

**MINUTES
PARK BOARD
REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, AUGUST 23RD, 2021
5:30 P.M.**

THE PARK BOARD MET IN REGULAR SESSION IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, 12 NORTH ROWE STREET, PRYOR, OKLAHOMA AT THE ABOVE-MENTIONED DATE AND TIME.

BOARD MEMBERS: ** BILL KANNEGIESSER, MELINDA MARKS, PAT RICHARD, CASEY KING, LORI SIEVER, CHRIS GRAVES, KEITH SHELBY.

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER.

Kannegiesser called the Park Board meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. Members present: Bill Kannegiesser, Melinda Marks, Pat Richard, Lori Siever and Keith Shelby. Members absent: Casey King and Chris Graves.

Others present: Mayor Larry Lees, Park Superintendent Frank Powell, Golf Superintendent Dennis Bowman, Taylor Rhoads, Jill Sherman, Janice Bell and Terry Aylward.

2. ADMINISTER OATHS OF OFFICE TO MELINDA MARKS, CHRIS GRAVES AND KEITH SHELBY.

Mayor administered Oaths of Office to Melinda Marks and Keith Shelby.

3. PETITIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE.

There were no petitions.

4. DISCUSS, POSSIBLY APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE JUNE 28TH, 2021, REGULAR MEETING.

Motion was made by Shelby, second by Marks to approve the minutes of the June 28th, 2021, regular meeting. All voted yes.

5. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING IMPACT PRYOR SPONSORING A "MOVIE IN THE PARK" ON FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 17TH, 2021.

Motion was made by Richard, second by Shelby to approve Impact Pryor sponsoring a "Movie in the Park" on Friday, September 17th, 2021. Janice Bell stated the activities will begin at 6 p.m. and the movie will begin after dark. She spoke regarding the great turnout at the last movies they sponsored. She spoke regarding foods they have provided in the past. She also stated that the movie has not been chosen yet, because they had to get approval first, and licensing to show the movie is \$400.00. All voted yes.

6. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING LIFE FELLOWSHIP CHURCH SPONSORING A TRUNK OR TREAT AT WHITAKER PARK ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 31ST, 2021.

Motion was made by Shelby, second by Marks to approve Life Fellowship Church sponsoring a Trunk or Treat at Whitaker Park on Sunday, October 31st, 2021. Taylor

Rhoads spoke and explained the process of the Trunk or Treat. She stated that in the past they have had over 3,000 people in attendance. The event will take place from 4 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. on Halloween Day. All voted yes.

7. REPORT FROM THE POOL SUBCOMMITTEE.

No action. Lori Siever spoke regarding the plans for the outdoor pool. She stated that the subcommittee is still working on getting more information together and plans to provide their recommendations at the September meeting.

Chris Graves arrived at 5:39 p.m. Mayor asked to move back to Item 2.

2. ADMINISTER OATHS OF OFFICE TO MELINDA MARKS, CHRIS GRAVES AND KEITH SHELBY.

Mayor administered Oath of Office to Chris Graves.

8. PARK REPORT – SUPERINTENDENT FRANK POWELL:

a. PARKS

Powell reported that the new restrooms have been open for four weeks, and so far, there have been no issues with vandalism. He provided pictures of the memorial stone for Leo Perry that has now been placed in Whitaker Park near the new restrooms and Splash Pad.

Powell stated that, due to the heat, the grass is starting to die so they are not having to mow as much, and they are working on other projects.

Powell also stated that the Splash Pad is now operating on school hours and will likely close for the season in October.

b. CEMETERY

Powell reported that there is possibly a busted water line at the cemetery, which was discovered right at closing time today, so they will be dealing with that first thing tomorrow. This will cause all restrooms to be unavailable until it is handled.

9. GOLF COURSE REPORT – DIRECTOR DENNIS BOWMAN.

Bowman reported that he is really excited about all the activity at the golf course. Business is booming. Revenue in July was almost \$69,000.00, which is 40% higher than last July.

Bowman stated that the early sod work they did, as well as the new equipment, have paid off. He also stated that the pump station is in rough shape. There is only one pump working right now, so this will have to be addressed soon.

The Veteran’s Freedom Tour Tournament is next weekend. There are several sponsors and teams, which will raise a good amount of money for the Freedom Tour.

Bowman stated that he has spoken with Chad Wolf with Pryor Youth Baseball and he will be helping him aerate the fields. He is also working with Janice Bell on the Halloween festival at the golf course. It will be called, “Boohaha,” and will be held October 29th through the 31st. They will have a number of activities for all ages,

including hayrides. The hayrides will require tickets which may be purchased at www.pryorboohaha.com, which will go live soon.

Bowman also reported that the Junior PGA Tournament was very successful, with about 80 kids from all over. He also stated that the golf course currently has somewhere between 150–170 members. The COVID pandemic has caused a resurgence in golfing, as well as other outdoor activities. Currently, there are 18-20 high school students signed up for golfing.

When asked, Bowman stated that the issue with bringing in cups to the course has quieted.

Bowman was asked if there are any projects that will need to be addressed. He stated that cart paths are still an issue and some buildings need to be painted.

10. UNFORESEEABLE BUSINESS.

There was no unforeseeable business.

11. ADJOURN.

Motion was made by Shelby, second by Richard to adjourn at 6:02 p.m. All voted yes.