

Minutes approved by the Park and Recreation Advisory Board

Park and Recreation Advisory Board
MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING
June 17, 2010

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 P.M. on June 17, 2010 in the B. S. Barnes Room, City Hall, 516 E. Grand Ave.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Kennedy, Bivins, Cox, Throop, Wilson, Wentroth, and Young.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Moore and Riley.

OTHERS PRESENT: Beverly Bryant, Ponca City News; Jim Sindelar, Director, Parks and Recreation; Katie Goss, staff.

1. Call to Order

Kennedy called the meeting to order.

New board member Tom Throop was introduced.

2. Citizen Comments

Bryant reported she had become a part of a Facebook group formed by Donn Westmoreland to save the shelter at Lake Ponca Park known as the "Crow's Nest". This shelter was a part of the original WPA project when the park was constructed. The Facebook group is comprised of about 20 former and current citizens of Ponca City interested in helping to preserve this structure. A copy of an email received from Mr. Westmoreland was distributed to board members. This request was referred to the Park Committee for their study and recommendations.

3. Consider and vote on the minutes of the April 15, 2010, regular meeting.

After reviewing the proposed minutes of the April 15, 2010, regular meeting a recommendation was made by Wentroth and seconded by Bivins to accept the minutes as written. Vote was as follows: Yes - Kennedy, Bivins, Cox, Throop, Wilson, Wentroth, and Young. No – None. Abstentions – None.

4. Directors Report

Sindelar reviewed the status of the recommendation to increase the boat length for boats allowed on Lake Ponca and the status of the recommendation to allow swimming in designated areas of Lake Ponca. Both recommendations were presented to the City Commission after discussion both items were referred to Work Session for further discussion. The commissioners were supportive of allowing swimming in designated areas and would like to see the beach prepared, including weed removal, sand, signs and buoys prior to approval of the change to City Ordinance. The beach area will eventually have a hard surface parking area, such as a chip seal. Divers from the Fire Department and Osage Sheriff's Office will be searching the bottom of the proposed lake area for debris which may need to be removed. Swimming will also be allowed from the front of any approved dock to the shoreline. The commissioners did not approve the increase in boat length. Dan Moran Restroom is making progress. Contractors are currently laying the blocks. The restroom is being constructed so that a concession area can be added to the building at a later time.

June 25-27 AMBUC pool will be the host site for the Summer Sizzler Swim Meet.

A free swim is scheduled for June 21 from 7 pm – 11 pm at Wentz Pool.

July 1 will be the second Music in the Park program in front of the Tennis Center, War Memorial Park.

Five tennis courts have been resurfaced with the high school colors, red and blue.

Copies of pages from the 2010-2011 Budget Book pertaining to Park and Recreation were distributed.

The Noon AMBUC's will be rebuilding the playground at Lake Ponca. There will be sidewalk which will go all the around the park area. This project will be handicap accessible and will be a joint effort between the City and AMBUCS. They are getting close to completing the design. Wentroth stated there may be available funding for restrooms through the Department of Wildlife.

Public Hearing – None.

Old Business – None.

New Business

5. Receive and take action as needed on request from Ponca City Alternative Sports Association. (*Extreme jump area*)

Sindelar presented a summary of a request received. Extra dirt used for reconstruction of the track last fall is being held outside of the BMX track area and provides an alternate area for neighborhood kids to play. The BMX area will be fenced in but the alternate area would still be available for use. Another group approached the PCASA about developing the extra dirt area for “extreme jumping”. Currently the stored dirt is outside of the approved contract area. Representatives had planned on being at the meeting be were not able to make the meeting. Young made a motion to table this item until representatives would be available to attend the Park and Recreation Advisory Board meeting. Motion was seconded by Wilson. Vote was as follows: Yes - Kennedy, Bivins, Cox, Throop, Wilson, Wentroth, and Young. No – None. Abstentions – None.

6. Receive update on survey responses.

Wentroth distributed a summary of responses received to the Community Fitness Survey. The survey was available on line, published in the newspaper and emailed to individuals. The next step is for the committee to meet with Sherbon to discuss the results. The Adult Basketball program and Girls Softball program could probably be abandoned based upon survey results received.

First responses reported at April meeting were:

Adult		Children		Senior	
Response	Activity	Response	Activity	Response	Activity
First	Walking on trails	First	Swimming	First	Walk on trails
Second	Swimming	Second	Bicycling	Second	Water exercise
Third	Water exercise	Third	Walk on trails	Third	Aerobics
Fourth	Aerobics	Fourth	Basketball	Fourth	Swimming
Fifth	Bicycling	Fifth	Soccer & racquetball tied		

With 199 responses received, Walking on Fitness Trail remains at the top of the interest list. Sherbon is considering adding volleyball to existing programming. Kennedy suggested the committee might look at marketing existing programs.

7. Discuss items for July 2010 agenda.

Park Committee report on "Crows Nest", Lake Ponca Park

Ponca City Alternative Sports Association request to expand area of lease

Elect Chairperson and Vice Chairperson

Committee reports

Tour of Ponca City Recreation and Aquatic Center/YMCA

8. Receive comments from the chairperson or board members.

Bryant reported the Wentz Camp and Pool nomination to the National Historic Register was approved by the City Commission and now will be submitted to the SHIPO.

The recreation facility will be substantially completed October 29, 2010. Sindelar will arrange a tour of the facility.

9. Adjourn

There being no further business a motion to adjourn was made by Cox and seconded by Bivin. Vote was as follows: Yes - Kennedy, Bivins, Cox, Throop, Wilson, Wentroth, and Young. No – None. Abstentions – None.