

Minutes approved by the Park and Recreation Advisory Board

Park and Recreation Advisory Board
MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING
October 21, 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 October 21, 2010 in the B. S. Barnes Room, City Hall, 516 E. Grand Ave.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Bivins, Kennedy, Moore, Throop, and Young.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Cox, Riley, Wentroth and Wilson.

OTHERS PRESENT: Garry DeWeese, 3407 Crown, Ponca City; Tim Rathbun, 605 E. Detroit; Beverly Bryant, Ponca City News; Jim Sindelar, Director, Parks and Recreation; Katie Goss, staff.

1. Call to Order

Young called the meeting to order.

2. Citizen Comments

DeWeese reported the addition of several Ponca City residents as supports of "Save the Crow's Nest-Lake Ponca Park. Jack Harney, former Park Department employee, went to the Crow's Nest and has come up with a partial plan of what might be done. Harney said the brush would need to be removed before he could make a full recommendation. Access from the old quarry to the Crow's Nest might be available.

Sindelar said Harney was not able to finish his plans because he could not get to the area he needed. The Crow's Nest was one of Harney's first projects with the Park Department. At this time, Harney does not think water is doing all the damage to the area. A portion of the problem could be settlement of the soil.

DeWeese said he looked at the project today and felt the vegetation was already dead. He would like to schedule a Work Day with volunteers to clear the vegetation. Sindelar stated the need to wait for a frost before moving in to the location. DeWeese would like to schedule the Work Day for November 6 to assist with knocking out dead growth. Sindelar stated after the frost an evaluation of the area will be made to determine what is happening to the area.

Young stated we would watch for the first frost and staff will contact the board and those concerned about looking at the area again.

3. Consider and vote on the minutes of the September 16, 2010, regular meeting.

The motion was made by Moore and seconded by Kennedy to accept the minutes of the September 16, 2010 advisory board meeting as presented. Vote was as follows: Yes - Bivins, Kennedy, Moore, Throop, and Young. No – None. Abstention – None.

4. Directors Report

Sindelar reported the following:

The Dan Moran project is pretty much complete. The new restrooms will be open year round.

Today “The Pink Heals Tour” arrived in Ponca City. The tour promotes awareness about breast cancer and two month of the year the firefighters used vacation time to travel the US with their pink fire trucks. There were 3 pink fire trucks at the Pioneer Woman Museum and a pink sash was placed on the Pioneer Woman Statue prior to the arrival of the trucks.

Grand Opening for the recreation center is currently set for December 6. The project will be substantially complete November 6.

Public Hearing – None.

Old Business – None.

New Business

5. Receive request to hold 5K/2K benefit run and take action as needed.

Staff pulled this item from the agenda. It will be resubmitted and considered at a later date.

6. Receive Park Committee report and take action as needed.

Throop reported the Park Committee met October 12 at the Park Department. The meeting was called to order by Tom Throop. Throop reported Park Department staff would take inventory and pictures of equipment at each park. The committee will then determine priority of repair or replacement. The committee will present their recommendations to the board in November.

A spray park location has yet to be determined. Park staff is still working on potential locations.

Throop reported Sindelar met with Jack Harney who has had experience with the Crow’s Nest. Harney visited the site and felt it would be best to wait for cold weather before pursuing any further.

7. Receive Lake Committee report and take action as needed.

No Report. Moore reported Riley had a severely broken ankle, and he would be remiss if he did not ask the status of the mooring dock. Staff has received the estimates for the parking lot. It has been determined we will be able to use the existing ramp location. The parking will be ADA accessible. Hopefully by the next board meeting there will be more progress.

8. Receive Recreation Committee report and take action as needed.

No report. Sindelar reported the outdoor fitness equipment for Redbud Park has been ordered and the contract awarded for the Tennis Courts resurfacing.

9. Adjourn

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