

Minutes approved by the Park and Recreation Advisory Board

Park and Recreation Advisory Board
MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING
January 20, 2011

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 January 20, 2011 in the B. S. Barnes Room, City Hall, 516 E. Grand Ave.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Cox, Kennedy, Moore, Riley, Wilson, and Young.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Bivins, Throop, and Wentroth.

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

1. Call to Order

Young called the meeting to order.

2. Citizen Comments .

None.

3. Consider and vote on the minutes of the October 21, 2010, regular meeting.

A motion was made by Moore and seconded by Kennedy to accept the minutes of the October 21, 2010 advisory board meeting as presented. Vote was as follows: Yes - Kennedy, Moore, Riley, Wilson, and Young. No – None. Abstention – None.

4. Directors Report

Sindelar reported a ground breaking was held at AMBUC Park. Playground equipment has been ordered and there is a March 21 delivery date.

(Cox arrived)

The project will be a community build. The company will set the posts and supervise the construction. The City has dirt work and concrete work to do in preparation for the installation. There will be a 4-5 ft sidewalk around the playground area with handicap ramps up to the equipment.

The AMBUC Pool renovation project is currently underway and is scheduled to be completed April 1.

Staff is currently working on project specifications for the splash pad.

The next major item is Capital Requests for the 2011-2012 Budget Year. The budget will be approved in May. Still having vandalism problems at the Tennis Center when the restrooms are open. The restrooms are currently closed.

Kennedy asked with increase usage were there issues about installing restrooms at the Lake in the area of AMBUC Park. Sindelar said funds may be available through the Department of W Wildlife for restrooms to be constructed in the boat ramp area.

Board members asked if with the vandalism was this anything that extra patrol would help. Wilson suggested Crime Stoppers. Perhaps a Crime Stopper sign could be posted in the area.

Sindelar reported that the original water level of the lake was dropped 2 foot to allow for repair of the dam and placement of rip rap. Nature has continued to lower the lake level due to the drought.

More sand was hauled to the swim beach and a waterway channel was installed in the beach area.

Public Hearing – None.

Old Business – None.

New Business

5. Receive Committee reports and take action as needed.

Riley presented the following “draft” of ideas gathered during a meeting of the **Lake Committee** last fall.

2011 Lake Committee Goals/ Projects (DRAFT) 1/18/11

- 1) Reevaluate the need for a Lake Users Association.
- 2) Host a Spring Social/get together for lake users to cover rules/regulations and seek input from the users as to suggested improvements. Attendance should be Staff, Park and Rec Board Members, and lake Patrol
- 3) Investigate options for better control of dumpster at lake and ways to prohibit illegal dumping. Possible ideas are locking devises or keys for cabin owners.
- 4) Continue to review facility upgrade needs for the campground.
- 5) Evaluate the possibility of a primitive natural water splash at the swim beach
- 6) Continue with plans to install a “small boat” ramp at the north end of the west Lake. Potential sources of funding may be the Oklahoma Wildlife Department and the TBF.
- 7) Work with other city departments to improve roads and parking around Lake Ponca. Primary concern is safety on Westside of West Lake
- 8) Evaluate the construction of a modern bathroom facility to complement the swim beach and the new Ambuc Park. Potential funding source is the State.
- 9) Develop an overall strategy concerning concession stands at Lake Ponca.
- 10) Improve the general appearance and utilization of the Duck Ponds.
- 11) Continue with the plan to install/upgrade the mooring docks at the Lake.
- 12) Initiate contact with Oklahoma State University to determine their interest in conducting a current Master Plan for the Lake.

These ideas are the result of brainstorming and the list is a first cut. Young asked for more explanation of item 5 – Evaluate the possibility of a primitive natural water splash at the swim beach. Riley explained the thought was to have perhaps a “mushroom” type fountain in the water for children to play in.

Kennedy inquired about Item 10 – Improve the general appearance and utilization of the Duck Ponds. Riley explained this included dredging the ponds, rip rap, better aerator fountains to prevent algae growth and build the dam up between the top two ponds.

Item 6 calls for installation of a small boat ramp at the north end of the west lake (Jaycee Park area). In addition to Department of Wildlife Funds, funds may be available through the Bass Federation. Contact for the Bass Federation would be Robert Cartlidge.

Kennedy reported the **Recreation Committee** has not met since their initial meeting. She suggested meeting quickly. Staff reported the Outdoor Fitness Equipment has been received and ready to be installed along the trail in Redbud Park.

Young reported the **Park Committee** has not been active through the holiday. The main focus will probably be what park to refurbish. Kennedy made a request we look at the basketball courts at Attucks. The concrete area below the baskets is Spaulding.

Riley inquired about the area behind Union School. Sindelar reported currently there is no easement into the area.

6. Discuss items for February Agenda.

Report on Crow's Nest

Reports from all committees

Budget update

Capital project status report

7. Adjourn

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