

Park and Recreation Advisory Board
Minutes – Regular Meeting
February 18, 2016

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 5:30 pm., February 18, 2016, in the B. S. Barnes Room, City Hall, 516 E. Grand Ave.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Moore, Riley, Sacket, Reynolds, Bivins, Throop, and Young.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Troutman, Wentroth

OTHERS PRESENT: Beverly Bryant, Team Radio; Steve Dye, Ponca City News; Chris Baldwin, Citizen; Steve Ballenger, Citizen; JD Wolfe, Citizen; Allen Green, Citizen; Roy Pemberton, Citizen; Pat Ladd, Citizen; Lawrence Beliel, Citizen; Jim Sindelar, Director; Katrina Warrior, staff.

1. Call to Order

Riley called the meeting to order.

2. Consider and vote on the minutes of the November 19, 2015, regular meeting.

A motion to accept the minutes of the November 19, 2015, regular meeting as presented was made by Moore and seconded by Young. Vote was as follows: Yes – Bivins, Moore, Throop, Riley, Sacket, Reynolds, and Young. No – None. Abstention – None. Motion carried.

3. Director's Report.

Update on Budget – Currently in process of working on and turning in new budget for FY 2016-2017, working on multi-use trails grant that will put a loop in around the Checkstand area. This is the 1st of 5 parts.

Courtesy dock – Received funding from Wildlife Dept to help fix dock. Dock is being repaired now.

Deep Water Ramp – Wildlife Dept will fund ramp.

Paddleboards have been approved through Commission.

Veteran's Plaza will be dedicated April 2, 2016.

Public Hearings – None

Old Business – None

New Business

4. Discuss and take action necessary regarding life jacket requirements for youth in swimming area at Lake Ponca and various alternatives for making life jackets accessible or available with inexhaustible inventory.

Sindelar stated we would like to protect youth swimming in Lake Ponca to prevent any further injuries like last year. Riley stated committee needs to look at possible age restrictions for life jackets. A motion was made to send to Lake Committee by Sacket and seconded by Bivins. Vote was

as follows: Yes – Bivins, Moore, Reynolds, Riley Sacket, and Young. No – None. Abstention – None.
Motion carried.

5. Discuss and take action necessary regarding closing of Snake Road permanently for bikers' safety. Citizen Ballenger, on behalf of the Ponca City Mountain Bike Society, gave a report on Lake Ponca Gate Project concerning the closing of Snake Road. He stated reasons for closing the road is safety, littering and dumping, and less road maintenance. There is an issue with people driving too fast and recklessly on the road, the road is used for illegal dumping, and the road would not need as much maintenance. Three miles of trails have been developed to date and 2.6 miles of new trails will open in less than a month with a three mile outer loop trail under development. Proposed locations of gates on the southern end is Wentz Camp and the northern end is just south of ravine. Distance between two gates would be 1.37 miles. Gates would comprise of Mertz surplus ad booms which weigh 803 lbs and 29 feet long. The base would be a hinge box that would be 5 foot tall x 5 foot wide x 9 foot long and weigh at least 23,000 lbs.
Riley asked if Sindelar would address moving gates either further north or south so fisherman could get in and out. Sindelar stated on the Hubbard Rd end is good and move the other end just past the bridge so fisherman could access the lake in that area. Ballenger stated they only want to enhance the area and not restrict people from entering. Riley asked if there were that many places where the trail comes that close to the road. Ballenger stated there are exits from the trail to the road. Moore would like to walk the road to see exactly what they are talking about and where exactly the gates would go .A motion was made to send to Lake Committee and Park Committee by Sackett and seconded by Moore. Vote was as followed: Yes – Bivins, Moore, Reynolds, Riley, Sacket, and Young. No – None. Abstention – None. Motion carried.
6. Discuss and take action necessary regarding request to provide a portable concession at Lake Ponca Recreation Area for summer season.
Sindelar stated he's had various people calling wanting to put in a concession stand. Sent to Park Committee.
7. Discuss and take action necessary regarding Crow's Nest.
A group has come to Park & Rec is interested in the total park now that it's on the historical register. Sindelar believes it would be a positive thing for the park. Sent to Park Committee
8. Discuss and take action necessary regarding clean-up at Lake Ponca.
Park & Rec wants to set up a date to clean up around the lake. Sent to Park, Lake, and Rec Committees.
9. Receive report from Recreation Committee and take action as needed. None
10. Receive report from Park Committee & Dog Park Task Force and take action as needed. None
11. Receive report from Lake Committee and take action as needed. None
12. Comments from chairperson or board members.
Riley stated Moore, Throop, and Wentroth term is expiring. They need to fill out board form and let mayor know. Riley also asked the board to make sure they attend all the meetings they can.
13. Discuss March agenda
14. Board Comments
The entire board is in agreement the mountain bike trails are great. Bivins asked if the city would use a lock or key. Sindelar stated the city uses a universal key for all locks. Moore stated the board needs to be careful in considering the closing of Snake Rd. it could set a precedence.

15. Citizen Comments - None

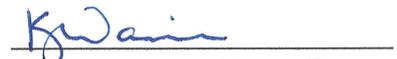
16. Adjourn

There being no other business a motion was made by Young and seconded by Sacket. Vote was as follows: Yes - Moore, Riley, Troutman, Sacket, Reynolds, Wentroth, and Young. No – None. Abstention – None. Motion carried.

ATTEST:



Robin Riley, Chairperson



Minutes prepared by staff