

Minutes approved by the Park and Recreation Advisory Board

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

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Cox, Gregg, and Wentroth.

OTHERS PRESENT: Kelly Murphy, Leadership Class Representative; Beverly Bryant, Ponca City News; Robert Cartlidge, 2300 E. Coleman Rd, Troy Hazenfratz, 2817 Fieldcrest Pl., Matt Hasenfratz, 2817 Fieldcrest Pl., Ponca City TBF Bass Federation; Jim Sindelar, Parks and Recreation Director; Katie Goss, staff.

1. Call to Order

Kennedy called the meeting to order.

2. Citizen Comments.

None.

3. Consider and vote on the minutes of the November 19, 2009 regular meeting.

The motion was made by Moore and seconded by Young to approve the minutes of the November 19, 2009 regular meeting as presented. Vote was as follows: Yes – Bivins, Kennedy, Moore, Riley, Wilson, and Young. No – None. Abstention – None.

4. Directors Report.

Sindelar gave a progress report on the Recreation Complex construction.

The park crews will assist Festival of Angels with removal of lighting displays at Lake Ponca Park.

Public Hearing

5. None.

Old Business

6. None.

New Business

7. Consider and take action on request from Ponca City Bassmasters to host the Oklahoma Bass Federation Junior State Championship Tournament, May 1 and 2, 2010 on Lake Ponca.

Robert Cartlidge, President/CEO of TBF Federation presented the request from the Ponca City Bassmasters to host the Oklahoma Bass Federation Junior State Championship Tournament, May 1 & 2 on Lake Ponca. (May 1 is for practice/May 2 Tournament). There will be two youth divisions: age 11-14 and age 15-18. The State Champions will advance to a National Bass Federation (TBF) event to compete for scholarship awards.

All boats used will be equipped with 2 aerated live wells and outboard motor kill switches. All contestants are required to have US Coast Guard approved life jackets on when the outboard motor is running. The boat operator must have their lifejacket's on and kill switch attached when the motor is running. There will be two youth in each boat.

There will be a 5 fish limit per contestant and all fish will be returned to the lake. The event will be covered by liability insurance and the City of Ponca City would be added as an additional insured.

The Ponca City club is hosting the Junior State Championship this year and would like to hold it on Lake Ponca. The National Bass Federation will provide a 40 ft weigh in trailer and stage. A large crowd is not expected. The set up area will be at the Event Area across from the boat ramp on Checkstand Road. Sindelar reminded them there is a pavilion there they could use.

Cartlidge stated the club is requesting a waiver of boat and user fees and a reduced bass size limit from 15 inches to 12 inches. This will allow the younger participants to catch the tournament limit of 5 feet each. There may be as many as 12 boats being used. Most of the boats are local and already have their boating permits. There may be one or two boats from out of town. Fishing permit fees would be waived for any participant age 16 – 18.

Youth are not allowed to drive the boats. The youth are allowed to run the trolling motor if they want. There will be one youth from each age group in each boat. All safety rules are followed. There will be no shot-gun start; the boats will idle by so the parents of the participants can see their kids.

Sindelar said if the board approves the request the item will go to the City Commission on February 8, 2010. The motion was made by Moore and seconded by Riley to recommend the City Commission waive fees for boating and fishing and reduce the length limit for bass from 15 inches to 12 inches for the Junior State Championship to be held on Lake Ponca. Vote was as follows: Yes – Bivins, Kennedy, Moore, Riley, Wilson, and Young. No – None. Abstention – None.

8. Discuss proposed Capital Projects for 2010/2011.

Sindelar reported the budget kickoff was held today. Capital Requests are due February 9. If board members come up with a project after that date we can still submit the request. Staff is

looking at a Park Master Plan. The Park Master Plan would include public meeting to gather information regarding needs and wants of the community. Sindelar said we want to establish priorities and use the bed tax. Projects such as gazebo or covered pavilion where concerts could be held, fit stations and splash pads. The Born Learning Trail could be added to the existing trail. We want to enhance what we already have. Riley asked if the swim beach is approved would that be done with capital funds. Sindelar said this would probably be a project done in phases. Some projects can be submitted because they are portable and could be moved from one location to another. Riley suggested upgrade of electrical at the campgrounds, rip rap at Jaycee Park to stop the erosion. Improvements to Garfield Park might be done working with the school system.

Kennedy asked if there are capital needs. Sindelar said facility repairs will be requested.

9. Receive Committee Reports and take actions as needed.
Recreation Committee is scheduled to meet on February 17.

Riley and Sindelar reported the Lake Committee met and it was decided to hold Public Hearings to receive comments regarding changing the boat length limit and allowing swimming in Lake Ponca.

Discussion followed this will allow everyone to receive notice of the Public Hearing. Moore said it is vitally important that we receive comments from both sides of the issue. Sindelar pointed out the Park Ranger was at the Lake Committee and was in favor of increasing the length of boats.

A motion was made by Moore and seconded by Wilson to hold a Public Hearing regarding changing the City Ordinance to increase the length of boats allowed on Lake Ponca from 22 ft to 25 ft. Vote was as follows: Yes – Bivins, Kennedy, Moore, Riley, Wilson, and Young. No – None. Abstention – None. The Public Hearing will be held February 18 2010.

A motion was made by Young and seconded Bivins to hold a Public Hearing to discuss changing the City Ordinance to allow swimming in designated areas at Lake Ponca. Vote was as follows: Yes – Bivins, Kennedy, Moore, Riley, Wilson, and Young. No – None. Abstention – None. The Public Hearing will be held February 18 2010.

Young and Sindelar reported the Park Committee met. In attendance were Sindelar, Earl Ball, Young and Gregg. The committee discussed the importance of the Park Master Plan. The committee would like to proceed with a gift catalog to allow groups or individuals to adopt an item for use in City parks.

Ball discussed construction additional bike trails around Lake Ponca. He will bring a more formal plan of the proposed trail system. The trails would be natural trails so the area will not be

impacted negatively. Construction of the bike trails would increase usage around the lake and may reduce dumping. Lighting along certain areas of the trail was discussed.

10. Discuss items for February 2010 agenda.

Public Hearing change ordinance regarding boat length on Lake Ponca.

Public Hearing to change ordinance to allow swimming in designated areas of Lake Ponca.

Melissa Young presentation on the Born Learning Trail.

11. Adjourn

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