

**MINUTES
PARK BOARD
REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, APRIL 25TH, 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, PAM BUFFINGTON, CASEY KING, SHERRY ALEXANDER, 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, Pam Buffington, Sherry Alexander, Chris Graves and Keith Shelby. Members absent: Melinda Marks and Casey King.

Others present: Mayor Lees, Park Superintendent Frank Powell, Golf Superintendent Dennis Bowman, Cambra Fields and Terry Aylward.

2. PETITIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE.

Cambra Fields spoke regarding the new Lake Area Softball Association board and their plans for the future. She thanked the city, Frank Powell, and MUB for all the help they have given LASA. She informed them of some large projects they are needing to address, including a new fence which will cost almost \$68,000.00. Other projects include the upstairs of the concession stand, a new tractor with a front-end loader and a new scoreboard.

Kannegiesser suggested that she bring a project and cost list back to the Park Board next month.

3. DISCUSS, POSSIBLY APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 28TH 2022, REGULAR MEETING.

Motion was made by Shelby, second by Buffington to approve the minutes of the February 28th, 2022, regular meeting. All voted yes.

4. PARK REPORT – SUPERINTENDENT FRANK POWELL:

a. Parks

Powell reported that they are getting everything fired up while dealing with the rain and wind. He plans to open the Splash Pad on May 13th. He reported that they received permission from Connie Keirseay to tear down the pergola at Centennial Park. They will budget to build a new one.

b. Cemetery

Powell reported that the cemetery roads were paved last week and they look very nice.

5. DISCUSS, POSSIBLY APPROVE RULES FOR TRADER’S DAY.

Motion was made by Shelby, second by Alexander to approve rules for Trader’s Day with the addition of a specified location. It was agreed to locate it North of the

swimming pool and keep all the vendors isolated to the West side of the park. All voted yes.

6. GOLF COURSE REPORT – DIRECTOR DENNIS BOWMAN.

Bowman reported that this is the busy time of year at the golf course. He reported that through the end of March in 2021, their revenue was \$278,000.00. This year at the end of March, revenue was \$375,000.00.

Bowman reported that they had three tournaments that raised over \$24,000.00 total. The Brown & Brown Special Olympics Tournament raised over \$14,000.00. He handed out calendars of events for the year. He also reported that a new sign has been placed out front and looks nice. They have a covered porch now, are still waiting on their greens roller to arrive and are still working on the pump station.

He reported that Kaska won the bid for the demolition of the house. The Corps of Engineers has conducted its annual inspection, and a beaver situation has been handled. Bowman is getting a quote on a net for the driving range that will help keep balls out of the lagoon.

7. DISCUSS, POSSIBLY RECOMMEND COUNCIL ACTION REGARDING REFUND OF \$1,307.32 TO DARREL WATKINS FOR GOLF MEMBERSHIP HE WAS NOT ABLE TO USE.

Motion was made by Alexander, second by Buffington to approve refund of \$1,307.32 to Darrel Watkins for golf membership he was not able to use. Bowman explained that this is an unusual situation. Mr. Watkins bought his next year's membership during the Christmas special and paid in advance for it. After that, he ended up having to sell his house and move away. Bowman also stated that Mr. Watkins has always been very generous with his time helping at the golf course. All voted yes.

8. DISCUSS, POSSIBLY RECOMMEND COUNCIL ACTION REGARDING ALLOCATION OF THE PROCEEDS FROM THE 2021 BOOHAHA HALLOWEEN FESTIVAL AT THE PRYOR CREEK GOLF COURSE.

Motion was made by Shelby, second by Buffington to recommend Council action regarding allocation of the proceeds from the 2021 BooHaHa Halloween Festival at the Pryor Creek Golf Course in the following amounts:

\$1,000.00 to Lion's Club

\$2,500.00 to Boys and Girls Club

\$2,500.00 to Impact Pryor

The remainder will stay in the Golf Course fund. Voting yes: Buffington, Graves, Shelby, Kannegiesser. Abstaining, counting as a no vote: Alexander. Voting no: none.

9. DISCUSS, POSSIBLY RECOMMEND COUNCIL ACTION REGARDING USE OF WHITAKER PARK BY THE MAYES COUNTY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB ON SATURDAY, JUNE 25TH, 2022 THROUGH EARLY SUNDAY, JUNE 26TH, 2022 FOR THEIR ANNUAL FIELD DAY EVENT.

Motion was made by Shelby, second by Graves to approve use of Whitaker Park by the Mayes County Amateur Radio Club on Saturday, June 25th, 2022 through early Sunday, June 26th, 2022 for their annual Field Day event. All voted yes.

10. DISCUSS, POSSIBLY RECOMMEND COUNCIL ACTION REGARDING PROCEEDING WITH A PLAN FOR RENOVATION OF OUR WHITAKER PARK POOL AT AN ESTIMATED COST OF \$800,000. COMPONENTS OF THE PLAN ARE DESIGN, FUNDING, BIDDING, AND CONSTRUCTION. THE ESTIMATED TIMELINE FROM BEGINNING TO COMPLETION IS 12 MONTHS.

Motion was made by Graves, second by Shelby to recommend Council action regarding proceeding with a plan for renovation of our Whitaker Park Pool at an estimated cost of \$800,000. Components of the plan are design, funding, bidding, and construction. The estimated timeline from beginning to completion is 12 months.

Mayor gave a historical overview of the pool discussion for the new members of the board. He stated that there would be some redesign done in the bathroom area, as well as major repair to the pool itself. It would be a turn-key project, with some of the funds coming from the city. One of Shelby's concerns is how much this will cost. If they get into this project and more money is needed than originally planned for, at what point do we say, "No more?" Graves stated that he will be the first person to say "Stop," if this happens. Buffington and Alexander have concerns and wondered if they could work on a 5-year plan for a new pool at a new location. They do not desire to spend so much money to have the old pool fixed, but they do not want the children of Pryor Creek to go another year without a pool.

After much discussion, the vote was taken. Voting yes: Alexander, Graves, Shelby, Kannegiesser, Buffington. Voting no: none.

11. DISCUSS, POSSIBLY RECOMMEND COUNCIL ACTION REGARDING PROCEEDING WITH PADDOCK ENTERPRISES, INC. FOR DESIGN WORK ON RENOVATION OF THE WHITAKER PARK SWIMMING POOL AT AN ESTIMATED COST OF \$84,000 AND EXPENSING THE FEE FROM GENERAL OUTSIDE SERVICES ACCOUNT #02-201-5075.

Motion was made by Shelby, second by Graves to recommend Council action regarding proceeding with Paddock Enterprises, Inc. for design work on renovation of the Whitaker Park swimming pool at an estimated cost of \$84,000 and expensing the fee from General Outside Services Account #02-201-5075. Voting yes: Graves, Shelby, Kannegiesser, Buffington, Alexander. Voting no: none.

12. UNFORESEEABLE BUSINESS.

There was no unforeseeable business.

13. ADJOURN.

Motion was made by Buffington, second by Alexander to adjourn at 7:30 p.m. All voted yes.