

**MINUTES
PARK BOARD
REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, MAY 22ND, 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, Roy Jackson, Sherry Alexander, Chris Graves and Keith Shelby. Members absent: Pam Buffington.

Others present: Frank Powell, Dennis Bowman, Mayor Doyle, Lora Siever, Bruce Smith, Charles Tramel and Terry Aylward.

2. PETITIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE.

There were no petitions.

3. DISCUSS, POSSIBLY APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE APRIL 24TH, 2023, REGULAR MEETING.

Motion was made by Reiser, second by Alexander to approve the minutes of the April 24th, 2023, regular meeting. All voted yes.

4. PARK REPORT – SUPERINTENDENT FRANK POWELL:

a. Parks

Powell reported that the park has been busy preparing for the summer. The splash pad was down for one day but was repaired by replacing a fuse. He will be working on tree trimming soon pending weather conditions. The pickleball equipment will be arriving soon. The pool building has not been repaired.

b. Cemetery

Powell reported that the cemetery is preparing for Memorial Day.

5. GOLF COURSE REPORT – DIRECTOR DENNIS BOWMAN.

Bowman reported that the golf course is extremely busy with Spring tournaments. Many golf courses in the area use bermuda grass that died during the freeze, but the golf course's bent grass greens are healthy and ready for the season. This has driven many golfers in the area to visit our golf course.

Last year the golf course grossed \$602,000.00, current gross is \$616,000.00. Bowman reported that he expects to reach \$680,000.00 before the end of this fiscal year.

Bowman recognized his staff for their hard work for their hard work as the season started. He had a meeting with the mayor earlier that day to discuss assessing for

capital projects and setting goals for the future of the golf course. He reported that updating the cart paths is one project on the list. The golf carts will be paid off a year from September or October.

There will be a youth golf camp for ages seven through seventeen, details and flyers will be emailed to the Board.

Alexander asked that Bowman's plans for the future of the golf course be phased into smaller one year, five year and ten year plans. She also believes that renovating worn bridges should be a high priority for safety and liability.

Graves requested an update on the house. Bowman reported that the old house has been demolished and the new house placed on hold. There is currently no house on the property. Bowman also reported that they have had some mild occurrences of vandalism.

6. DISCUSS, POSSIBLY RECOMMEND COUNCIL ACTION REGARDING SURPLUS OF A 2002 FORD TRUCK AT THE PRYOR CREEK GOLF COURSE.

Motion was made by Shelby, second by Alexander to recommend Council action regarding surplus of a 2002 Ford truck at the Pryor Creek Golf Course. All voted yes.

7. Discussion and possible action regarding an expenditure in the amount of \$1,950.00 to S&S Companies for tree root pruning at the Pryor Creek Golf Course. (Scrivener's error: quote cost is \$1,975.00)

Motion made by Reiser, second by Shelby to recommend Council action to approve an expenditure in the amount of \$1,975.00 to S&S Companies for tree root pruning at the Pryor Creek Golf Course. All voted yes.

S&S Companies quoted only for rental of the equipment needed to prune tree roots, all labor will be provided by golf course staff.

8. Discussion regarding organized summer activities for children in Pryor Creek Parks.

Siever presented a letter to the board requesting that they create a part time "Recreation Director" position. This position would be responsible for coordinating with departments, schools, businesses, and individuals to develop youth programming over the summer. She asserts that with a dedicated staff member, camps and programming over the summer could be more cohesive, accessible and beneficial to all in the community. See letter attached.

Alexander suggested that the Chamber could potentially create a site that would bring all the activities together to promote them.

9. Discussion regarding Whitaker Park Pool.

Reiser and Graves discussed the need to study documentation from previous work done on the project to prepare for a longer discussion. Kannegeiser believes that the Park Board should wait for commitment for City Council and find funding for

the project before attempting to take action. Alexander stated that the Council is in favor of the pool but is concerned with funding.

Jackson spoke to Recreation Center Director Mike Moore about the project, and the Recreation Center is willing to consider a new pool project on the property. Mayor Doyle stated that progress on the Whitaker Pool is not feasible this summer and public announcements should not be misleading in this regard.

10. UNFORESEEABLE BUSINESS.

There was no unforeseeable business.

11. ADJOURN.

Motion was made by Graves, second by Reiser to adjourn at 7:06 p.m. All voted yes.