

**MINUTES
PARK BOARD
REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, MARCH 23RD, 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.

Pat Richard called the Park Board meeting to order at 5:33 p.m. Members present: Lori Siever, Pat Richard, Wayne Jones, Keith Shelby. Members absent: Bill Kannegiesser, Melinda Marks, Chris Graves.

Others present: Mayor Larry Lees, Park Superintendent Frank Powell, Golf Director Dennis Bowman and Terry Aylward.

2. DISCUSS, POSSIBLY APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 24TH, 2020 REGULAR MEETING.

Motion was made by Shelby, second by Jones to approve the minutes of the February 24th, 2020 regular meeting. Voting yes: Shelby and Jones. Abstaining, counting as a no vote: Richard and Siever.

3. PARK REPORT – SUPERINTENDENT FRANK POWELL:

a. Parks

Powell reported that they have everything “fired up.” Bathrooms have been opened, and they are trying to mow when they can. He reported that someone tried to burn down the Whitaker Park bathrooms over the weekend, badly enough that the fire department had to be called.

Shelby asked Powell if there is a park protocol in place regarding COVID-19. Powell stated that they had been cleaning the bathrooms two or three times daily until the fire. There is no way to keep up with cleaning the playground equipment.

Powell asked the Board if they would like him to include improvements to Bobby Buck Park when he begins working on next year’s budget. Jones stated that he would like to see something done there, one of which would be building bathrooms.

b. Cemetery

Powell reported that they are dealing with the weather and rainy conditions.

4. DISCUSSION OF POOL OPERATIONS FOR 2020:

a. Manager

b. Guards

- c. **Training**
- d. **Days and hours pool will be open**
- e. **Pricing**

No action. Powell reported that as far as he knows, no one has applied for the Pool Manager position. Siever stated that she feels the pool should not open this year, and this year should be used as a rebuilding year. She stated that, with the Recreation Center closed indefinitely, training and certifying lifeguards would be difficult.

Graves joined by phone and asked how much money Powell believes it will cost to fix the areas at the pool that are necessary. After some discussion, Powell stated that he will go forward with the things that absolutely have to be done to have the pool ready to open, in case it can be opened.

It was agreed that a pool manager will need to be paid \$16 – 18 per hour, in order to make the job worth their time. Mayor agreed that if the pool can open, it should open. Mayor stated that he would take the proposed pool manager rate of pay to the next Budget meeting.

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

Bowman began by reciting the quote, “Don’t make permanent decisions based on temporary feelings.”

Bowman stated that he is excited about the things that are happening at the Golf Course. He reported that revenues for January, February and March are up from last year. The schools have cancelled all of their upcoming tournaments, so he does not know how much that will affect revenue.

Due to COVID-19, everyone must have a tee time set up ahead of time, so that golfers can be separated. Bowman stated that everything is being cleaned all the time. No bunker rakes or ball washers are available for use. Precautions are being taken to keep people from touching equipment as much as possible.

The sod on the #8 green is being removed to make way for the new sod. It is a long and slow process, but the men working on it are doing an excellent job.

Bowman reported that he has ordered Lightning Protocol stickers explaining what to do in case of lightning that will be placed in every golf cart. Bowman also handed out a revenue projection sheet to the Board.

6. **ACTION ITEMS:**

a. **FEMA Claims**

Emergency Management continues to be in touch with FEMA. City Hall was informed this week that the final paperwork has been received and is being reviewed.

b. **Lightning Protocol**

Covered under Bowman’s report.

c. **Recycling Stations**

No update at this time.

d. Others

None at this time.

7. DISCUSS, POSSIBLY RECOMMEND COUNCIL ACTION REGARDING ACCEPTING BIDS FOR PUBLIC POOL LIFT STATION REPAIR.

No action. Powell handed out three bids to the Board members. He stated that, if they want him to go forward with this, he is happy to go with the cheapest bid. The reason for this work is to protect the main pump of the pool and prevent the pump room from flooding. After some discussion it was agreed not to move forward with the project at this time.

8. DISCUSS, POSSIBLY RECOMMEND COUNCIL ACTION REGARDING AMENDING GREEN FEES AND CART RATES AT THE PRYOR CREEK GOLF COURSE.

Motion was made by Shelby, second by Jones to recommend Council action regarding amending green fees and cart rates at the Pryor Creek Golf Course. All voted yes.

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

There was no unforeseeable business.

10. PETITIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE.

There were no petitions from the audience.

11. ADJOURN.

Motion was made by Jones, second by Shelby to adjourn at 6:32 p.m. All voted yes.