

**MINUTES
PARK BOARD
REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, AUGUST 22ND, 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, ROY JACKSON, 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, Melinda Marks, Roy Jackson, Sherry Alexander and Keith Shelby. Members absent: Pamela Buffington and Chris Graves.

Others present: Park Superintendent Frank Powell, Golf Superintendent Dennis Bowman, Janice Bell, Police Chief Dennis Nichols and Terry Aylward.

2. PETITIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE.

Janice Bell spoke regarding Impact Pryor hosting a Movie in the Park at Whitaker Park on Friday, September 16th.

3. ADMINISTER OATH OF OFFICE TO ROY JACKSON, SEAT #4, TERM EXPIRING 7/31/23.

Police Chief Dennis Nichols administered the Oath of Office to Roy Jackson, Seat #4, term expiring 7/31/23.

4. DISCUSS, POSSIBLY APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 8TH 2022, SPECIAL MEETING.

Motion was made by Shelby, second by Marks to approve the minutes of the August 8th, 2022, special meeting. All voted yes.

5. PARK REPORT – SUPERINTENDENT FRANK POWELL:

a. Parks

Powell reported that the parking lot job is being advertised this week, and he is working on getting bids for the lights. Night-shift police officers have started helping at the park by locking up the bathrooms at random times. There has been some vandalism, but not by the homeless people who are sleeping in the park. The vandalism is being committed by kids. There are also still some people driving on the trails. Powell stated that they have several projects lined up for the Fall/Winter/early Spring.

b. Cemetery

Powell handed out a statistics sheet, showing burials and revenue since 2010. He stated that he will meet with Steve Powell soon to begin discussing opening up a new section at the cemetery. He reported that the pace has really sped up, and quite a few lots have been purchased lately. He stated that burials are still overriding cremations.

5. GOLF COURSE REPORT – DIRECTOR DENNIS BOWMAN.

Bowman reported that they are busier than they have ever been. Revenue in July of 2021 was \$68,800.00, and July 2022 brought in \$76,800.00. In 2021, they sold 1,390 rounds, and in 2022 they sold 1,743.

Alexander asked him some questions regarding memberships that include carts. Bowman explained how it works and Jackson also mentioned that his membership includes a cart, and he would be happy to visit with her about the process.

Bowman reported that the pump motors they had to replace in July have come in, and since that time another pump has gone out. The Greens roller came in a couple of months ago, and it has been a nice addition to their equipment.

Kasko has begun the process of tearing down the golf course house.

Recent events include an Interclub Tournament, which was a team competition among surrounding golf courses; Locust Grove Quarterback Club, which raised almost \$20,000.00; The Lion’s Club Night Tournament had 18 teams and went very well; Main Street Tournament First Annual Tournament, which went very well. Upcoming events include Rae Corporation in September and United Way, possibly October 7th. They have just begun working on the Halloween event for this year.

Bowman reported that they are adding members weekly. The monthly membership option is very popular.

The cart-path project is upcoming. He has \$75,000.00 set aside so far to go toward this project. They will need the paths to be 6 feet wide. The bridges also need to be redone.

The junior programming went great this year. He sprayed the ballfields again this year. This was the second year in a row for the baseball field, and it is looking really good.

7. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING INCREASING PRICES AT THE GOLF COURSE BY APPROXIMATELY 10%, EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1ST, 2022.

Motion was made by Shelby, second by Jackson to recommend Council action regarding increasing prices at the golf course by approximately 10%, effective October 1st, 2022. Bowman stated that this is part of the 5-year business plan, and with the rising costs of chemicals, fertilizer, fuel and more, it is necessary to increase memberships and green fees, as well. Voting yes: Marks, Jackson, Alexander, Shelby, Kannegiesser. Voting no: none.

8. UNFORESEEABLE BUSINESS.

Marks announced that she will be moving to Claremore in the next few weeks, so she is resigning from her seat on the Park Board, effective immediately. Everyone thanked her for all her years of service.

10. ADJOURN.

Motion was made by Shelby, second by Alexander to adjourn at 6:10 p.m. All voted yes.