

Park and Recreation Advisory Board
MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING
April 18, 2013

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 5:34 P.M. on April 18, 2013 in the Barnes Room, City Hall, 516 E. Grand Ave.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Cox, Rathbun, Troutman, Riley, Throop, Young, Polito.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Moore and Wentroth.

OTHERS PRESENT: Dave VanBuskirk and Shanna Branscum, The Guardians of the Ribbon Northern Oklahoma Chapter; Beverly Bryant, Ponca City News; Katie Goss, staff.

1. Call to Order

Riley called the meeting to order at 5:34 p.m. With two visitors in attendance Riley asked everyone to introduce themselves.

2. Consider and vote on the minutes of the January 17, 2013, regular meeting.

A motion was made by Throop and seconded by Young to approve the minutes of the January meeting as written. Vote was as follows: Yes - Cox, Rathbun, Troutman, Riley, Throop, Young, Polito. No – None. Abstention – None.

3. Directors Report

No report.

Public Hearings – None

Old Business – None

New Business

4. Receive request from David VanBuskirk regarding “Pink Heals Memorial Wall” and take action as needed.

VanBuskirk explained the Pink Heals Organization. Northern Oklahoma Chapter of Pink Heals has been organized to raise funds for a pink fire truck for this area. One hundred percent of all funds raised will stay in the area. Firefighters in pink gear visit with cancer survivors and encourage cancer patients. Shanna Branscum came up with the fundraiser idea of constructing a “Cancer Monument” which will list the names of cancer survivors, current patients, and those who have lost the fight.

The group would like to place this monument in one of our City parks and provide an area for contemplation and reflection. The area would include concrete pad with concrete sidewalk leading to the area with a two sided monument and either two or four benches, dependent upon whether both sides of the monument are engraved. Concern was expressed regarding vandalism. The addition of lighting was discussed if enough funds were raised. Areas discussed as possible locations were either the northeast corner or the southeast corner of War Memorial Park or Lake Ponca Park at the pond located farthest north.

After discussion of various other locations Riley suggested the request be referred to the Park Committee to consider and make a recommendation to the Park and Recreation Advisory Board. The motion was made by Cox and seconded by Polito to refer the request to the Park Committee. Vote was as follows: Yes - Cox, Rathbun, Troutman, Riley, Throop, Young, Polito. No – None. Abstention – None. As chairperson of the Park Committee, Throop said the committee will meet on May 7, 2013, 5:30 p.m. at the Park Department office. Staff will send a reminder to all involved.

5. Receive comments from Historic Preservation Board regarding park facilities and take action as needed.

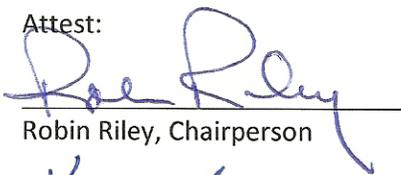
Jayne Detten was not able to attend the meeting this evening. A motion was made by Polito and seconded by Cox to table the item to the May 2013 meeting.

6. Receive update on Pilot Dog Park.
There was heavy discussion about the lack of publicity and information available to the public. Staff said a web page can be created. Photos of dogs playing in the park have been requested but none received. Flyers could be created and placed at the different veterinary offices and pet grooming businesses around town. Board members were reminded City policy does not allow us to create a face book page or group. Staff asked members to wait for Sindelar to return a phone call and respond to email from the Brad & Connie Parker regarding ideas they have for publicizing the park.
7. Receive update on 2013-2014 Budget preparations.
Staff reported the department had met with City Administrators and the City Commission to review budget requests this past Monday. Capital items proposed for the department by the City Manger included a splash pad, crew cab truck, chipper, mowers, aerating fountains, pool shade for AMBUC Pool, five-station outdoor exercise stations, and room divider at the Senior Center. City Commission still must approve the requested budget.
8. Receive Recreation Committee update on Health Fair.
Cox reported attendance was down this year. She said the committee will reevaluation and see what changes can be made for the event next year. Demonstrations or short topic programs might be a consideration.
9. Comments from chairperson or board members.
Board members asked staff to notify them when we know the arrival of the Lake Ponca Restroom.
10. Discuss ~~March~~ May Agenda.
Carry forward Jayne Detten comments regarding Lake Ponca area.
Recommendation regarding request for Cancer Monument.
Update on Dog Park.

Citizen Comments

11. Citizen Comments (Open for Ponca City citizens to be heard on items not included on this Agenda.) No comments.
12. Adjourn.
Motion was made by Cox and seconded by Rathbun to adjourn the meeting. Vote was as follows: Yes - Cox, Rathbun, Troutman, Riley, Throop, Young, Polito. No – None. Abstention – None.

Attest:



Robin Riley, Chairperson



Katie Goss, staff

Minutes prepared by Katie Goss, staff