

Minutes approved by Park and Recreation Advisory Board

Park and Recreation Advisory Board
MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING
MAY 17, 2007

Pursuant to 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 May 17, 2007, in the B. S. Barnes Room, City Hall.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Bishop, Kennedy, Ball, Wentroth, D. Powell, J. Powell, and Young.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Leonard, Rager, Schieber and Whipple.

OTHERS PRESENT: Jim Sindelar, Director; Katie Goss, Staff; Travis McGee, Matt Grudowski, and Shannon Chambers, Ponca City Alternative Sports Association; Jessica Irons, Ponca City.

1. Call to Order
The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m.
2. Citizen Comments
None.
3. Consider and vote on minutes of April 19, 2007 meeting.
A motion was made by Young and seconded by Wentroth to approve the minutes of the April 19, 2007 meeting as presented. There being no discussion the vote was as follows: Yes – Bishop, Kennedy, Ball, Wentroth, D. Powell, J. Powell and Young. No – None. Abstention – None.
4. Comments from Chairman and board members.
None.
5. Directors report.
Sindelar reported that Dr. Whitefield is still concerned about activities along Snake Road and the City rock storage piles. Whitefield has suggested fencing the area to eliminate some of the problem. Ball reminded members that Whitefield new the area and its problems or activities prior to purchasing his property.

Bishop suggested the Lake Committee meet and draft options to address the issues. The proposal will be presented to the Park Board for its consideration. The Lake Committee is comprised of Wentroth, Bishop and Young. Joe Allen, Lake Patrolman, will be invited to the committee meeting.

A Youth Fishing Derby is scheduled for May 19, 2007 at Lake Ponca Park. The Oklahoma Department of Wildlife has stocked the ponds for the derby.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

6. None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

7. Consider and take action as needed regarding BMX.
Staff recommends the board request the City Commission approve the purchase of land to be used for the development of a BMX track and Skate Park. Ball asked about ownership of land on North Fifth next to the railroad tracks. McGee, Ponca City Sports Alternative, said land next to the railroad tracks would not work because of the train noise and tournament public address systems conflicting.

Young reported he has visited with Forrest Mertz about possible properties. He has visited with Commissioner Paynter. To date he has received no insight where possible land would be available. At this time the request in Tom Fender's, AMBUCS, hands. Profit sharing with AMBUC's is a problem. The property location needs to be visible.

Young would like to visit with Boettcher about possible inclusion in the Recreation Complex. Staff said the facility layout is already set.

Staff recommends the board request the City Commission purchase land. A presentation will be prepared for the Commission showing the steps the board and the group has gone through in evaluating land currently owned by the City. The presentation will identify locations considered and why they will not work for the project.

Another option brought up by Ball was the use of Willow Springs Ball Fields. Staff reported the current plans are to open the fields up as practice fields, due to the shortage of practice locations.

A motion was made by Young and seconded by Ball to recommend the City pursue the acquisition of a necessary amount of property within the Corporate City Limit for the purpose of constructing and Alternative Sports Complex. There being no further discussion the vote was as follows: Yes – Bishop, Kennedy, Ball, Wentroth, D. Powell, J. Powell and Young. No – None. Abstention – None.

OTHER BUSINESS

8. Receive update on capital requests submitted for Fiscal Year 2007-2008.
Staff distributed copies of the proposed budgets for the Park and Recreation Department. The question was asked if a personnel increase was possible. Staff explained how the City determines the need for increases in personnel.

9. Discuss and take action as needed to set board goals and objectives for Fiscal Year 2007-2008.
No discussion.
10. Discuss items for June agenda.
Wentz Caretaker House
Lake Committee Report
Election of Chairman and Vice Chairman
Size of board
11. Adjourn.