

Minutes approved by Park and Recreation Advisory Board

Park and Recreation Advisory Board
MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING
September 20, 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 September 20, 2007, in the B. S. Barnes Room, City Hall, 516 E. Grand Avenue.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Bishop, Kennedy, Moore, Schieber, Wentroth, Whipple, and Young.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Ball and Leonard.

OTHERS PRESENT: Traci Thorpe, 2008 Leadership Class Representative; David and Aaron Grider, 733 S. McCord Rd, Osage Heights Baptist Church; Travis Megee, Jessica Irons, Karen Bullington, Ponca City Alternative Sports Association; Jim Sindelar, Director and Katie Goss, staff.

1. Call to Order

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS

2. Citizen Comments
None.

3. Consider and vote on minutes of August 16, 2007 meeting.
Motion was made by Bishop and seconded by Kennedy to approve the minutes of the August 16, 2007 meeting as presented. Vote was as follows: Yes - Bishop, Kennedy, Moore, Schieber, Wentroth, Whipple, and Young. No – None. Abstention – None.

4. Comments from Chairman and board members.
Young asked about the signs for Lake Ponca. Staff reported the request has been submitted to Traffic Engineering to make the signs. “No One Beyond this Point” signs have been installed in Lake Ponca Park to deter people from the spillway.

5. Directors report.
a. Installation of siding and windows at LA Cann house is in progress.
b. The lease agreement between the City and Ponca City Alternative Sports Association for the BMX Track will go to the City Commission Monday evening for approval.
c. Staff has started gathering information for the skate park.
d. Senior programming is growing.

Sindelar introduce Traci Thorpe who will be auditing the Park Board as part of the 2008 Leadership class.

PUBLIC HEARING

6. None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

7. Consider and take action as needed regarding BMX Track and Skate Park.

Megee reported the Ponca City Alternative Sports Association would be having a meeting on Tuesday evening in the Library Programming Room. This meeting will update everyone on the status of the projects. The lease agreement will be on the City Commission agenda for consideration on Monday evening. With the lease agreement in place, PCASA can proceed through the track design process with the American Bicycle Association (ABA). The lease agreement will run for one year at a time. The first agreement will expire June 2008.

Megee continued the group is receiving support from the community. They are currently trying to locate dirt for the project. Moore suggested contacting someone with the casino north of Newkirk. There is a large pile of dirt in the area behind the casino. It was also suggested the group contact Dee Schieber.

The portable skate park demo was well attended. Many prefer a concrete skate park because all of the area is considered skateable. Although a modular design is skateable it is not as continuous an area as the concrete park. The current plan for the skate park is to start small with a 100 x 100 slab and provide the ability to expand the skate park.

Bishop asked for a clarification of the roles of the PCASA and the board. He stated the skate park timing is different from that of the BMX track and appears there is more responsibility on the city side for the skate park. Megee explained it has always been the intent of PCASA to help the city maintain and police the skate park.

Staff explained the city would build and own the skate park. We want input from the kids regarding design of the park. PCASA is assisting by gathering information from the kids on their wants. The city will then get assistance from someone who designs skate parks and the project will then have to go out for bids. The board and city have roles in design and PCASA is data collection.

Wentroth asked about design of the BMX track. Megee explained the hand drawn layout previously distributed is the intended design. However, the group knows modifications may need to be made as the project proceeds. Event schedules will be coordinated with the Junior Baseball Association in order to reduce conflicts and overcrowding of parking. Once the lease agreement with the City is signed, PCASA can proceed with construction of the BMX track and they plan to be racing by the end of the year. There will be a cable fencing around the BMX track.

Young asked if there is concern regarding the negative comments that have been presented to the public. Megee said these are concerns that have all been addressed.

8. Receive report from Ad Hoc Committee regarding Wentz Caretaker House and take action as needed.

Staff reported the committee reviewed different scenarios and the bare minimum costs to make repairs. There are problems with moisture and problems with ventilation of the floors. Other things to be considered regarding possible use of the house are: 1) the utilities are not separate from the rest of the camp; 2) there is no garage; and the house is not fenced separately from the camp.

It was suggested before anyone becomes too involved the status of the house is referred to the Historic Preservation Board. Let that board evaluate and determine how historic is

the house as it is and within the existing setting. City staff has been contacted and the caretaker house will be on the Historic Preservation Board meeting in October.

OTHER BUSINESS

9. Consider and take action as needed on request to hold benefit walk-a-thon.
David Grider, Osage Heights Baptist Church, explained the church is raising funds for liver transplant patient. The intent is to get the different church youth groups together to get sponsors to donate funds for each lap around walked around the park. Olds funds raised would go to the liver transplant patient.

The walk-a-thon would be held Friday, October 19, 2007. There is no football game, no conflict with school activities, there is no school on this date because of fall break, and there is no curfew problem because adults will be present supervising the event. The group requests the restrooms be open for use on this event. They will clean up the park Saturday morning at the end of the walk-a-thon.

Staff explained this request came to the board since the request is to benefit an individual rather than a group. Young made the motion to approve the request to hold a benefit walk-a-thon. Bishop seconded the motion. Vote was as follows: Yes - Bishop, Kennedy, Moore, Schieber, Wentroth, Whipple, and Young. No – None. Abstention – None.

10. Discuss items for October agenda.
BMX/Skate Park
Review all fees
11. Adjourn
There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.