

**MINUTES
PARK BOARD
REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, JANUARY 27TH, 2020
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, PAT RICHARD, WAYNE JONES, LORI SIEVER, CHRIS GRAVES, KEITH SHELBY.

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER.

Chairman Bill Kannegiesser called the Park Board meeting to order at 5:40 p.m.

Members present: Bill Kannegiesser, Melinda Marks, Pat Richard, Lori Siever, Keith Shelby. Members absent: Wayne Jones and Chris Graves.

Others present: Mayor Larry Lees, Park Superintendent Frank Powell, Golf Director Dennis Bowman, Recreation Center Director Rachel Sordahl, Cemetery employee Joel Keith, Paddock Enterprises representative Donald Paddock.

2. DISCUSS, POSSIBLY APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 25TH, 2019 REGULAR MEETING.

Motion was made by Richard, second by Shelby to approve the minutes of the November 25th, 2019 regular meeting. All voted yes.

3. DISCUSS, POSSIBLY APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 19TH, 2019 SPECIAL MEETING.

Motion was made by Shelby, second by Richard to approve the minutes of the December 19th, 2019 special meeting. All voted yes.

4. PRESENTATION BY DONALD PADDOCK REGARDING THE NOVEMBER 2019 PARK POOL INSPECTION REPORT.

No action. Mr. Paddock spoke regarding his November Park Pool inspection.

He stated that the City would be looking at a cost of \$2 – \$2.5 million to build a new pool. He provided photos of other pools for reference. He stated that he would be willing to prepare some drawings of a pool that the Board would be happy with, knowing their preferences. The Board stated they would like a six-lane size, with zero entry, an ADA ramp, flume slide and a three-meter diving board.

Siever asked whether the plan was to not open the pool this summer. Paddock stated that the pool is functional and could certainly be opened this summer. Most pool projects take from 9 – 12 months and are normally started late summer in order to be completed by the next swimming season.

Powell asked if it would be possible to do the project in phases. Paddock stated that it could, but very few projects ever get completed like that.

Shelby stated that he believes a new pool should be built just North of the current pool where the volleyball courts are currently and incorporate it in with the Splash Pad. Powell agreed that would be a nice option.

Paddock stated that the pool is well-maintained and Powell's team does a great job considering the age and condition of the pool.

Paddock stated he would have drawings in 30 days at no cost to the City.

5. DISCUSS, POSSIBLY RECOMMEND COUNCIL ACTION REGARDING PROCESS FORWARD CONSIDERING THE NOVEMBER 2019 PARK POOL INSPECTION REPORT.

No action.

6. PARK REPORT – SUPERINTENDENT FRANK POWELL:

a. Parks

Powell reported that they continue to stay busy with normal maintenance, including equipment maintenance. The next big project will be to work on the park pond.

Shelby asked what the protocol is regarding dogs. Powell stated that there is a leash law. There is also a dog "poo" station at Centennial, and it is being utilized.

Powell reported that the new Splash Pad features have been received and they will wait and install them when they decide on and receive the other features that are on tonight's agenda.

b. Cemetery

Powell reported that there were 79 funerals held in 2019 for a revenue of \$45,500.00. There were also 13 cremations. Keith stated that Section 16 only has about five plots left.

7. GOLF COURSE REPORT – DIRECTOR DENNIS BOWMAN

Bowman reported that revenues are way down due to the wet weather. Expenses are up, due to the FEMA work that had to be paid for up front. Approximately 68% of the budget has been used already, whereas it should only be around 50%, but once FEMA reimburses their portion, those numbers will improve.

The pump station is completed. The only thing they lack is the computer work. That will take quite a bit of time. He stated that, due to some unforeseen electrical work, the cost was over budget by \$1,700.00; however, he is under budget on some other items so it should all even out.

Bowman reported that the State of Oklahoma is contemplating closing Sequoyah State Park's golf course, and Coweta has already closed their course. Other cities, such as Claremore, Sand Springs and Enid, are having to help fund their courses.

