

**MINUTES  
PARK BOARD  
REGULAR MEETING  
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 26<sup>TH</sup>, 2016  
6:00 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, CONNIE MELTON**

**1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER.**

Board Chairman Bill Kannegiesser called the Park Board meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Members present: Bill Kannegiesser, Chris Graves, Melinda Marks, Wayne Jones and Pat Richard. Members absent: Connie Melton and Lori Siever.

Others present: Park Superintendent Frank Powell, Golf Director Dennis Bowman and Dr. Paul Mobley. Mayor Tramel arrived at 6:20 p.m.

**2. DISCUSS, POSSIBLY APPROVE THE MINUTES OF AUGUST 22<sup>ND</sup>, 2016 REGULAR MEETING.**

Motion was made by Richard, second by Graves to approve the minutes of August 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2016 regular meeting. All voted yes.

**3. DISCUSS, POSSIBLY APPROVE PARK BOARD MEETING DATES FOR THE 2017 CALENDAR YEAR.**

Motion was made by Graves, second by Jones to approve Park Board meeting dates for the 2017 calendar year. All voted yes.

Lori Siever arrived at 6:05 p.m.

**4. DISCUSS, POSSIBLY RECOMMEND COUNCIL ACTION ON THE BALL FIELDS AT BOBBY BUCK PARK.**

No action was taken on the ball fields at Bobby Buck Park. Powell presented photographs of the dilapidated areas of the ball field. The Board agreed that the areas are safety hazards. Determination will need to be made as to what needs to be torn out completely. There is no money set aside in the budget for repair or replacement. Jones suggested that the public be asked what they want to do. Graves suggested Green Country Girls Softball organization needs to be contacted in case they want to use it for practices.

The Board agreed that anyone who wants to rebuild will have to help financially, since no money has been budgeted for this project. The Board asked Powell to talk to GCGS and any other organizations who might be interested in using the field and see what they would like to do before any decisions are made.

Powell will report back on their interest at the next Board meeting on October 24<sup>th</sup>, 2016.

**5. PARK REPORT - SUPERINTENDENT FRANK POWELL:**

**a. SPLASH PAD**

Powell reported that the Splash Pad will close for the season this Friday, September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2016. There have been no more issues since the lightning arrester was installed.

**b. CEMETERY**

Powell reported that the cemetery is operating well. He is working on getting the cemetery rules posted.

**c. ISSUES WITH BALL FIELDS**

Powell reported that he was told of a couple of incidents of vandalism in one of the restrooms, but that situation is being handled.

**d. TENNIS COURTS**

Powell reported that the resurfacing project has been approved, and it will begin within the next couple of weeks.

**e. PUBLIC POOL**

Powell reported that the pool will be winterized.

The City parks have been very busy with activities such as Dam J.A.M.

Some work was done on the lights at the basketball courts.

Double lights will be moved from the splash pad to the volleyball courts after the splash pad closes for the season.

Better temperatures make the parks much busier.

Graves mentioned the lack of nets on the basketball goals and suggested purchasing the ones made out of chain. Powell reported that even the metal ones disappear within a week of installation.

**6. GOLF COURSE REPORT - DIRECTOR DENNIS BOWMAN**

**a. Discuss, possibly approve golf membership refund to Dutch Longenbaugh.**

Motion was made by Jones, second by Siever to approve golf membership refund to Dutch Longenbaugh in full, with the understanding for future issues that this is due to Mr. Longenbaugh being physically unable to use any of his membership, due to an unforeseen illness. All voted yes.

The Board discussed that it is not common practice to refund golf memberships, and these are extenuating circumstances with a gentleman who has been a big supporter and advocate for the Golf Course for many years.

**b. Discuss, possibly recommend Council action to promote Josh Turner to Assistant Golf Superintendent at a rate of \$12.00 per hour.**

Motion was made by Richard, second by Jones to recommend Council action to promote Josh Turner to Assistant Golf Superintendent at a rate of \$12.00 per hour. All voted yes.

**c. Discuss, possibly recommend Council action to promote Gordon Bennett to Maintenance Lead at the golf course at a rate of \$11.00 per hour.**

Motion was made by Jones, second by Richard to recommend Council action to promote Gordon Bennett to Maintenance Lead at the golf course at a rate of \$11.00 per hour. All voted yes.

Bowman reported that membership sales are up, but paid rounds are down some. There is a new chemical that is being used around the greens to control the grass. New signs have been placed around the greens, which seem to keep people where they are supposed to be for the most part; however, ropes may still end up being installed to keep people completely off the posted areas.

**7. UNFORESEEABLE BUSINESS.** (ANY MATTER NOT REASONABLY FORESEEN PRIOR TO POSTING THE AGENDA.)  
There was no unforeseeable business.

**8. PETITIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE.**

- a. Paul Harvey, Sr. to discuss the ball fields.  
Mr. Harvey was not present, but Powell spoke on his behalf. Harvey wanted to discuss the possibility of having flag football at the ball field. Harvey would also like to set up three horseshoe pits and two volleyball courts West of the South field. Powell pointed out that he has been considering putting up a fence in that area, and Harvey has even said he would help Powell with that project.
- b. Dr. Paul Mobley spoke on behalf of Hidden Park and the other parks in the City. Parks are so important to the children, and he suggested that Hidden Park could be developed as a dog park, a community garden, a teaching garden, or a butterfly garden. Kannegiesser pointed out that he has a real concern for Hidden Park being used specifically for children, due to its secluded location which makes it impossible to patrol. Graves let Dr. Mobley know how much he appreciates and encourages Dr. Mobley's interest and involvement in these endeavors. Graves encouraged him to work with the Park Board to put some of the ideas into action.

**9. ADJOURN.**

Motion was made by Jones, second by Siever to adjourn at 7:12 p.m. All voted yes.