

**MINUTES
PARK BOARD
SPECIAL MEETING
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 9TH, 2021
5:30 P.M.**

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

BOARD MEMBERS: ** BILL KANNEGIESSER, MELINDA MARKS, _____, 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, Casey King, Lori Siever, Chris Graves and Keith Shelby. Members absent: none.

Others present: Mayor Lees, Park Superintendent Frank Powell and Don Paddock.

2. DISCUSS, POSSIBLY APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 22ND, 2021, REGULAR MEETING.

Motion was made by Shelby, second by Siever to approve the minutes of the November 22nd, 2021, regular meeting. All voted yes.

3. DISCUSS, POSSIBLY RECOMMEND COUNCIL ACTION REGARDING PROCEEDING FORWARD WITH PLANS FOR DESIGN DEVELOPMENT AND FINANCING OF A NEW OUTDOOR PUBLIC SWIMMING POOL TO BE LOCATED AT WHITAKER PARK. THESE PLANS WILL INCLUDE DEMOLITION OF THE OLD PARK POOL.

Motion was made by Shelby, second by King to recommend Council action regarding proceeding forward with plans for design development and financing of a new outdoor public swimming pool to be located at Whitaker Park. These plans will include demolition of the old park pool.

Mayor stated that he has been doing quite a bit of legwork on this. He asked Mr. Don Paddock to update his 2019 numbers. He stated that there were a number of concerns and discomfort with the idea of having an outdoor pool at the Recreation Center. The majority of citizens say they want the outdoor pool to be located at Whitaker Park. Mr. Paddock agreed that Whitaker Park is the best location for the pool. Funding options will need to be explored, such as grants, bonds, sales tax, etc.

Mayor stated that if this agenda item is passed, Mr. Paddock will begin the design work, and we will begin to investigate funding possibilities. Mr. Paddock originally used the current pool measurements and began design based on our population. The data sheet shows a bathing load limit of 371 people. This proposed pool will be our starting point, but changes can be made during the design process.

Mayor stated that we need to design by function, then from there funding can be determined. The process will begin when Mr. Paddock is given the go-ahead for design. He will be given a budget with which to work and will handle preparation of all bid documents and bid processes. Once all bids are in, it can take 9-12 months for the actual build of the pool.

Mayor stated that in order to qualify for grant funding, the design work has to already be completed.

Melinda Marks excused herself from the meeting at 6:15 p.m.

Mayor stated that he would like to wait and take this to Council on January 4th, 2022, in order to get more information out to the public beforehand.

Voting yes: King, Siever, Graves, Shelby, Kannegiesser. Voting no: none.

4. ADJOURN.

Motion was made by Shelby, second by Siever to adjourn at 6:28 p.m. All voted yes.