

**MINUTES
PARK BOARD
SPECIAL MEETING
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 6TH, 2022
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, RON REISER, PAM BUFFINGTON, ROY JACKSON, SHERRY ALEXANDER, CHRIS GRAVES, KEITH SHELBY.

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER.

Keith Shelby called the Park Board meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. Members present: Pam Buffington, Roy Jackson, Chris Graves and Keith Shelby. Members absent: Bill Kannegiesser, Ron Reiser, Sherry Alexander.

Others present: Mayor Larry Lees, Park Superintendent Frank Powell, Dusty Hopper, Don Paddock, Jonathan and Emily Ketcher, Lori Siever, Chris Gonthier and Jacquelyn Moyers.

2. DISCUSSION AND REVIEW OF WHITAKER PARK POOL FINAL PLANS – DON PADDOCK, PADDOCK ENTERPRISES.

Mr. Paddock stated that he does not have the final plans. The current plans presented are 85% - 90% finalized. He will bring the final plans back to the Board on October 24th, 2022.

Mr. Paddock referred to drawing P-03 in the packet and noted certain items. He pointed out that the old light fixtures in the pool will be removed and will be filled in and rubbed out to match the rest of the pool. The current lights do not work and have not worked in decades.

He stated that there will be four (4) lifeguard chairs. The Health Department requires having one for every 2,000 square feet. The pavement will be bare concrete, which is standard for all outdoor pools.

Mr. Paddock stated that the floor in the bathhouse will be removed, but they do not know to what extent just yet. There will be a canopy placed over the front entrance. The door into the women's side will be replaced. There will be all new fixtures, showers and toilets in the building, as well as all new electrical lines. This will all be brought up to code and to ADA standards, as will the parking lot. The South parking lot will not be part of this project. There will be a new water fountain on the pool house to replace the existing one.

The pool lanes will be striped. The pool is 50 meters in length and can be used for competitive swim meets. Depth markers will be addressed.

Graves asked about budget constraints. Paddock stated that about 50% of the work proposed is required by the Health Department. Graves stated that he thinks 80% of the value of this project is getting the pool open and useable for the children.

Shelby asked about the life expectancy. Paddock stated that this was a loaded question. The new fixtures should be good for at least 20 years. Mayor simply stated

that we will need to maintain the pool in order to get as many years as possible out of the renovation.

Graves stated that when they first began the discussion for this project, the parameters set were that renovation could not exceed \$800,000.00, repair and maintenance cost for the next ten years would not exceed \$100,000.00, net operating cost for the next ten years would not exceed \$255,000.00, annual operating costs, minus revenues, should only represent 1% of the city's annual budget, and the pool would open on May 23rd, 2023.

Paddock reminded the Board that we will not know the real cost of the project until bids are received. Graves' greatest concern is, what will happen if we have cost overruns? How do we prepare ahead for extra costs? Graves does not want to get this project started only to find more issues we cannot afford to fix.

3. DISCUSS, POSSIBLY RECOMMEND COUNCIL ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF THE FINAL PLANS FOR RENOVATION OF THE WHITAKER PARK POOL. THE ESTIMATED COST WILL BE DISCUSSED AT MEETING TIME.

Motion was made by Jackson, second by Buffington to table this item until the October 24th meeting, in order to give Mr. Paddock time to complete the final plans. All voted yes.

4. DISCUSS, POSSIBLY RECOMMEND COUNCIL ACTION REGARDING FUNDING THE WHITAKER PARK POOL RENOVATION PROJECT 2022 WITH MAYOR LEES' FUNDING PLAN, WHICH UTILIZES ARPA AND ADDITIONAL GRANT FUNDING.

Motion was made by Graves, second by Jackson to table this item until the October 24th meeting. Mayor stated that we currently have \$409,523.00 available in ARPA funding, plus another \$3,907.00. By the end of this November, we should receive another tranche of ARPA funds in the amount of \$411,452.00, giving us a total of \$824,882.00 to put toward this project. This is before any outside assistance is sought. All voted yes.

5. DISCUSS, POSSIBLY RECOMMEND COUNCIL ACTION REGARDING REMOVAL OF, EITHER PARTIALLY OR COMPLETELY, A PORTION OF THE FENCE AT BOBBY BUCK PARK ON THE EAST SIDE OF THE PARK 416 FEET FROM THE SOUTH FENCE BOUNDARY. THIS IS A JOINT PROJECT WITH MUB AND PARK DEPARTMENT AND HAS NO NEED FOR OUTSIDE FUNDING.

Motion was made by Buffington, second by Jackson to recommend Council action regarding removal of the portion of the fence at Bobby Buck Park on the East side of the park 416 feet from the South fence boundary. This is a joint project with MUB and Park Department and has no need for outside funding. There are three homeowners at the North end that utilize the remainder of the fence, which is in good condition. The portion that is broken down will be removed. The city will continue to maintain their side of the fence.

Emily Ketcher, one of the homeowners, spoke regarding her portion of the fence, which has a tree growing through it. MUB and the Park Department will work with her on this portion. All voted yes.

6. ADJOURN.

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