

**MINUTES  
PARK BOARD  
REGULAR MEETING  
MONDAY, OCTOBER 23<sup>RD</sup>, 2023  
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 Park Board meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. Members present: Autumn Graybill, Sherry Alexander, Chris Graves and Keith Shelby. Members absent: Ron Reiser, Pamela Buffington and Roy Jackson.

Others present: Frank Powell, Dennis Bowman, Mayor Doyle and Gilbert Graybill.

**2. PETITIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE.**

There were no petitions.

**3. DISCUSS, POSSIBLY APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 25<sup>TH</sup>, 2023 REGULAR MEETING.**

Motion was made by Graves, second by Alexander to approve the minutes of the September 25<sup>th</sup>, 2023 regular meeting. All voted yes.

**4. PARK REPORT – SUPERINTENDENT FRANK POWELL:**

**a. Parks**

Powell reported that they have been finishing up some tree trimming and have winterized the splash pad. He stated that there has been an issue with vandalism inside park bathrooms at night, so moving forward they plan to lock the bathrooms after business hours.

Powell also reported that after consulting with the school, they have decided that the East tennis courts will be converted to pickleball courts.

Shelby moved to item 8.

**8. SKATE PARK UPDATE.**

Powell reported that the grant application for the skate park is still incomplete but should move forward soon.

Shelby moved back to the Park Report.

**b. Cemetery**

Powell reported that the property purchase proposed to Council failed. He stated that the Cemetery has remained busy with a funeral every day last week.

Mayor Doyle stated that fuel tanks will be installed at some key park properties moving forward to save on fuel.

**5. GOLF COURSE REPORT – DIRECTOR DENNIS BOWMAN.**

Bowman reported that the RAE Corporation tournament was very successful, and they have several more upcoming tournaments and events. He provided the board with a list of participants in a recent U.S. Kids Tournament showing that many kids in Oklahoma are interested in golf events; however, only one participant was from the local area. He stated that the event gained several participants since last year and encouraged Board members to consider promoting the golf course as a local activity to younger audiences.

**6. DISCUSS, POSSIBLY RECOMMEND COUNCIL ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF THE 2024 PARK BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE.**

Motion was made by Graves, second by Graybill to recommend Council action regarding approval of the 2024 Park Board meeting schedule. All voted yes.

**7. POOL TASK FORCE UPDATE.**

Doyle reported that the online and in-person survey data will be used to work on preliminary designs for the pool. He also stated that the task force is working with fundraising consultants to raise the money for the pool's construction.

**9. DISCUSSION REGARDING PARK, CEMETERY AND GOLF COURSE PROPERTY LIST.**

The Board discussed the list of properties provided in the packet, acknowledging that several properties they expected to see were absent. Powell explained that the Park Department cares for some properties that belong to the City rather than the Park Department specifically. The Board discussed the need to develop a full list of the Park Department's responsibilities and a facility inventory.

**10. UNFORESEEABLE BUSINESS.**

There was no unforeseeable business.

**11. ADJOURN.**

Motion was made by Alexander, second by Graves to adjourn. All voted yes.