

**MINUTES
PARK BOARD
REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, AUGUST 26TH, 2024
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: AUTUMN GRAYBILL, RON REISER, PAM BUFFINGTON, ROY JACKSON, SHERRY ALEXANDER, CHRIS GRAVES, KEITH SHELBY.

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER.

Shelby called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m. Members present: Autumn Graybill, Roy Jackson, Chris Graves and Keith Shelby. Members absent: Ron Reiser, Pamela Buffington and Sherry Alexander.

Others present: Dennis Bowman, Frank Powell, Gilbert Graybill, Terry Aylward and Boy Scout Troop 83.

2. PETITIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE.

There were no petitions from the audience.

3. DISCUSS, POSSIBLY APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE JULY 17TH, 2024 SPECIAL MEETING.

Motion was made by Jackson, second by Graybill to approve the minutes of the July 17th, 2024 special meeting. Voting yes: Jackson, Graves and Shelby. Abstaining, counting as a no vote: Graybill. Voting no: none.

4. PARK REPORT – SUPERINTENDENT FRANK POWELL.

a. PARKS

Powell reported that the Parks Department is operating smoothly. He also stated that the temporary employee is handling mowing at the ballfields and Bobby Buck Park, with work continuing through the season.

Roy Jackson thanked Powell for his work on the Pickleball courts.

b. CEMETERY

Powell reported that the cemetery is functioning well with current staffing levels, and they are thankful for a slow season. He also stated that the Assistant Superintendent ensures clerical tasks are completed a few times a week.

5. UPDATE REGARDING SKATE PARKS.

Powell reported that the Skate Park is performing well, with most users opting for evening hours due to the heat. He also stated that there is a possibility of hosting a grand opening, but this would be an additional service supplied by the vendor and they will make that decision after phase two is complete.

6. GOLF COURSE REPORT – DIRECTOR DENNIS BOWMAN.

Bowman reported that the Golf Course has been busy throughout the summer and has already exceeded last August's revenue. He stated they hosted a recent tournament for the Tulsa Winnelson, and upcoming tournaments include the Danny Henson Memorial, Tulsa Southsiders, and the RAE Family Foundation. Bowman also reported that membership is growing, and despite the pending budget approval, their projected excess revenue is approximately \$400,000.00.

7. UPDATE REGARDING CART PATHS AND BRIDGES.

Bowman reported that they are awaiting quotes from the city engineer for the cart paths and hope to proceed with the bridges in the next few weeks. The board discussed continuing with other projects on the Golf Course's capital improvement list and Bowman stated that he will provide an updated list at the next meeting.

8. UNFORESEEABLE BUSINESS.

Jackson reported that some flag football teams intend to start practicing at Centennial Park and discussed with the board if this activity would raise concerns regarding the park's purpose. After reviewing the park's history and donor intentions, the board determined that addressing flag football wasn't necessary at this time.

Jackson also thanked Oklahoma Freedom Flight for organizing a successful Pickleball tournament, which saw at least 70 attendees. The board recognized the growing popularity of Pickleball and the need to consider this in future planning.

9. ADJOURN.

Motion was made by Jackson, second by Graybill to adjourn at 6:35 p.m. All voted yes.