Bowman reported that he just returned from a PGA seminar in Orlando. He stated it was a good trip and he learned a lot. Tomorrow, he leaves for a Golf Superintendent Workshop. He will start working on a new membership drive when he returns.

Shelby asked what impact Bowman expects the new District to have on the course. Bowman hopes it will have a positive impact. Shelby stated it might be beneficial to advertise on the Sports Animal radio station.

Richard expressed her disappointment in the fact that they cannot move the #8 green right now. Bowman agrees, stating that they may have to spend \$15,000.00 on new grass only to have it flood again. A new green like they want would cost close to \$70,000.00.

Comments were made that it would be great to see more students participate in golfing.

8. ACTION ITEMS:

a. Golf Course Pump Station

Complete.

b. FEMA Claims

Just waiting on funds.

c. Others

Lightning Protocol and Recycling stations will be discussed in the near future.

9. DISCUSS, POSSIBLY RECOMMEND COUNCIL ACTION REGARDING NEW SPLASH PAD FEATURES.

Motion was made by Shelby, second by Richard to recommend Council action to purchase two new Splash Pad features, the Umbrello Twirl at \$5,700.00 and Sea Silhouette Seahorse at \$7,700.00, with the \$15,000.00 donation from Cherokee Nation.

The Board looked through all the options Powell presented. It was stated that shipping would be cheaper if they purchase two tall features, as opposed to a tall and a short feature. Powell stated that once they get all the shipping charges figured, they should still be within the \$15,000.00.

Siever took the opportunity to publicly thank the Cherokee Nation for their contributions and their support of our city's youth.

All voted yes.

10. DISCUSS, POSSIBLY RECOMMEND COUNCIL ACTION REGARDING ACCEPTING TRACTOR BID.

Motion was made by Shelby, second by Richard to recommend Council action to purchase the John Deere tractor with the front-end loader from P&K Equipment at a cost of \$29,517.50, with a \$2,000.00 trade-in – offer includes a 6-year power train warranty, as in the best interest of the Golf Course.

At the December 19th, 2019 special Park Board meeting, it was voted to purchase this tractor without the front-end loader, but it is agreed that the loader would be very beneficial. Mayor stated they could vote to rescind that motion under Unforeseeable Business.

All voted yes.

11. DISCUSS, POSSIBLY RECOMMEND COUNCIL ACTION REGARDING ACCEPTING ROUGH MOWER BID.

Motion was made by Richard, second by Shelby to table accepting rough mower bid until next month's Park Board meeting. Bowman stated he will be able to get much more information on this equipment at the workshop he will be attending this week and will bring it back to the Board in February. Shelby stated he likes the Trimex Snake that is being considered.

All voted yes.

12. DISCUSS, POSSIBLY RECOMMEND COUNCIL ACTION REGARDING THE USE OF SECTIONED OFF PART OF CART BUILDING FOR A GOLF SIMULATOR. FOR THAT USE, CMS WOULD PAY FOR ELECTRIC BILL FOR THAT METER.

No action. Bowman explained to the Board what he would like to do. He stated that there is a possible private investor who would like to know if the City would be interested in this. Mayor recommended Bowman work out a business plan and bring it back to the Board. Bowman stated that renovation to the building alone would cost approximately \$10,000.00.

13. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING "HANDING OUT" MEMBERSHIP PACKETS VS. MAILING THEM, IN ORDER TO SAVE ON POSTAGE.

No action. Bowman stated that they already do this. They only mail out the ones they aren't able to hand out at the Course.

14. UNFORESEEABLE BUSINESS. (Any matter not reasonably foreseen prior to posting the agenda.)

Motion was made by Shelby, second by Richard to rescind the December 19th, 2019 motion to recommend Council action regarding accepting bid from P&K for the John Deere Tractor for Rough Mower less the loader, in the amount of \$21,226.50 after \$2,000.00 trade-in. All voted yes.

Kannegiesser mentioned the need for a storm shelter at the golf course before Spring.

15. PETITIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE.

There were no petitions from the audience.

16. ADJOURN.

Motion was made by Shelby, second by Siever to adjourn at 7:35 p.m. All voted yes.