

Park and Recreation Advisory Board  
Minutes – REGULAR MEETING  
April 17, 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., April 17, 2014, in the Barnes Room, City Hall, 516 E. Grand Ave.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Al Moore, Robin Riley, Tom Throop, Bill Wentroth, Wes Young, and Kara Polito.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Amy Cox, Tim Rathbun, and Jason Troutman.

OTHERS PRESENT: Representatives of Ponca City Bulldogs -Cindy Lane, 40 Acker Hill Rd, Kaw City, Michael Hilbert, 8458 S. U St., Ponca City, and Gary Jackson, 819 S. 9<sup>th</sup>, Ponca City; Steve Dye, Ponca City News; 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 March 20, 2014, regular meeting.

Minutes of the March 20, 2014, regular meeting were presented for consideration. The motion was made by Moore and seconded by Throop to accept the minutes of the March meeting as presented. Vote was as follows: Yes - Al Moore, Robin Riley, Tom Throop, Bill Wentroth, Wes Young, and Kara Polito. No – None. Abstention – None.

3. Director's Report

Sindelar provided an update regarding the following:

New sidewalks at Lake Ponca Park are under construction

Dan Moran Splashpad rough in plumbing is complete with the main tap scheduled for Monday

Construction of the Liberty Park playgrounds to start Monday

The pad for the new Pioneer Park restroom has been bid and the bid opening will be May 1

Splashpad at Tennis Courts will open soon with a notice published in the paper

Staff will attend Budget Hearings next week

Public Hearings – None.

Old Business – None.

New Business

4. Discuss and take action as needed regarding request to lease Willow Springs Ballfields and concession/restroom areas.

Michael Hilbert, Ponca City; Cindy Lane, Kaw City; and General Manger, Gary Jackson, Ponca City presented a request to lease Willow Springs Softball Complex, concession and restroom areas. Staff was approached for a location for a semi-pro football area. Willow Springs was previously used by the Softball Association. This location was suggested as a permanent home for the team. Everything inside the fence would be taken care of by the Bulldogs.

A semi-pro football team provides young people an opportunity for more experience. The team will play in Texas for the third time and will be playing in the Heartland America Bowl in late May.

Cost to use the Ponca City High School fields is very expensive and is not feasible. The Bulldogs work with youth and teach kids the fundamentals of football. In order to play semi-pro football the participant has to be age 18 or over. No alcohol or smoking is allowed.

Hilbert stated he owns the league and is very particular about participants. His goal is to building the league and all participants are screened. Games are played on Saturday afternoons. Enid High School was the home field for the team last year.

Riley inquired about the impact the league would have on local economy. Hilbert stated that a lot of times teams will stay overnight using local hotels and restaurants. They try to interact with all teams.

Hilbert has inspected the current buildings on location. The south end of the building is dirt floor. They would pour concrete to replace the dirt floor. He has met with all City Code Inspectors regarding what would need to be done.

Jackson has worked with youth for 35 years and with Hilbert for 10 years. Prior to that he worked with the YMCA. Jackson said that currently David Kinkaid has a youth program and they were the youth play there is no goal post. When Kinkaid decides to retire the Bulldogs would like to take in the youth program.

Throop asked if bleachers will be needed and Hilbert stated the existing five tier bleachers that the Park Department has will work.

Sindelar stated it was the feeling of staff this is similar to what the disc golf club did with the old archery range. This would reuse an area currently not being used. Young cautioned there is always vandalism in the area. Hilbert said cage doors would be built and installed over doors. Sindelar said the next step if the board agrees this is a viable request we would go to the City Attorney for a Lease Agreement to be approved by the City Commission.

Riley asked for a motion to approve the conceptual proposal and work with City Staff to prepare a lease agreement. Throop state he thinks this is a win/win proposition, Polito said she could see no downside. Hilbert wants the facility to be presentable and a nice facility. If they can get the home field in Ponca City, they would hopefully grow the program. They support Kinkaid's youth program and the Bulldogs are prepared to take on the youth program when needed. Jackson said he currently works with Kinkaid on the youth program.

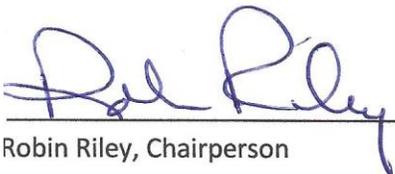
A motion was made by Polito and seconded by Young to approve the conceptual proposal and work with City staff to complete an agreement for the use of Willow Springs by the Northern Oklahoma Bulldogs. Vote was as follows: Yes - Al Moore, Robin Riley, Tom Throop, Bill Wentroth, Wes Young, and Kara Polito. No – None. Abstention – None.

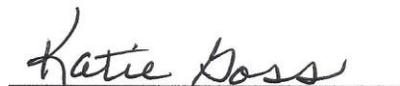
5. Discuss and take action as needed regarding request from KGFY Radio, Stillwater, Ok, to hold a "Free Picnic in the Park", August 8, 2014.

Staff asked for the item to be tabled. Motion was made and seconded to table the request from KGFY Radio station until the next meeting. Vote was as follows: Yes - Al Moore, Robin Riley, Tom Throop, Bill Wentroth, Wes Young, and Kara Polito. No – None. Abstention – None.

6. Receive Lake Committee report regarding Lake Ponca Cleanup and take action as needed.  
Young reported the Lake Committee met to discuss lake cleanup. Cleanup needs to happen while the lake is low. May 10, 10 a.m., is the first cleanup day scheduled. Allen will use community service to start cleanup. Moore stated the tire reef shown in photos needs to stay in place.
7. Receive report from Recreation Committee regarding 2014 Community Health & Wellness Fair and take action as needed.  
Polito reminded everyone the Health Fair is April 24, 5:30 pm until 7:30 pm at Hutchins Auditorium. The Lions Mobile Trailer will be on site, demonstrations will be held in the side rooms, and there will be door prizes.
8. Receive report from Park Committee and take action as needed.  
Throop had no report.
9. Comments from chairperson or board members.  
None.
10. Discuss May agenda.  
Budget update  
Project updates  
Radio Station Request  
Football update
11. Citizen Comments – None.
12. Adjourn  
A motion was made and seconded to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned.

ATTEST:

  
Robin Riley, Chairperson

  
Minutes prepared by Katie Goss