

**MINUTES
PARK BOARD
REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, OCTOBER 25TH, 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, Pat Richard, Chris Graves and Keith Shelby. Members absent: Melinda Marks, Casey King and Lori Siever.

Others present: Mayor Larry Lees, Park Superintendent Frank Powell, Golf Superintendent Dennis Bowman, Nickie Remer, Kim Kelley, Dalton Powell and Terry Aylward.

2. PETITIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE.

Mr. Kim Kelley spoke regarding the recent loss of his son, Colt, a 100% disabled veteran who grew up here in Pryor. Mr. Kelley is requesting to hold a memorial service at Bobby Buck Park in Colt's honor on November 6th, 2021, at 1:00 p.m. Colt played there as a child.

3. DISCUSS, POSSIBLY APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 27TH, 2021, REGULAR MEETING.

Motion was made by Richard, second by Shelby to approve the minutes of the September 27th, 2021, regular meeting. All voted yes.

Siever arrived at 5:34 p.m.

4. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING ALLOWING LAKES AREA ABATE CHAPTER 13 TO HOST A BIKES AND TREATS EVENT ON HALLOWEEN FROM 4:00 P.M. – 6:00 P.M. AT CENTENNIAL PARK.

Motion was made by Shelby, second by Siever to approve allowing Lakes Area Abate Chapter 13 to host a Bikes and Treats event on Halloween from 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. at Centennial Park. Nickie Remer spoke and explained the plan. All voted yes.

5. DISCUSS, POSSIBLY RECOMMEND COUNCIL ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF 2022 PARK BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE.

Motion was made by Shelby, second by Richard to recommend Council action regarding approval of 2022 Park Board Meeting Schedule. All voted yes.

6. PARK REPORT – SUPERINTENDENT FRANK POWELL:

Powell began with Item b. Cemetery.

b. CEMETERY

Powell referred to the packet item showing the number of lots still available at Graham Cemetery. He stated that in approximately 6.5 years the remaining lots will be sold. There are approximately 15% of the lots left. He plans to get with the engineer to begin the process of preparing the property West of the Cemetery shop for use when it is needed. He stated it will most likely be a couple of years before that work begins. Graves asked how much lead time is needed to develop this land. Powell stated that he will begin working on funding in next year's budget and go from there.

a. PARK

Powell reported that there was some miscalculation on asphalt when planning for the new parking area at the tennis courts, so it will cost much more than budgeted. He stated that he is considering finishing the last four tennis courts with the budgeted money for parking and then readdress parking in next year's budget.

After discussion, Powell stated that he will go out to rebid the other four courts and move forward to Council. Graves asked how often we should plan to resurface the courts. Powell stated it will probably need to be done about every four years. Powell stated that he has spoken with the schools about helping financially with the tennis courts, and he was told that their auditor has cracked down on spending money on property that they do not own.

Powell also stated that teenagers have begun bothering the new bathrooms, but he is in communication with Dustin VanHorn at the Police Department to check the surveillance cameras.

Powell also asked the board's opinion regarding building another shelter at Bobby Buck Park, which was discussed a while back. He stated that he has already purchased steel for the project. He plans to build a simple shelter approximately 12' x 24' at the South end of the park along the trail. The board agreed he should move forward on this project.

Siever stated that the new sign at Centennial Park looks very nice. Graves asked if the pool is still under consideration, to which Mayor replied it is.

7. GOLF COURSE REPORT – DIRECTOR DENNIS BOWMAN.

Bowman commented on the beautiful weather they have enjoyed in October. He stated that they have had a record month. He reported that last year, they brought in revenue of approximately \$460,000.00. Last October's revenues were around \$27,000.00, and this October they have already brought in \$41,000.00. It is possible that they will break the \$500,000.00 mark this fiscal year.

Bowman reported that a number of senior players drive in from surrounding areas to play our course. Players in their 30's are the biggest group of golfers buying memberships right now.

Richard asked Bowman if he would consider adding more days to the military rate that is currently only on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Bowman stated that he has no

problem with that, and that some time ago the Park Board determined to only use these two days for the discount.

Bowman reported that PSO will be putting up new power poles across and next to the golf course in coming days, which will require that the pump station be shut down during that time. In speaking with the PSO workers, Bowman asked about utilizing some of the old poles. They told Bowman he could have as many of the old poles as he wanted. Bowman plans to utilize these to repair some bridges at the course.

Bowman reported that his new home is coming along and will be ready before too long. He wants to move forward with getting bids to demolish the house at the golf course and get the mobile home moved in as quickly as possible once they move out, so there will not be a prolonged amount of time for the course to be without someone living there.

Bowman reported that all the buildings have been repainted except for one, and everything looks so nice. He also reported that this summer he loaded up his new sprayer and took it to the ball fields and they look so good now. He also used the aerator on them.

Bowman reported that the VFW tournament was a great success. They had such a big response, they had to turn away 10 teams. The next event is the 1st Annual Boohaha this weekend. There will be fun hayrides that are not scary for younger children and scary ones for the older ones. Richard stated that her only concern with this event is the safety issue. Bowman stated that the course will be well lit, as Johnny Janzen is loaning them a big light powerful enough to light a football field. MESTA should be there, as well as Pryor Fire Department and Boy Scouts.

The next tournament will be on November 13th, which will be the Reincarnation Cottages Inaugural Tournament. Bowman also stated that he will be out of town at a workshop the first week of November.

Bowman took a moment to state how much he will miss Pat Richard, as she leaves the area and the Park Board.

8. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING ACCEPTING THE RESIGNATION OF PAT RICHARD FROM SEAT #3 OF THE PRYOR CREEK PARK BOARD, EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 25TH, 2021.

Motion was made by Shelby, second by Siever to accept the resignation of Pat Richard from Seat #3 of the Pryor Creek Park Board, effective October 25th, 2021. Mayor took a moment to express appreciation to Richard, as did Graves and Kannegiesser. All voted yes.

9. UNFORESEEABLE BUSINESS.

There was no unforeseeable business.

10. ADJOURN.

Motion was made by Siever, second by Shelby to adjourn at 6:45 p.m. All voted yes.