

**MINUTES
PARK BOARD
REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 26TH, 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, _____, 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, Pam Buffington, Roy Jackson, Sherry Alexander, Chris Graves and Keith Shelby. Members absent: none.

Others present: Mayor Larry Lees, Park Superintendent Frank Powell, Golf Superintendent Dennis Bowman, Dusty Hopper, Nickie Remer, Paul Stevens and Terry Aylward.

2. PETITIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE.

There were no petitions.

3. DISCUSS, POSSIBLY APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 22ND, 2022, REGULAR MEETING.

Motion was made by Shelby, second by Buffington to approve the minutes of the August 22nd, 2022, regular meeting. All voted yes.

5. PARK REPORT – SUPERINTENDENT FRANK POWELL:

a. Parks

Powell reported that they have been spot mowing and taking out trees. The tennis court lights were approved and have been ordered. The mower for the cemetery has also been approved and ordered.

Powell reported that they are having to rebid the tennis court parking lot with modifications. The Splash Pad will close for the season on October 3rd.

Mayor reported that Mr. Paddock has the pool plans pretty well completed, and there will be a special Park Board meeting on October 6th, to review them.

b. Cemetery

Powell handed out a sheet showing the number of lots sold at the cemetery and pointed out that they will need to open up the new area sooner than expected. He stated that it will not be difficult to do, and it does not have to be immediate, but they will get the ball rolling.

5. GOLF COURSE REPORT – DIRECTOR DENNIS BOWMAN.

Bowman reported that the golf course continues to be extremely busy. They have stayed extremely busy for three straight months. Last September, they brought in

\$52,000.00 and they have already brought in over \$62,000.00 this month and currently have 305 members.

They have a lot of events going on. Reincarnation Cottages is having their event this weekend. The United Way tournament will be on October 7th, and it is already packed full.

They are working on the pump station when they can, but they are very short-handed right now. They are waiting on some numbers for cart path plans. They have budgeted \$50,000.00 for cart paths, so this project will be brought to the Board when they get the information back.

When asked about the value of a monthly membership, Bowman stated that it works very well for many people, and they bring in \$4,200.00 each month from these memberships.

Bowman showed the Board the fliers and posters for this year's BooHaHa and stated that the planning is coming along very well.

7. 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 Buffington, second by Shelby to approve allowing Lakes Area Abate Chapter 13 to host a Bikes and Treats event on Halloween with the corrected times of 5:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. at Centennial Park. All voted yes.

8. DISCUSSION REGARDING CHAIN-LINK FENCE AT BOBBY BUCK PARK.

No action. Powell provided photographs and explained the situation with the fence along the backyards of homes running North and South beside Bobby Buck Park. It was agreed that the fence needs to be dealt with because it is a hazard. It was stated that nothing will be done with the fence until all homeowners have been amply notified. This will be an action item at the next meeting.

9. DISCUSS, POSSIBLY RECOMMEND COUNCIL ACTION REGARDING INCREASE OF PAYMENT FOR TEMPORARY EMPLOYEES AT THE GOLF COURSE FROM \$10.00 PER HOUR, AS FOLLOWS:

- a. TEMP LABOR 1 – FAIRWAY MOWER - \$15.00 PER HOUR**
- b. TEMP LABOR 2 – ROUGH MOWER - \$15.00 PER HOUR**
- c. TEMP LABOR 3, 4 & 5 - \$13.00 PER HOUR**

Motion was made by Buffington, second by Alexander to recommend Council action regarding increase of payment for temporary employees at the Golf Course from \$10.00 per hour, as follows:

- a. Temp Labor 1 – Fairway Mower - \$15.00 per hour
- b. Temp Labor 2 – Rough Mower - \$15.00 per hour
- c. Temp Labor 3, 4 & 5 - \$13.00 per hour

Mayor stated that this will go to the Budget Committee first, and the Golf Budget will have to be adjusted, but Mayor and Bowman stated that the funds are there, and these

increases will be covered. Voting yes: Buffington, Jackson, Alexander, Graves, Shelby, Kannegiesser. Voting no: none.

10. UNFORESEEABLE BUSINESS.

Jackson stated he had spoken with a Mrs. Miller who was recently attacked by a dog while walking in Whitaker Park. Powell stated that his department is fully aware of the very unfortunate situation. There are leash laws in place and signs are posted. This is a difficult situation for police to monitor, but the Parks Department stays aware when they are nearby. Powell also stated that the owner of the dog has not returned to the park since this incident, to his knowledge. It was stated that a police report was filed at the time of the incident.

11. ADJOURN.

Motion was made by Graves, second by Buffington to adjourn at 6:51 p.m. All voted yes.