

**MINUTES
PARK BOARD
REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, AUGUST 24TH, 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, LORI SIEVER, CHRIS GRAVES, KEITH SHELBY.

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER.

Bill Kannegiesser called the Park Board meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. Members present: Bill Kannegiesser, Melinda Marks, Pat Richard, Lori Siever, Chris Graves, Keith Shelby. Members absent: none.

Others present: Mayor Larry Lees, Golf Director Dennis Bowman, Donna Bowman, Terry Aylward, Jack Dryden and Casey King.

2. PETITIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE.

There were no petitions.

3. DISCUSS, POSSIBLY APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE JULY 27TH, 2020 REGULAR MEETING.

Motion was made by Shelby, second by Marks to approve the minutes of the July 27th, 2020 regular meeting. All voted yes.

4. PARK REPORT – SUPERINTENDENT FRANK POWELL:

a. Parks

Powell reported that they are starting to get back to normal. They had to pull the pond fountain out today due to some issues.

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I. Whitaker Park Restrooms

He has budgeted for the new restrooms this fiscal year. They will likely be similar to the restrooms at Centennial Park. They will be in the same place as the current ones, but they will be ADA compliant and they are considering putting up surveillance cameras on the exterior.

Siever suggested facing them toward the street to deter vandalism. Powell stated they are thinking about putting a timed lock on the doors, as well. The restrooms will be ADA compliant, well lit and plain and simple.

II. Bobby Buck Toy

He stated that he originally planned to wait to begin this project until October, because that is when he starts getting sale catalogs; however, Mayor gave him information on a possible grant that has

to be turned in by October 1st, so they will be meeting on going forward with that submission.

b. Cemetery

Powell reported that they recently had a couple of complaints, but those issues have been resolved. Some people complained that grass was on top of the stones after mowing. Frank is looking into purchasing guards for the mowers. He has also put a new mower in this year's budget.

He thanked Reincarnation House for their help getting everything back in shape after all the storm damage. He has one guy back from sick leave, but one is still out, so he has a temporary employee who is doing a great job.

5. GOLF COURSE REPORT – DIRECTOR DENNIS BOWMAN

Bowman reported that the Golf Course had a great July and August may be a record for revenue. The Course is in good shape, in spite of them being short-handed. Tee boxes and fairways are in good shape, but the greens are suffering a little bit in the summer heat. The Street crew helped clean up trees, and Frank let them use his shop to work on some equipment.

Bowman reported that the Rae Tournament will be coming up on September 25th. He also reported that he is looking at some demonstrator fairway mowers. He has budgeted for a new mower and aerification equipment.

6. DISCUSS, POSSIBLY RECOMMEND COUNCIL ACTION REGARDING OBTAINING AN RFQ FROM OUR LOCAL LENDING INSTITUTIONS TO FUND 50 NEW GOLF CARTS. THE ANTICIPATED TERM IS 4 YEARS AND THE ESTIMATED AMOUNT OF UP TO \$135,000.00 FROM GOLF CAPITAL OUTLAY CART LEASE ACCOUNT #41-415-5413.

Motion was made by Shelby, second by Richard to recommend Council action regarding obtaining an RFQ from our local lending institutions to fund 50 new golf carts. The anticipated term is 4 years and the estimated amount of up to \$135,000.00 from Golf Capital Outlay Cart Lease Account #41-415-5413.

City Council did not pass this at their last meeting, so Mayor would like to present some more statistics from 2019-2020. He reported that 2/3 of the Golf Course revenues come from cart rental and green fees. If you don't have carts, people don't play and they don't pay green fees. He stated that we need to provide a quality product. The current carts are still in good enough condition to have a decent trade-in value. Cost of repairs monthly going forward compared to normal maintenance costs increase drastically.

Siever would like to see them consider buying a few at a time, instead of all 50 at once. Graves would like to see the total of green fees.

Voting yes: Kannegiesser, Marks, Richard, Shelby. Abstaining, counting as a no vote: Graves. Voting no: Siever.

7. DISCUSS, POSSIBLY RECOMMEND COUNCIL ACTION REGARDING THE NOMINATION OF MR. CASEY KING TO FILL PARK BOARD SEAT #4, TERM ENDING 7/31/23, UPON PARK BOARD APPROVAL.

Motion was made by Shelby, second by Richard to recommend Council action regarding the nomination of Mr. Casey King to fill Park Board Seat #4, term ending 7/31/23, upon Park Board approval. Mr. King spoke regarding his standing in the Pryor Creek community as a GRDA Police Captain. His wife is a Pryor schoolteacher and they have children who utilize the park areas. All voted yes.

8. DISCUSS, POSSIBLY RECOMMEND COUNCIL ACTION REGARDING ASSISTANT GOLF SUPERINTENDENT JOB QUALIFICATIONS.

Motion was made by Shelby, second by Richard to recommend Council action regarding Assistant Golf Superintendent job qualifications. All voted yes.

9. DISCUSS, POSSIBLY RECOMMEND COUNCIL ACTION REGARDING GOLF COURSE EQUIPMENT MANAGER JOB QUALIFICATIONS.

Motion was made by Richard, second by Graves to recommend Council action regarding Golf Course Equipment Manager job qualifications. All voted yes.

10. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING BRINGING CUPS ONTO THE GOLF COURSE.

Motion was made by Shelby, second by Marks to take no action regarding bringing cups onto the golf course. Jack Dryden spoke on behalf of golfers who want to be able to bring their own water and ice onto the course. He does not like having to pay a quarter for a cup of ice and he should not have to pay for water. Water should be free.

Mayor stated that he spoke with the City Attorney regarding this issue who stated that the best way to mitigate risk to the City is to ban any outside containers.

Dennis and Donna Bowman spoke, stating again that they fight a battle of people smuggling liquor onto the premises on a weekly basis. The ABLE Commission representative made it very clear that the golf course will be held liable if anything happens. Voting yes: Kannegiesser, Marks, Siever, Graves, Shelby. Voting no: Richard.

11. ACTION ITEMS:

a. FEMA Claims

FEMA money should be received in September.

b. Others

None at this time.

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

There was no unforeseeable business.

13. ADJOURN.

Motion was made by Shelby, second by Marks to adjourn at 7:34 p.m. All voted yes.