

**MINUTES  
PARK BOARD  
REGULAR MEETING  
MONDAY, MARCH 27<sup>TH</sup>, 2023  
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, RON REISER, 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, Ron Reiser, Pam Buffington, Roy Jackson, Sherry Alexander, Chris Graves and Keith Shelby. Members absent: none.

Others present: Mayor Larry Lees, Frank Powell and Terry Aylward.

**2. PETITIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE.**

There were no petitions.

**3. DISCUSS, POSSIBLY APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 23<sup>RD</sup>, 2023, REGULAR MEETING.**

Motion was made by Reiser, second by Buffington to approve the minutes of the January 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2023, regular meeting. All voted yes.

**4. MAYOR'S REPORT.**

Mayor Lees updated the Board on the plan for the public pool. Mayor has put this project on hold, but it is not dead. He has plans to seek grant funding, but that will require matching funds. Because of this, he intends to pursue grant funding after the beginning of the new fiscal year. He plans to check with O. D. Mayor Foundation, Cherokee Nation and Grand Gateway.

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

**a. Parks**

Powell reported that they would have started mowing this week if it had not been for all the rain we received. The tennis parking lot is being used, although the sidewalk is not finished. The workers came to finish the sidewalk, but there was a tennis tournament taking place that day, so they could not. There have been no drainage issues.

Powell mentioned taking out the shrubs around the Whitaker Park signs. He is considering replacing them with rubber mulch. He does not have the manpower to maintain flowers. He reported that they have fortified the trash can cages and have rewelded the grills in the park. He reported that there was a bench donated last year, and they were able to get it in place last week. The tables from the pool have been repaired and moved to Bobby Buck for use.

He stated that that the bathrooms stay locked during the winter months, but as soon as they are opened up, homeless people are found sleeping in them. He stated that, with warmer weather, we will begin seeing vandalism.

Powell stated that he has been told that people want to see more toys in the park for toddlers. He may include funds for these in the next fiscal year budget. After discussion about the sand volleyball area, Powell stated he may utilize it for a skateboard park in the next fiscal year budget. He may also budget some funds for pickleball.

Kannegiesser stated that pickleball is the fastest growing sport in the country currently. Jackson stated that, for competitive play, there are exact specifications required. Powell stated that he has priced a pickleball court at around \$40,000.00. If he is going to spend this much money, he would prefer to use it on a skateboard park.

Jackson reported that the pickleball players at the Rec Center are approximately 30 people on Tuesday and Thursday mornings, and approximately 20 on Thursday evenings. He would definitely like pickleball to be included in the next budget.

Powell agreed that he will do some research and bring figures back next month for cost of drilling at the tennis courts, pickleball courts and a skateboard park for the Board to see.

**b. Cemetery**

Powell handed out a statistic sheet showing the number of burials in each cemetery and the revenue they have generated since 2010, included in the minutes.

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

Kannegiesser reported for Bowman. He reported that they had a good February, and they anticipate a decent March. They held a Special Olympics tournament on Saturday and they had 108 golfers. Approximately \$9,000.00 was raised for Special Olympics. He also reported that the course has been deep-tine aerated. He stated that despite the 5” of rain on Friday, the golfers were able to play on Saturday.

Shelby stated that the improvements that have been made over the last few years have more than paid for themselves. Reiser stated that cart path improvements would make a big difference in the course, and Kannegiesser stated that these improvements are slated to begin this Spring.

Mayor made it clear that the monies made by the golf course do not go away at the end of the fiscal year. They carry over.

**7. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING CHEROKEE NATION USE OF WHITAKER PARK ON APRIL 22<sup>ND</sup>, 2023 OR APRIL 29<sup>TH</sup>, 2023, FOR THEIR CHEROKEE NATIONAL HOLIDAY TRADITIONAL NATIVE GAMES.**

Motion was made by Graves, second by Alexander to approve Cherokee Nation use of Whitaker Park on April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2023 or April 29<sup>th</sup>, 2023, for their Cherokee National Holiday Traditional Native Games. All voted yes.

**8. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE RELAY FOR LIFE EVENT AT WHITAKER PARK ON FRIDAY, JUNE 2<sup>ND</sup>, 2023.**

Motion was made by Graves, second by Buffington to approve the Relay for Life event at Whitaker Park on Friday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2023. All voted yes.

**9. DISCUSS, POSSIBLY RECOMMEND COUNCIL ACTION REGARDING USE OF WHITAKER PARK BY THE MAYES COUNTY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB ON SATURDAY, JUNE 24<sup>TH</sup>, 2023 THROUGH EARLY SUNDAY, JUNE 25<sup>TH</sup>, 2023 FOR THEIR ANNUAL FIELD DAY EVENT.**

Motion was made by Graves, second by Buffington to recommend Council action regarding use of Whitaker Park by the Mayes County Amateur Radio Club on Saturday, June 24<sup>th</sup>, 2023 through early Sunday, June 25<sup>th</sup>, 2023 for their annual Field Day event. All voted yes.

**10. DISCUSS, POSSIBLY RECOMMEND COUNCIL ACTION REGARDING ACCEPTING A BID FROM M & M PROPERTIES, LLC IN THE AMOUNT OF \$12,804.00 FOR REPAIR OF WHITAKER PARK POOL BUILDING FROM PARK POOL REPAIR & MAINTENANCE ACCOUNT #02-219-5099. \$12,275.54 IS TO BE PAID FROM THE OMAG INSURANCE SETTLEMENT WITH PROGRESSIVE CASUALTY INSURANCE COMPANY, WITH A DIFFERENCE OF \$528.46. ONE OTHER BID WAS RECEIVED: GW CONSTRUCTION & FENCING CO. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$15,553.00. ONE OTHER BID WAS REQUESTED FROM CAGLE CONSTRUCTION AND SUPPLY BUT WAS NOT RECEIVED.**

Motion was made by Reiser, second by Jackson to recommend Council action regarding accepting a bid from M & M Properties, LLC in the amount of \$12,804.00 for repair of Whitaker Park Pool building from Park Pool Repair & Maintenance Account #02-219-5099. \$12,275.54 is to be paid from the OMAG insurance settlement with Progressive Casualty Insurance Company, with a difference of \$528.46. One other bid was received: GW Construction & Fencing Co. in the amount of \$15,553.00. One other bid was requested from Cagle Construction and Supply but was not received. Voting yes: Kannegiesser, Reiser, Buffington, Jackson, Alexander, Graves. Voting no: Shelby.

**11. UNFORESEEABLE BUSINESS.**

There was no unforeseeable business.

**12. ADJOURN.**

Motion was made by Reiser, second by Alexander to adjourn at 7:04 p.m. All voted yes.