy Sacket, Jeremy Mercer, and Charley Dodson regarding the positive economic impact on the community and the positive step of repurposing existing property. The group stressed that no drinking is allowed and no alcohol

is allowed on the course. No one in attendance was opposed to the request for a lease agreement for the purpose of construction an 18-hole technical disc golf course.

Wentroth stated the concern with maintenance of the BMX Track and did not want to see the same them occur with this request. Mercer commented the BMX Track was generated for kids versus disc golf which is for all age groups. Wentroth pointed out a lot of time and money has been spent improving Lake Ponca. He was impressed with the involvement of the youth by attending the advisory board meeting.

Young thanked the group for their comments and presentation. Rathbun made a motion to authorize staff to put together a contract for the Ponca City Disc Golf Club to lease the "Old Archery Range and recommend to City Commission approval of the agreement. Motion was seconded by Throop. Vote was as follows: Yes – Tim Rathbun, Tom Throop, Jason Troutman, Bill Wentroth, Wes Young, and Kara Polito. No – None. Abstention – None. Motion carried. This request will be presented to the City Commission for consideration November 12, 2012.

6. Receive Park Committee recommendation on future of BMX Track Agreement with Ponca City Alternative Sports Association and take action as needed.

Throop reported the Park Committee met Tuesday, October 9, 2012 to discuss the future of the BMX Track located in Dan Moran Park. Jim invited representatives from the BMX Association to attend to let us know their intent on maintaining and utilizing the track. No representatives attended. Our numerous attempt to contact people willing to be responsible for the track have failed, and the contract has not been renewed.

Sindelar reported Sean Grigsba, Ponca City Alternative Sports Association, came by the office and he discussed the BMX Track maintenance concerns with Grigsba. Grigsba stated the organization is no longer together and there are no workers willing to help with cleanup. The group would like to have the starting gate and a metal building that currently are located on the track. Grigsba understood the concerns of the City regarding renewal of the Land Use Agreement.

It is the recommendation of the committee that the contract to the Alternative Sports Association/BMX Track Agreement be withdrawn.

The committee discussed future use of the BMX Track area and felt if another Splash Pad can be constructed it could be built on this site.

Wentroth made a motion to recommend not renewing the contract with the Ponca City Alternative Sports Association and level the area in preparation for another use. Motion was seconded by Troutman. Vote was as follows: Yes – Tim Rathbun, Tom Throop, Jason Troutman, Bill Wentroth, Wes Young, and Kara Polito. No – None. Abstention – None. Motion carried.

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

Wentroth reported the committee met with staff in response to a request received from a local citizen to discuss individual cabin rental at Wentz Camp. The committee discussed the request and decided to recommend the following:

- A. Weekends and Holidays would be reserved for Group Camp reservations only at the current rental rates.

- B. Monday-Tuesday-Wednesday, if available, reservations for Individual Use would be allowed. Individual cabin rental does not include use of the Dining Hall and use of the pool during normal operating hours would be charged at the regular swimming pool rates. Individual Cabin rental will be \$50 per cabin per day for family rental with no weekend or holiday rental available.

Staff will try this for a period of one year (season is April through September) and reevaluate at the end of the time whether to continue to offer the opportunity.

Motion was made by Wentroth and seconded by Rathbun to approve the committee recommendation as stated. Vote was as follows: Yes – Tim Rathbun, Tom Throop, Jason Troutman, Bill Wentroth, Wes Young, and Kara Polito. No – None. Abstention – None. Motion carried.

Wentroth reported there will be “Daddy Long Legs 5K Fun Run/Walk sponsored by the Park and Recreation Department on November 17, 2012. He also asked Kara Polito to consider working with him on the Recreation Committee.

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

Rathbun presented the following report:

The Lake Committee met August 21, 2012. The Lake committee consisting of Tim Rathbun, Al Moore, Bill Wentroth, and Robin Riley met with Jim Sindelar Tuesday Evening. Several topics were discussed with the following recommendations.

A. Rick Myers request regarding canoes, paddleboats, kayaks, on Lake Ponca

Mr. Myers had requested that the City waive fees for kayaks, canoes, and paddleboats on Lake Ponca as a result of a forthcoming change (July 2, 2013) in Oklahoma’s laws that will no longer require owners to register these types of watercraft with the state of Oklahoma. After a lengthy discussion the committee unanimously agreed that the City of Ponca was not obligated to follow the State of Oklahoma in the registering of water vessels on Lake Ponca. Since Lake Ponca is a fee for use lake, and the fact that all other water vessels must purchase permits to use the lake, the committee agreed that we should continue to require the appropriate boating permits (either daily or annual) be purchased for each and every watercraft that uses lake Ponca. Therefore, our recommendation is that Mr. Myers request to waive fees be denied, and that the existing and current policies requiring proper permitting of water craft continue.

B. Hal Brown’s request to store watercraft in Boathouse at Lake Ponca

Mr. Brown recently purchased an existing boathouse at Lake Ponca and had inquired about the possibility of storing his boat inside the boathouse. The SOP states that no boat or trailer may be stored on the lot but does not specifically address whether it is legal to store a boat within a structure on the lake. After a very thorough discussion regarding liabilities, potential contamination issues, unforeseen problems, and additional time requirements of the lake patrolman, the committee agreed that the existing SOP does not preclude a lot owner from

storing his boat within a structure on the lake. Therefore, it is our recommendation, that Mr. Brown be notified that his request is authorized.

