

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

Shelby called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. Members present: Autumn Graybill, Pamela Buffington, Roy Jackson, Chris Graves and Keith Shelby. Members absent: Ron Reiser and Sherry Alexander.

Others present: Frank Powell, Mayor Zac Doyle, Kathy LaValley, Gilbert Graybill and Terry Aylward.

2. PETITIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE

There were no petitions from the audience.

3. DISCUSS, POSSIBLY APPROVE MINUTES OF THE APRIL 28TH, 2025 MEETING.

Motion was made by Graybill, second by Buffington to approve the minutes of the April 28th, 2025 meeting. All voted yes.

4. PRESENTATION FROM KATHY LAVALLEY REGARDING THE WILDSCAPE.

Kathy LaValley presented information about the 11 acres of the Giles property that has been designated as a wildscape by the Oklahoma Department of Wildlife. She stated that she has been working to maintain and promote the wildscape in the community and recruit volunteers.

Shelby moved to item 11.

11. UNFORESEEABLE BUSINESS.

Motion was made by Buffington, second by Graybill to recommend Council action to recognize the entire Giles property as a city park. Voting yes: Graybill, Buffington, Jackson, Graves and Shelby. Voting no: none.

Shelby moved back to the regular agenda.

5. PARK REPORT - SUPERINTENDENT FRANK POWELL.

a. PARKS

Powell reported that although he has been approved to hire much-needed additional staff, he has not yet found a suitable candidate for the department. Powell also discussed the possibility of installing bathrooms at Bobby Buck Park. He stated that he does not believe that there is enough staff to maintain another bathroom structure and the park lacks the demand to justify the expense. He also stated that he will continue researching potential solutions.

b. CEMETERY

Powell stated that cemetery and park staff are working together to repair storm damage at the cemetery.

6. UPDATE REGARDING STORM DAMAGE CLEAN-UP AND REPAIR.

Powell reported that over 100 volunteers helped to clean up the cemetery following recent storm damage. He stated that OMAG will not be covering damages as cemetery plots are owned by individuals rather than the city. He also stated that there is some remaining work to finish cleaning up, but he expects work to continue after the ground dries.

7. GOLF COURSE REPORT – DIRECTOR DENNIS BOWMAN.

Shelby read aloud a written report submitted by Bowman. He stated that the golf course currently has 50 golf carts, and he would like to increase this number to 60 with the new purchase.

8. DISCUSS, POSSIBLY RECOMMEND COUNCIL ACTION TO GO OUT FOR BIDS FOR NEW GOLF CARTS.

No action taken, item tabled until the next meeting to gather information for the bid packet. Shelby discussed the feasibility of using proceeds from the sale toward a lease-purchase agreement for the new carts to allow easier upgrades in future years.

9. DISCUSS, POSSIBLY RECOMMEND COUNCIL ACTION TO HIRE CHRIS HURT AS ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT AT THE PRYOR CREEK GOLF COURSE.

Motion was made by Buffington, second by Jackson to recommend Council action to hire Chris Hurt as Assistant Superintendent at the Pryor Creek Golf Course. All voted yes.

10. DISCUSS, POSSIBLY RECOMMEND COUNCIL ACTION REGARDING THE PROMOTION OF RUSSELL BOREN TO EQUIPMENT MANAGER AT THE PRYOR CREEK GOLF COURSE.

Motion was made by Buffington, second by Jackson to recommend Council action regarding the promotion of Russell Boren to Equipment Manager at the Pryor Creek Golf Course. All voted yes.

12. ADJOURN.

Motion was made by Buffington, second by Graybill to adjourn. All voted yes.