

Minutes approved by the Park and Recreation Advisory Board.

Park and Recreation Advisory Board
MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING
March 19, 2009

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 March 19 2009 in the B. S. Barnes Room, City Hall, 516 E. Grand Ave.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Ball, Bivins, Kennedy, Riley, Wentroth, Wilson and Young.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Gregg and Moore.

OTHERS PRESENT: Bryan Drake, 2105 E. Hartford; Travis Megee 211 S. City View and Julie Grigsba, 316 Warwick; Jim Sindelar, Director Park and Recreation and Katie Goss, staff.

1. Call to Order

Kennedy called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

2. Citizen Comments

None.

3. Consider and vote on the minutes of the February 19, 2009 meeting.

Bivins pointed out the “s” was left off on her name. Ball made the motion to approve the minutes with Bivin corrected to read Bivins. Motion was seconded by Wentroth. Vote was as follows: Yes - Ball, Bivins, Kennedy, Riley, Wentroth, Wilson and Young. No – None. Abstention – None.

4. Comments from Chairman and/or board members.

None.

5. Directors Report

Sindelar reported the following projects have been approved and are underway:

- a) Installation of wrought iron fence around Wentz pool.
- b) New pool drain covers required by law are ordered.
- c) Contract has been awarded to paint interior of Wentz Bathhouse.
- d) Rehabilitation of 10 public docks is underway. This is currently a three year project changing the floatation and decking on the docks.
- e) Currently installing water outlets in the Lake Ponca Event Area.

Kennedy asked three questions regarding the pool drain covers. They were as follows:

- a) Was the requirement anticipated?

- b) Was there a budget impact?
- c) Length of time for installation.

Sindelar explained staff found out about the requirement in November. Funds were available to cover the cost of the covers and they should be received and installed prior to the season opening of the pools.

Sindelar further reported replacement of the triple deck bunk beds and handicap accessibility/restroom at Dining Hall at Wentz Camp were requested in the 2009-2010 Capital budget. The two projects have been moved into the current budget year.

PUBLIC HEARING

- 6. None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- 7. None.

OTHER BUSINESS

- 8. Receive report from Bow Hunting committee and take action as needed.

Young presented the following report:

“The Bow Hunting Committee, made up of the following members including, Angi Kennedy, Kimber Bivins, Bill Wentroth, Al Moore, Robin Riley and Wes Young and including Jim Sindelar have been very involved in and have given due diligence to the issues brought forth to us by Mr. Bryan Drake and Mr. Tom Henley of bow hunting on Mr. Drakes private property which is included in the limits of the city of Ponca City. We have heard both sides of this issue pro and con. We have researched the history behind the ordinance that prohibits this activity on land which is included in the limits of Ponca City, whether they be private or public, and have determined at this time that it is not in the best interest of the citizenry of this city to change or remove this ordinance. We feel that this ordinance has been a good one in the past and has served us well over the years and will continue to be best for the overwhelming majority of our community if it remains unchanged. We further feel that if changed or amended that there is a potential for just too many problems that we as a board do not want to face or be tied to.

With this said, Mr. Drake, we do sympathize with your grievance and understand that if any of us had been in a similar situation that we too would be pursuing a similar solution. We know that this is not the result that you were hoping for, but we would and we do encourage you to take this to a higher authority if you feel inclined to do so.”

Ball made the motion to accept the committee recommendation. Wentroth asked for discussion. He explained the City Attorney explained the ordinance to the committee. Wentroth said he was charged with looking at buffer zones and was unable to attend the last committee meeting. He asked if the committee addressed buffer zones. Staff said Chief Johnson felt his department would not be involved since this is private property. The committee felt safety was not the issue if the ordinance was changed but enforcement would be the issue. The committee felt restrictions could be written, however, the overall view was the existing ordinance serves the majority of the people.

Drake asked how the VFW could be issued a variance to have a gun and pistol range. Kennedy explained this was not an issue the Park Board was asked to address. Kennedy continued by restating the recommendation of the Bow Hunting Committee as "The committee recommendation is to leave the existing City ordinance as is." With a motion on the table, Bivins seconded the motion. Vote was as follows: Yes - Ball, Bivins, Kennedy, Riley, Wilson and Young. No – Wentroth. Abstention – None. Motion carried. The recommendation will be presented to the City Commission.

9) Receive report from Sooner State BMX.

Megee asked the status of lights. Sindelar explained lights were requested in the capital budget for 2009-2010. Megee asked when the bathrooms would be unlocked and was told we are currently opening the bathrooms.

Megee reported a new retaining wall was constructed by the announcer tower and work continues on landscaping. New marquee posts have been installed and will be used during races. Three modifications have been made to the track this year expanding the track. Megee reported the track will be redesigned at the end of the current racing season and work will be completed prior to the next season. Work will occur between November and February.

The Race for Life and Red Line Qualifier will be held June 12-14, 2009. A minimum of 150 riders are expected this year. The qualifier will bring racers from surrounding states. Friday evening will be a night race and Saturday and Sunday races will start around noon and run through early evening. Megee has requested from staff tables, use of bleachers, and the wooden stage if available. Mayor Nicholson will be presenting trophies if his schedule allows.

The Ponca City Alternative Sports Association will be holding a bicycle clinic at the track April 4 as part of the YMCA Healthy Kids Day.

The group is working to get the National race in Ponca City however they have to show the ability to secure the facility. They need lighting and fencing to be considered for the National event. Sindelar reminded Megee the group has never submitted the specifications required by the national association for fencing or lighting. Megee said the requirements would be equivalent to the Junior Baseball fields.

Megee further reported depending on membership grown and racing results this weekend Ponca City could possibly get a State race. Ponca City is one of three tracks being considered for the Red Line Cup Race.

10) Discuss items for April 2009 agenda.

None.

11) Adjourn

There being no further business a motion was made by Wilson and seconded by Young. Vote was as follows: Yes - Ball, Bivins, Kennedy, Riley, Wentroth, Wilson and Young. No – None. Abstention – None.