

Park and Recreation Advisory Board
MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING
March 20, 2014

Pursuant to the notice as required by law, the Park and Recreation Advisory Board of City of Ponca City, Oklahoma convened in open session at 5:30 p.m., March 20, 2014, in the Barnes Room, City Hall, 516 E. Grand Ave.

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Cox, Rathbun, Troutman, and Polito.

OTHERS PRESENT: James and Naomi Cummings, 3204 El Camino, Dro's Cause; Tonya Kimble, 606 South Fourth, Poncan's Pay It Forward; Jim Sindelar, Director, Park and Recreation Department; Katie Goss, staff.

1. Call to Order.

Riley called the meeting to order.

2. Consider and vote on the minutes of the February 20, 2014, regular meeting.

Motion was made by Moore and seconded by Wentroth to approve the minutes of the February meeting as written. Vote was as follows: Yes – Moore, Riley, Throop, Wentroth, and Young. No – None. Abstention – None.

3. Director's Report

Sindelar distributed a copy of "No Smoking Ordinance" recently passed by the City Commission. Wentroth expressed concern that the image used on the sign would not cover ecigs or other nontraditional cigarettes.

Sindelar reported the City Attorney is working with staff to prepare an amendment to the current alcohol ordinance. This would allow low proof beer and/or wine for special events which would be approved by the Park Advisory Board.

The following project update was provided:

Engineering is complete for the Pioneer Park Restroom and the building ordered.

Work started on the splash pad Saturday, March 15.

Play equipment has been ordered for Liberty Park.

Street Department is currently pouring sidewalks at Lake Ponca Park.

The lake is currently down 5 ft 6 in.

Wentroth brought up the possibility of installing a deep water ramp. Riley asked staff what it would take to get this done. Staff stated someone would need to engineer the design. Wentroth stated grant funding would be available. Staff will check out and report next month.

4. Discuss and take action as needed regarding Event Request to hold “Woofstock” Pay It Forward. Sindelar asked representatives of the event to introduce themselves. Representing the event were James Cummings, Dro’s Cause; Naomi Cummings, Dro’s Cause Publicity; and Tonya Kimble, Poncan’s Pay It Forward.

Cummings stated the group has been working with Animal Control. Animal Control has stated there is a need to reapply epoxy to the Cat Room floor and extend it into the Dog Room floors. Funds raised from “Woofstock: Pay It Forward” will be split as follows: the first \$700 would go to Animal Control for the floors; the remaining funds raised will be split 50/50 between Dro’s Cause and Poncan’s Pay It Forward. Dro’s cause will use initial funds raised to obtain their 501(c)3 designation and their Rescue License. When the group started working with Animal Control to relocate the animals the kill rate was 45.7%. The goal was to reduce this to below 25%. As of this date the kill rate has been reduced to 17.5%. The group is networking with other states and cannot transport animals out-of-state without up to date shots. They try to spay/neuter most of the animals that go to rescue centers. Currently the group is working with Kinkaid Veterinary Hospital for reduced cost for care. Once the group is licensed Kinkaid will hold the contract for animal care for the rescue group.

Tonya reported they will rent booth spaces for the craft portion of the event and collect a percentage of the food vendors. There will be games and music. The event will be held in the Event Area of Lake Ponca on May 31 and begin at 10:00 am in the morning and continue through early evening. Some of the activities will include: live music, bounce house, silent auction, prettiest dog pageant, ugliest dog contest, jail and bail, foster sign up area, dog wash, dog chalking and pet photos.

Moore commented we would expect dogs to be running around and would expect the area to be cleaned up during and after the event. Pets must have current rabies and city license and be preregistered to participate. The group will cross reference registrations to be sure no vicious animals are there. All entries will be screened to participate in the pet events.

The initial event request states 10 am until 10 pm. Staff expressed concern regarding the time period. The event organizers will need to address parking needs and contact Solid Waste for trash containers. A motion was made by Wentroth and seconded by Throop to recommend conceptual approval from the Park Board and to work with Park Department staff. Vote was as follows: Yes – Moore, Riley, Throop, Wentroth, and Young. No – None. Abstention – None.

Throop explained the location of the Dog Park operated by the City.

5. Discuss size of board and take action as needed. Staff commented there has been a problem obtaining a quorum recently. A discussion followed regarding whether or not to change the size of the board. Young, Troutman and Rathbun terms are up in May. Young stated he would like to be reappointed and would submit his board

application. Kimber Bivins has expressed that she would like to serve. Staff will contact her and have her submit her application. It was agreed to maintain the size of the board at the current nine members.

6. Receive Committee reports and take action as needed.

No reports. Young stated he would call a Lake Committee meeting to discuss and organize the cleanup of Lake Ponca.

7. Comments from chairperson or board members.

None.

8. Discuss April Agenda.

Set Lake Ponca Clean Up date.

Report on Health Fair.

9. Citizen Comments

None.

10. Adjourn.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn. Vote was as follows: Yes – Moore, Riley, Throop, Wentroth, and Young. No – None. Abstention – None.

ATTEST:


Robin Riley, Chairman


Minutes prepared by Katie Goss, staff