

Norman Board of Parks Commissioners
August 1, 2013

The Norman Board of Parks Commissioners of the City of Norman, Cleveland County, State of Oklahoma, met in the City Council Chambers on the 1st day of August, 2013 at 5:30 p.m. and notice and agenda of the meeting were posted at 201 West Gray Street, 24 hours prior to the beginning of the meeting.

ITEM 1, being:

ROLL CALL

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

Absent: Commissioners Brigham and Stewart

City Officials

Present: Jud Foster, Director of Parks and Recreation

ITEM 2, being:

APPROVAL OF THE JUNE 6, 2013 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

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

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

NAY: None

ITEM 3, being:

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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

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

NAY: None

ITEM 4, being:

DISCUSSION OF POTENTIAL PARKLAND USE OF BOYD VIEW PARK

Jeff Bryant, City Attorney, presented to the board. He stated in 1963 property had been given to the City prior to the park land dedication ordinance. The Boyd View property was eventually identified as park land and is nothing more than a drainage area and was not designated for any improvements when the Park Master Plan was done. He stated a developer with whom the City of Norman was trying to acquire right of way easement along Cedar Lane Road also owned property adjacent to the drainage easement at Boyd View Park. The developer has approached the City of Norman about the possibility of exchanging the right of way easement for the Boyd View Park property. If approved, the developer will put part of the drainage easement underground creating a flat area in which they would develop an open area for residents in the area when they develop their property. The exchange would be a win-win for both parties involved.

Chairman Farley stated she felt that the residents who back up to the area should have input because they probably moved there with the understanding they would back up to a park and not have anything built overlooking into their backyards. Commissioner Chappel said he liked the idea. Mr. Bryant stated the residents would have a say when the property was platted and zoning would have to be changed.

Commissioner Goth made the motion which was seconded by Commissioner Chappel to accept the idea and concept as presented with stipulation that it still be designated as an easement and open space is implemented. The vote was taken with the following results:

YEAH: Commissioners Brockhaus, Chappel, Goth, Hoover, and Perry
NAY: Chairman Farley and Commissioner London

ITEM 5, being:

PRESENTATION OF ACTIVITIES FROM THE NORMAN FOOTBALL ACADEMY

Mickey Williams, Coordinator of the Norman Football Academy presented to the board. This year there were 25 teams which was an increase over the previous year. The league plays on Tuesday and Thursday nights in the fall and on Sunday afternoons in the spring. They also hosted the state tournament.

He has visited with both the high school coaches and they have expressed an interest in him having a high school league for those not playing high school football. He is going to have registration for a league and see if it makes. There was positive talk about a church league last year, but it didn't happen and he will try again this year. He is planning on hosting a 4 state tournament towards the end of the season this year.

A written report including financial information was provided. Commissioner Goth asked Mr. Williams what the beginning balance was and he replied there was none. The board acknowledged the report.

ITEM 6, being:

PRESENTATION OF LAKE THUNDERBIRD MULTI-MODAL PATHWAY GRANT PROPOSAL

Jud Foster presented information regarding a proposal for a multi-modal pathway grant that would be for construction of a 10 ft concrete path on the north side of HWY 9 from just east of 36th SE. to 142nd. The federal grant is a new program for states, counties, tribes and local governments to provide transportation projects for access to federal lands. Emphasis is being placed on recreational use. This project is consistent with the goals of the Norman Bicycle Plan, Parks and Recreation Master Plan and the Greenway Master Plan.

The City of Norman would provide approximately \$195,000 per year for 4 years as a match and the path would be owned and maintained by the City of Norman. The grant application is due August 5th, with the grant selection and funding announcement to be made in December. The matching funds would possibly come from capitol project money and or greenbelt acquisition fund.

Commissioner Perry made the motion which was seconded by Commissioner Goth to endorse the grant and authorize a letter of support. The vote was taken with the following results:

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

NAY: None

ITEM 7, being:

MISCELLANEOUS

Jud Foster updated the board on Legacy Park. The water and sewer lines are in and the lake is dug. Construction is about 20 days behind due to weather. We should start seeing upward building soon.

Jud Foster stated Jeff Hill would be contacting the Programs Review Committee to set up a meeting to review programs and fee structures. He asked for a Policy Committee and members were in agreement to combine it with the Programs Review Committee.

The Rotary Park Shelter is being replaced due to the tornado last year and it is going to be a nice stone structure. Legacy Trail South is also under construction.

Commissioner Hoover stated there was a good article in the paper regarding the Norman Adult Softball Foundation and how they were bringing tournaments into the area and asked if cosmetic updates could be done to Reaves Park Softball Complex.

Commissioner London asked if the Westwood Pool could be put on next park board tour. She felt the board needed to also see parks needing updates.

ITEM 7, being:

ADJOURNMENT

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

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

NAY: None

Passed and approved this 5th of Sept. 2013

Jackie Farley
Jackie Farley, Chairperson