

Park and Recreation Advisory Board
MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING
June 21, 2012

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 21, 2012 in the Barnes Room, City Hall, 516 E. Grand Ave.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Cox, Rathbun, Throop, Troutman, and Young.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Riley, Wentroth, and Moore. (One open position)

OTHERS PRESENT: Beverly Bryant, Ponca City News; Rick Myers, Ponca City resident; Dr. Hal and Nancy Brown, Ponca City residents ; Terri Sherbon, Recreation Supt., Park and Recreation Dept.; Katie Goss, staff.

1. Call to Order.

Young called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

2. Consider and vote on the minutes of the April 19, 2012, regular meeting.

Young asked for any changes or additions to the minutes of the March meeting. There were no changes. The motion to accept the minutes as written was made by Throop and seconded by Troutman. Vote was as follows: Yes - Cox, Rathbun, Throop, Troutman, and Young. No – None. Abstention – None. Motion passed.

3. Director's Report.

It was noted the installation of the Redbud Park playground equipment is underway.

Public Hearings – None.

Old Business – None.

New Business

4. Receive request to waive fees for kayak, canoe, and paddleboats on Lake Ponca.

Myers explained his original request pertained to permitting three recently acquired kayaks. After purchase of the required state registration, he then found he had to purchase permits for Kaw Lake and Lake Ponca. Years ago East Lake Ponca was used by sailboats but not so much now. Myers asked what if the commission would approve no fees for non-motorized watercraft and restrict them to East Lake Ponca.

July 2, 2013 the State of Oklahoma will no longer register canoe, kayak and paddle boat. Since this is the case the Lake Ponca Ordinance will have to be changed since the current ordinance requires any watercraft on Lake Ponca be registered with the state. The City will have to decide if they want these on the Lake and do they want to waive the permit required.

Myers said he asked Lake Patrolman Edwardson if there was any issue with the non-motorized watercraft and there was none that Edwardson was aware of.

Because the City will have to change the current ordinance Myers is asking that an exception be made for canoes, kayaks and paddleboats and that the permit fees be waived.

Young thanked Myers for his comments and the item was referred to the Lake Committee for consideration and a recommendation to the Park Board.

5. Discuss watercraft being stored on water at Lake Ponca.

Hal Brown is looking at property on the East Shore of West Lake Ponca. The Standard Operation Policy currently states that no boat and trailer may be pulled up on the property and stored. The policy does not state specifically that watercraft may not be stored on the Lake. There are currently two lot leases with boat house type structures. The improvements he is looking at is totally enclosed and used for fishing.

Young commented that everything discussed during this meeting would be referred to committee. Rathbun asked who would have liability if there was damage to the boat or caused by the boat. Cox asked if the intent was to store the boat all seasons. Myer pointed out there could be an issue of potential contamination to the Lake.

Young thanked Brown for his comments and referred the item to the Lake Committee to study and make recommendation to the Park Board for consideration.

6. Receive committee reports.

Throop reported the Dog Park Committee has just about narrowed the choice of location between Lake Ponca and the ball field on Franklin Ave to the Franklin Ave. ball field because there is water and restrooms already on location. The committee feels it would be less expensive to construct the park at the Franklin Ave. ball field.

Rathbun said the committee has met to discuss the Deer Tick issue. The committee is split 50-50 on whether to have an ordinance written. Some of the items discussed which could affect the deer tick are:

- a) Mowing would deter the deer population. Deer bed down in tall grass. Don't feed the deer inside the City limits.
- b) Fencing – deer will not jump fence they can't see through.
- c) Lighting the area and reducing feeding.
- d) Control kill – solves the problem for about two (2) years.
- e) City ordinance restricting feeding.
- f) Dogs trained to move the deer out of the area.

Myers asked if the committee considered targeted education. Educating the public about feeding the deer will help some.

7. Comments from chairperson or board members.

No comments.

8. Discuss July Agenda.

Nothing at this time.

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9. Citizen Comments.

Brown made the additional comment that if he purchases the improvements on the lot he is considering a request for height variance on the cabin.

10. Adjourn.

There being no further business a motion was made by Troutman and seconded by Rathbun to adjourn the meeting. Vote was as follows: Yes - Cox, Rathbun, Throop, Troutman, and Young. No – None. Abstention – None. Motion passed.

Approved this 19th day of July, 2012.

ATTEST:


Vice Chairperson


Minutes prepared by Katie Goss