

**MINUTES  
PARK BOARD  
REGULAR MEETING  
TUESDAY, JANUARY 24<sup>TH</sup>, 2022  
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, \_\_\_\_\_, CASEY KING, \_\_\_\_\_, 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, Chris Graves and Keith Shelby. Members absent: Casey King.

Others present: Mayor Lees, Park Superintendent Frank Powell, Sherry Alexander and Terry Aylward.

**2. PETITIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE.**

There were no petitions.

**3. DISCUSS, POSSIBLY APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 9<sup>TH</sup>, 2021, SPECIAL MEETING.**

Motion was made by Shelby, second by Marks to approve the minutes of the December 9<sup>th</sup>, 2021, special meeting. All voted yes.

**4. DISCUSS, POSSIBLY RECOMMEND COUNCIL ACTION REGARDING THE NOMINATION OF SHERRY ALEXANDER TO FILL PARK BOARD SEAT #5, TERM ENDING 7/31/23, UPON PARK BOARD APPROVAL.**

Motion was made by Shelby, second by Marks to recommend Council action regarding the nomination of Sherry Alexander to fill Park Board Seat #5, term ending 7/31/23, upon Park Board approval.

Mayor Lees introduced Sherry Alexander to the board. All voted yes.

Kannegiesser moved to Item 6.

**6. PARK REPORT – SUPERINTENDENT FRANK POWELL:**

**a. Parks**

Powell reported that construction of the shelter at Bobby Buck Park has begun. He asked if it would be acceptable for him to take the tables and benches from the pool and use them in the parks while the pool is not in use.

He reported that the new mower has arrived at the dealership, but the company has not completed the paperwork for them to pick it up yet. The gators may not be in until late Spring, or as late as August.

Powell stated that the department will be purchasing a spray rig soon. He also reported that the practice wall at the tennis courts has been rebuilt, and the courts all look great.

**b. Cemetery**

Powell reported that the cemetery finished 2021 with 96 funerals and a revenue of \$61,980.00. The final numbers for 2020 were 84 funerals and a revenue of \$38,700.00. The price increase has literally paid off.

He reported that they have done some drainage work and plan to have the Graham roads redone before May, so that they are ready before Memorial Day. Mayor reported that the drainage work and road work will be paid from the Cemetery Care Fund, which has a little over \$100,000.00 in it.

Powell stated that they are still getting calls about the duck problem. The people who have worked on the abatement have stated that this will have to be addressed in the Spring.

**7. GOLF COURSE REPORT – DIRECTOR DENNIS BOWMAN.**

Bowman was out of town, so he provided a written report (included in the minutes).

Kannegiesser moved back to Item 5.

**5. DISCUSS WITH NO ACTION THE PARK POOL AND REPORT FROM THE POOL SUB-COMMITTEE.**

No action. Graves spoke regarding his petition to the Council last week. He wants to be sure of a couple of things: He wants to know that the information we have regarding the pool is good information, and if it would be possible to refurbish the old pool and create a skate park or theatre there.

Graves stated that his role is to spend money effectively and efficiently. He wants to hear from citizens regarding what they want. Mayor asked him what criteria he would look for in citizen involvement. Graves stated that he thinks it would be helpful for the Council members to speak to their constituents about their desire for a pool.

Powell reported that the State Health Department would have to approve a design for a new or renovated pool, as per the State Inspector. He stated that once concrete has been broken and structural repairs begin, it will have to be brought up to standard and is no longer grandfathered in at its original standard.

Mayor agrees that the citizens own the pool, and it would be helpful to get more definitive information from the State Health Department.

Shelby asked, “How do we determine the plan? The longer we keep repairing the old pool, we could have paid for a new pool.”

It was noted that the \$90,000.00 amount that had been discussed in past meetings was for repairing concrete. It was also noted that the Terracon report pertained to the area under the concrete.

It was stated that the City Engineer has told us that concrete has an average life span of 50 years, and this pool is more than 70 years old. Powell asked how long we

continue to repair a 70-year-old pool. He also reiterated the State Health Department has the right to shut the pool down if we are not found to be up to standard.

Shelby echoed that it seems the first step is to get an engineer report and send it to the Health Department. Powell stated that the board has been having the same discussion for a year now.

Mayor sees two action items coming from tonight's discussion:

1. Get data from the Health Department
2. Hear what the people want

Mayor stated that he has listened to a lot of people around town, and their main desire is to have a pool, and to have it at the park, whether it is new or renovated.

Shelby sees no reason to put all that money in an old pool, if we have the possibility of repurposing it. Kannegiesser stated that we continue to patch the old pool and it gets more expensive every year.

**8. UNFORESEEABLE BUSINESS.**

There was no unforeseeable business.

**9. ADJOURN.**

Motion was made by Shelby, second by Graves to adjourn at 7:43 p.m. All voted yes.



**January 24,2022**

**Report to Park Board:**

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I am not able to attend due to being at a business growth conference. For the sixth straight month in a row we produced record revenue. December's revenue was \$41,768.41 compared to December, 2021 of \$37,185.66

Our revenue total for the first six months of this fiscal year is \$295,378 compared to \$222,302 last year. No doubt the weather has been very good, along with the condition of the golf course, our customer service and marketing.

We are preparing our equipment for the new season. We are removing trees that affect the golf course in a negative way. For example roots that have encroached inside the greens and the shading they create over our Bermuda grass fairways and tees. REC still has the electric off at our pump station. As soon as they get it back on we can finish the repairs and have it ready for spring.

We are planning more tournaments and events this year than last year.

I plan on having a recommendation on how to distribute the funds from the Halloween Festival at the next meeting. Also I will be presenting bids on demolishing the house at the golf course. We are looking forward to a great 2022 year. If you know of anyone or an organization wishing to raise some funds please have them contact me. Also please like and share events on Facebook at Pryor Creek Golf Course.

If you have any questions please reach out to me. Thank you for your time and support!

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