

Minutes to be approved by the Park and Recreation Advisory Board

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MINUTES - REGULAR MEETING

August 21, 2008

Pursuant to 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 21, 2008 in the B. S. Barnes room, City Hall, 516 E. Grand Ave.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Bivin, Gregg, Kennedy, Riley and Young.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Ball, Moore, Schieber and Wentroth.

OTHERS PRESENT: Junior Kent, Blues for Food Festival; Joshua Sieck, Leadership Class Representative; Jim Sindelar, Director Park and Recreation Dept.; Katie Goss, staff.

1. Kennedy called the Park and Recreation Advisory Board meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

2. Introduce new board member.

Kennedy introduced Gary Gregg as a new board member. Gregg will fill the term of Dave Bishop.

3. Citizen Comments

None.

4. Consider and vote on the minutes of the July 17, 2008, meeting.

Minutes of the July 17, 2008 meeting were presented for consideration. The motion was made by Riley and seconded by Young to approve the minutes of the July 17, 2008 meeting as presented. Vote was as follows: Yes - Bivin, Gregg, Kennedy, Riley and Young. No – None. Abstention – None.

5. Comments from the Chairman and/or board members.

None.

6. Directors report.

Sindelar reported there were 603 campers and 2,021 registered participants and their families for the 2008 Motocross. Staff held a meeting with representatives of Ambucs and the City departments to review needs for the event. Ambucs has reported the Motocross for 2009 will again be held in Ponca City. An after action meeting will be held to review what changes may be needed for the 2009 event. Ambucs have been asked to prepare a list of maintenance needs for the facility which will allow City departments to work on meeting those requests prior to next year's event.

Sindelar stated the Hydroplane Races were held this past weekend at Lake Ponca and were well attended. There were 40 drivers representing states such as Mississippi, Arkansas, Kansas, Missouri, Idaho and Colorado. This was a national point's race held over two days with one day of practice runs. The Boat House sponsored the event again this year. The Boat House has started working to have additional sponsors for the 2009 races.

The final item reported on by Sindelar was the H.O.G. Rally to be held at Wentz Camp October 2009. Tourism had been working with a group regarding the Harley Hog Rally. Normally this item would have to the Park Advisory Board however; due to the time frame involved Tourism and City Administration went ahead and presented the proposal for consideration. Staff is currently working on an agreement between the City, Tourism and the H.O.G. Rally and will bring a copy of the agreement back to the board.

Kennedy welcomed Joshua Sieck who introduced himself and will be the 2008/2009 Leadership Class Representative.

PUBLIC HEARING

7. None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

8. None.

OTHER BUSINESS

9. Consider and take action as needed on request to hold Ponca City Blues for Food Music Festival at Lake Ponca on October 11, 2008.

Junior Kent, representing the Blues for Food Musical Festival, introduced himself and provided a brief history of how the festival started. The festival was one of the State Centennial Events in 2007 and this year will be the 8th year of the event. This year the festival will be held in memory of Gordon Thompson.

Previously the event has been held at the rodeo grounds. Last year the festival used the new portable stage inside the area. The arena grounds however are too soft to for placement of the portable stage. Kent went to the Rodeo to see how the stage was placed for their event. This was an idea Kent had previously considered. Currently the group has the rodeo grounds reserved as a backup if holding the event at the lake is not possible.

A question of where to locate the event at Lake Ponca was asked. Staff said the event area where the 4th of July is held is currently having the electric upgraded. We will be installing 13 new services in the event area. The portable stage needs 50 amp services. Issues of restrooms, parking, trash control, signage, and traffic control need to be addressed.

Kent stated any money collected goes to pay for the bands and needs of the event. Canned goods collected go to the Salvation Army. Kent has already talked to Capt. Mike Lucas the new Salvation Army commander.

Staff suggested the group use the rodeo grounds for the event this year but plan the event for Lake Ponca next year. This would allow Kent and staff to plan more thoroughly the logistics for the event. Staff suggested the group organize as a non-profit or with a non-profit group.

A motion was made by Riley and seconded by Bivin for the group to use the rodeo grounds this year and work with staff to plan the event at Lake Ponca for 2009. Vote was as follows: Yes - Bivin, Gregg, Kennedy, Riley and Young. No – None. Abstention – None.

10. Receive report from Lake Committee and take action as needed.

The Lake Committee met twice in the past month, once on July 29 and again August 19. The first meeting was attended by Sindelar, Riley, Moore and Bivin. The second meeting was attended by Sindelar, Riley, Biven, Young and Kennedy. The main thrust of the meeting is safety on Lake Ponca. There is concern someone will get hurt. The committee wants to be proactive rather than reactive regarding issues at Lake Ponca.

The main discussion addressed how to get more people on the lake to enforcement the rules of the lake. The committee suggests adding more law enforcement and have enforcement more visible on the lake. The lake patrol will document incidents when they occur in order to determine a pattern. May through September visibility of patrol on the lake is needed and see if the Police Department can cover the road and park area during this time period. Riley stated that one time period of increased safety concern is when Kaw Lake is closed or the water level is down. Some of the Kaw Lake users will go to Lake Ponca and do not know or follow the rules.

Educate the Lot Lessees regarding safety and vandalism issues and establish a Neighborhood Watch. Recruit volunteers from the Lot Lessees.

Riley pointed out that the board and staff submitted a proposal requesting a part time employee to work at the lake up to 1200 hours each year. The request was not approved. Currently the Lake Patrolman has one volunteer who is working with him to patrol the lake.

11. Discuss items for September agenda.
Lake Committee Report

12. Adjourn

There being no further business a motion was made by Riley and seconded by Young to adjourn the meeting of the Park Advisory Board. Vote was as follows: Yes - Bivin, Gregg, Kennedy, Riley and Young. No – None. Abstention – None.