

**MINUTES
PARK BOARD
REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, MARCH 24TH, 2025
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: Keith Shelby (Chair), Autumn Graybill, Ron Reiser, Pamela Buffington, Roy Jackson, Sherry Alexander, Chris Graves.

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER.

Keith Shelby called the meeting to order at 5:33 p.m. Members present: Autumn Graybill, Pamela Buffington, Sherry Alexander, Chris Graves and Keith Shelby. Members absent: Ron Reiser and Roy Jackson.

Others present: Frank Powell, Gilbert Graybill and Terry Aylward.

2. PETITIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE

There were no petitions from the audience.

3. DISCUSS, POSSIBLY APPROVE MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 24TH, 2025 MEETING.

Motion was made by Graybill, second by Alexander to approve the minutes of the February 24th, 2025 meeting. All voted yes.

4. PARK REPORT - SUPERINTENDENT FRANK POWELL.

a. PARKS

Powell reported that they have been working on the drinking fountain water lines as well as cleaning up branches and maintaining the trees after the recent windy weather. Powell also reported that the jungle gym at Whitaker Park has been blocked off due to safety concerns, and he will be focusing on the installation of a new structure in his capital improvements for next year.

Powell additionally reported that they now have a temporary employee helping to mow the soccer fields and ballparks.

b. CEMETERY

Powell reported that they are working to prepare the cemetery for Memorial Day.

Shelby moved to item 6.

6. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO ACKNOWLEDGE AN ANONYMOUS DONATION OF A TREE.

Motion was made by Buffington, second by Graybill to acknowledge the anonymous donation of a tree, with a plaque to be installed after three years. All voted yes.

7. DISCUSSION REGARDING CENTENNIAL PARK.

The Board reviewed the original deed to Centennial Park. The Mayor stated that the requirements of the deed have been fulfilled, and while the City will continue to respect the wishes of the donor, the City will not discourage children from playing in the park.

8. DISCUSSION REGARDING YOUTH SPORTS FACILITIES.

Shelby stated that he would like to begin the process to apply for Hotel / Motel grants to make improvements to the City's youth sports facilities.

Shelby moved back to item 5.

5. GOLF COURSE REPORT - DIRECTOR DENNIS BOWMAN.

Shelby reported on behalf of Dennis Bowman that they will be completing the cart path improvements this week. Shelby also discussed setting priorities for next year's capital improvements and hiring needs.

9. UNFORESEEABLE BUSINESS.

There was no unforeseeable business.

10. ADJOURN.

Motion was made by Alexander, second by Graybill to adjourn at 6:42 p.m. All voted yes.