C. Noodling (hand fishing) at Lake Ponca

The Lake committee had been asked to look into the practice of noodling at Lake Ponca. Although noodling is not specifically prohibited by city ordinance there is a statement in the Lake Ponca pamphlet that expressly prohibits noodling in Lake Ponca, and there is wording in ordinance 9-5-13 that restricts swimming in Lake Ponca to designated areas. After discussing the pros and cons of noodling and receiving input from Bill, the committee believes it is in the best interest of the lake community in general to prohibit noodling in Lake Ponca. It is our belief that the current rules as written are sufficient to allow the Lake patrol to prohibit noodling at the lake.

Wentroth reported that he has a regulation proposal with the Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation that will make noodling illegal in Lake Ponca. If passed, it will change Title 800 of the Oklahoma Statutes and be enforceable by all Wildlife Game Wardens and will appear in the State Fishing Regulations.

Wentroth will check into cost for extended boat ramps through the Department of Wildlife 25-75 Lake Access Grant Funding. This will require City budget in place. Park Department will submit a request for capital funding for the 2013-14 Budget.

9. Consider and vote to elect chairperson of the advisory board.
Young opened the floor for nominations for chairperson. He then nominated Robin Riley. Motion was made by Wentroth the nominations cease and was seconded by Rathbun. Vote was as follows: Yes – Tim Rathbun, Tom Throop, Jason Troutman, Bill Wentroth, Wes Young, and Kara Polito. No – None. Abstention – None. Motion carried.
10. Consider and vote to elect vice-chairperson of the advisory board.
Young opened the floor for nominations for vice-chairperson. Rathbun nominated Throop. Wentroth nominated Rathbun. Vote was as follows: Rathbun – Yes: Throop, Troutman, Wentroth, Young, and Polito. Throop – Yes: Rathbun. Rathbun was elected vice-chairperson of the advisory board.
11. Comments from chairperson or board members.
Young thanked the advisory board for allowing him to serve as Chairperson and that he is proud of everything the board has accomplished on behalf of the City.
12. Discuss November Agenda.
Receive updates on Dog Park, Disc Golf Agreement, Parade, Daddy Long Legs Race.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

13. Citizen Comments
None.
14. Adjourn.

There being no further business a motion was made by Wentroth and seconded by Troutman to adjourn. Vote was as follows: Yes – Tim Rathbun, Tom Throop, Jason Troutman, Bill Wentroth, Wes Young, and Kara Polito. No – None. Abstention – None. Motion carried.

ATTEST:



Robin Riley, Chairperson



Minutes prepared by Katie Goss

Park and Recreation Board

Oct 18, 2012 Public Attendance

NAME	ADDRESS	ORGANIZATION
Jeremy Mercer	711 N. 7th Tonkawa	PC PC
Eric Freeman	511 N. 17th	PC
Hunter Freeman	221 Virginia	PC
Dan Stahl	7290 River Ridge Dr	Kay 9 Dog Training
Carol Wright	2 nd Pecan Pl.	Kay 9 Dog
Warren Wright	" "	" "
Logan Souler	2208 cardinal	PC
Tristen Pryor	1606 Donald	PC
Lexie Peters	-	
Zac Robertson	503 W 7th	K-9 Dog club
T.L Walker	" "	" "
Madine Hasselberg	2213 Joe	K9 Dog Training
Jameson	3016 Elcamino	DISC
Jeremy Sackett	125 S. Walnut Muskogee	Disc Golf
Jin Smith	3016 Elcamino	DISC GOLF
Harvey Young	301 N Hartford apt 414	Disc Golf
John Willson	909 E Bradley	Disc Golf
Dennis Jones	3409 Kingston Rd	Disc golf
Bonnie Cook	3201 Turner	Dog Park
Cindy Gorrell	400 Turkey Creek	dog park
CHUCK GREENWALD	3509 HIGH POINT	DOG PARK
Will Cook	816 W. HICKMAN	DISC GOLF
Polly Feezell	513 Hampton	Kay 9 Dogs
Marilyn Epley	500 Redbird	Kay 9 Dog club
Austin Burdick	800 North 4th	Disc golf
Charlie Podson	1934 N 6th	PC DGC
Delborah Soutter	425 W. Emporia	PC DISC

Becki Sheets-Klinger	1011 S 8th St	dog park
Gene Baird	12 Front Rd.	
Dennis Atini	10/18/12	K-9 Trainer
Zack Spears	1707 Queen	
Michael Vines	2713 AVON	Disc Golf
KEN LUTTRELL	315 LORA	Disc
Verle Pipestem	413 W Fresno	Disc
Jack Smith	404 N 7th	Disc Golf
Bryce Thilsted	1106 W Overbrook	Disc golf
Linda Higgins	297 W McCord	K-9 Dog Tr
Phillip Pipestem Jr.	308 Opal Dr.	Disc Golf
Steve Pipestem	308 Opal Dr	Disc Golf
Phillip D. Pipestem SR	308 Opal Dr.	Disc Golf
Della M. Pipestem	413 W. Fresno	Disc Golf
Laura Prunick	912 S - oak	Dog Park