

Park and Recreation Advisory Board
MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING
August 16, 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 August 16, 2012 in the Barnes Room, City Hall, and 516 E. Grand Ave.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Moore, Rathbun, Riley, Throop, and Wentroth.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Cox, Troutman, and Young. (One board position open)

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

1. Call to Order.
Riley, Vice Chairman, called the meeting to order.
2. Consider and vote on the minutes of the June 21, 2012 regular meeting.
A motion was made by Throop and seconded by Moore to approve the minutes of the June meeting as written. Vote was as follows: Yes – Moore, Rathbun, Riley, Throop, and Wentroth. No – None. Abstention – None.
3. Director's Report.
Sindelar reported the following:
Noted the West Nile Virus is a problem in Dallas. Ponca City has a larvacide program for the drainage ways.
Unity Gym floor is down and a check list have been provided to the Contractor for completion.
Play equipment installation in Red Bud Park is complete.
A buck about has been installed at McGraw Park. This replaces a merry go round which had previously been removed.
Eagle Scout Project has been completed. The project was to clean out and paint the tunnel which goes under the railroad track behind Liberty School.
Lake Ponca is down approximately three feet.
Ambuc Pool is now closed for the season. The Dog Days swim was held on Monday, August 13.
Wentz Pool is open weekends through Labor Day.
Solar power lighting has been installed on the Hubbard Road Bridge at Jaycee Park.
In the process of installing a mooring dock at Windmill Cove. This is the dock we moved from Hartford Ramp.
The Disc Golf Club will have a big tournament this weekend, August 18.
The splash pad will remain open.
Bid opening for the Lake Ponca Restroom is September 13. The engineer is handling the project.

Throop reported he has received good comments regarding the splash pad. Wentroth asked if staff is looking at Dan Moran for a possible splash pad. There are currently issues with the BMX track but Dan Moran may be a possible location.

Public Hearings – None.

Old Business – None.

New Business

4. Receive request to consider rental of individual cabins at Wentz Camp.
The request received from Kitty McGinnis was presented to board members. Riley suggested the request be referred to the Recreation Committee. The Recreation Superintendent and Supervisor will work with the committee and the committee will come back to the next board meeting with a recommendation regarding the request.
5. Consider and vote to elect chairperson of the advisory board.
Riley tabled the item until staff confirms this was not done earlier.
6. Consider and vote to elect vice-chairperson of the advisory board.
Riley tabled the item until staff confirms this was not done earlier.
7. Discuss assignment of board members to the Lake Committee, Park Committee and Recreation Committee.
Riley table the item until staff confirms this was not done earlier.
8. Receive committee reports.
No committee reports.
Lake Committee will meet Tuesday, August 21 at 5:30 pm at the Park Department office.
9. Comments from chairperson or board members.
Wentroth asked if there had been any inquiries about vendors at the lake this summer. Sindelar reported those who had made requests backed off after learning the Health Department requirements.

Wentroth reported other communities have been concerned about low lake water and access to boat ramps. The Department of Wildlife has information pertaining to “roll off mats” to extend the length of boat ramps. A company in Tulsa constructs the roll off mats and the mats are cabled together and mold to the contour of the surface. Wentroth will send the cost information to Sindelar for consideration in the next budget year.

Rathbun inquired if the vandalism has continued to the new restroom at Dan Moran Park. Sindelar reported the restroom is open for events only. The City Attorney has informed staff cameras might be able to be placed in restrooms if done in a certain manner.

Throop commented the only negative comment he has received regarding the splash pad is there is not enough shade. Throop asked if there has been any more discussion about the proposed downtown pocket park. Sindelar said the cost is now approximately \$500,000 which is more in line with what the board had thought. Rathbun said Main Street is planning a fund raiser for the proposed project.

Bryant asked about plans for trails at Pioneer Park. She has seen what appeared to be an old trail. Sindelar said there is a trail at Pioneer and Garfield Park which has over grown with dirt and grass. Staff has been discussing these as possible Eagle Scout projects.

10. Discuss September Agenda.

No meeting is scheduled for September.

The October agenda will include committee reports and recommendations and presentation by the Ponca City Disc Golf Club regarding a request from them to lease the Old Archery Range.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

11. Citizen Comments

None.

12. Adjourn.

There being no further business a motion was made by Wentroth and seconded by Moore to adjourn the meeting. Vote was as follows: Yes – Moore, Rathbun, Riley, Throop, and Wentroth.

No – None. Abstention – None.

ATTEST:



Wes Young, Chairperson



Minutes prepared by Katie Goss