

Norman Board of Parks Commissioners
August 2, 2012

The Norman Board of Parks Commissioners of the City of Norman, Cleveland County, State of Oklahoma, met in the City Council Chambers on the 2nd day of August, 2012 at 5:30 p.m. and notice and agenda of the meeting were posted at the Norman Public Library, and 201 West Gray Street, 24 hours prior to the beginning of the meeting.

ITEM 1, being:

ROLL CALL

Present: Chairman Brigham and Commissioners Brockhaus, Chappel, Farley, Goth, Hoover, Perry and Stewart

Absent: Member London

City Officials

Present: Jud Foster, Director of Parks and Recreation

ITEM 2, being:

APPROVAL OF THE MAY 15, 2012 FIELD ALLOCATION REVIEW COMMITTEE ORGANIZATIONAL MINUTES, NORMAN BOARD OF PARKS COMMISSIONERS REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF JUNE 7, 2012, FIELD ALLOCATION REVIEW COMMITTEE MINUTES OF JULY 17TH, 2012, FIELD ALLOCATION REVIEW COMMITTEE MINUTES OF JULY 18TH, 2012 AND FIELD ALLOCATION REVIEW COMMITTEE MINUTES OF JULY 26TH, 2012

Commissioner Hoover made the motion and Commissioner Goth seconded to approve the minutes. The vote was taken with the following results:

YEAH: Chairman Brigham and Commissioners Brockhaus, Chappel, Farley, Goth, Hoover, Perry and Stewart

NAY: None

ITEM 3, being:

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Commissioner Farley made the motion and Commissioner Goth seconded to approve the agenda. The vote was taken with the following results:

YEAH: Chairman Brigham and Commissioners Brockhaus, Chappel, Farley, Goth, Hoover, Perry and Stewart

NAY: None

ITEM 4, being:

CONSIDERATION OF RECOMMENDATION OF FIELD ALLOCATION REVIEW COMMITTEE

As Chairman of the Norman Board of Park Commissioners, I was tasked to form a committee to review the future allocation of Fields and Facilities at Griffin Community Park. This committee was formed and consisted of myself, Commissioner Brockhaus, Commissioner Chappel, Commissioner Goth, and Commissioner Perry. We held 4 meetings in total; one with city staff; one with Football Academy, Inc.; one with Norman Youth Soccer; and one with Norman Optimist Club. All meeting formats were the same for the three organizations involved. All three were scored by the same criteria, and all three were asked the same prepared questions. Questions did vary in the open discussion as each meeting evolved.

It is the recommendation of this committee that the current contracts be renewed for an additional three years. It is the opinion of this committee the current contracts are sufficient for all three groups, if used with good sportsmanship and professional courtesy.

It is also recommended that the 60 day notice clause allowing Football Academy and NYSA to share the other's fields (fields 1 - 4) should continue with that notice being extended to any usage, up to and including after-hours practice.

All groups should be encouraged to have thorough orientation sessions for their coaches about field use restrictions and personal responsibility. Open lines of conversation are strongly encouraged between the Organizations and City Staff.

Signage should be considered, identifying fields, their lease, and the 60 day notification. The shared use of Griffin Park is mutually beneficial to all parties involved; The City of Norman, Norman Optimist Club, Norman Youth Soccer Association, Football Academy, Inc., and the Citizens of Norman. Sportsmanship and communication between all these groups is paramount in providing the owners of this facility, the Citizens of The City of Norman, a proper return on their investment.

This committee would also like to thank all three organizations and City Staff for their passion, their time and their willingness to serve the community. This is what makes Norman a great place to live.

Jud Foster thanked the Field Allocation Review Committee for their time and effort in reviewing the field allocations and making their recommendations.

Commissioner Chappel made the motion and Commissioner Brockhaus seconded to approve the committee's recommendation of field allocations and forward to City Council. The vote was taken with the following results:

YEAH: Chairman Brigham and Commissioners Brockhaus, Chappel, Farley, Goth, Hoover, Perry and Stewart

NAY: None

ITEM 5, being:

MISCELLANEOUS

Jud Foster told the board the new duck sculptures commissioned by the Public Arts Board have been installed in Andrews Park and Colonial Estates Park near the splash pad areas. The Public Arts Board has plans to do three more duck sculptures.

Jud Foster updated the board on the Monroe Park site. Contractors are working on the walkway. The playground is on site and being installed. All of the site furnishings have been ordered and the goal is to have them in place by the 22nd.

Jud Foster informed the board that a design for the sign for Don Cies Memorial Brookhaven Park had been approved by the group requesting the park be renamed. The sign will be done by a Norman sign company.

Jud Foster told the board the plat for Legacy Park was accepted by City Council. Once the plat is filed the City will have ownership and the design consultant will update the bid packet to put out for bid.

Evan Dunn, 1014 Missouri Street spoke to the board regarding concession stands at the athletic fields. He would like to see more fruit and healthy offerings added. Mr. Foster replied we would pass the information on to encourage vendors to provide more healthy options.

ITEM 7, being:

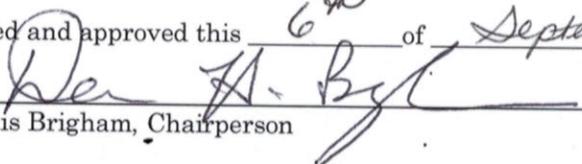
ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Farley made the motion and Commissioner Goth seconded to adjourn. The vote was taken with the following results:

YEAH: Chairman Brigham and Commissioners Brockhaus, Chappel, Farley, Goth, Hoover, Perry and Stewart

NAY: None

Passed and approved this 6th of September 2012


Dennis Brigham, Chairperson