

Norman Board of Parks Commissioners
March 6, 2014

The Norman Board of Parks Commissioners of the City of Norman, Cleveland County, State of Oklahoma, met in the Multi-purpose room on the 6th day of March, 2014 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 Brigham, Brockhaus, Chappel, Hoover, London, Perry, Stewart and Wright

Absent: None

City Officials

Present: Jud Foster, Director of Parks and Recreation

ITEM 2, being:

APPROVAL OF THE FEBRUARY 6, 2014 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

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

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

NAY: None

ITEM 3, being:

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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

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

NAY: None

ITEM 4, being:

CONSIDERATION OF BOARD OF PARKS COMMISSIONERS SUB-COMMITTEE
APPOINTMENTS

Park Land Acquisition and Development

Phil Brockhaus
Dennis Brigham

Naming and Recognition of Parks and Recreational Facilities

Heather Perry
Phil Brockhaus
Jackie Farley
Debbie Hoover

Rules Review

Phil Brockhaus - Chair
Debbie Hoover
Kristi Wright

Advisory Committee for Urban Wilderness Parks

Betty London
James Chappel
Dennis Brigham

Bikeways and Sidewalks

Kristi Wright
Dennis Stewart
Heather Perry

Community Development Block Grant Policy

Dennis Stewart, Representative
Dennis Brigham, Alternate

Programs Review Committee

Dennis Brigham
Jackie Farley
Betty London
Debbie Hoover

The motion was made by Commissioner Brigham and seconded by Commissioner Chappel to accept the new sub-committee appointments. The vote was taken with the following results:

YEAH: Chairman Farley and Commissioners Brigham, Brockhaus, Chappel,
Hoover, London, Perry, Stewart and Wright.

NAY: None

ITEM 5, being:

PRESENTATION OF ANNUAL REPORT FROM NORMAN OPTIMIST CLUB

Clay Speer, President of the Norman Optimist Club presented to the board. He reported participation in the football program increased over last year. They have made safety their number one priority. A helmet ordering program was begun to replace a certain number of helmets each year so the equipment is not past its safety life period. They have also switched to playing tackle on turf fields. To help with cash control, they have rolled the gate fee into the participation fees and now require three signatures on anything over \$250.00. Baseball still has gate fees. Basketball participation numbers were also up, and they began to encourage team sign up for the program. The Optimist Club is encouraging coaches to attend coaching clinics and camps. They do background checks and require certifications through NYSCA and Heads Up.

A written report including financial information was provided to the board prior to the meeting.

The board acknowledged the report.

ITEM 6, being:

PRESENTATION OF ACTIVITIES FROM WESTWOOD GOLF COURSE

Rick Parish, introduced himself as the new Head Golf Professional at Westwood Golf Course. He had previously been with the course as the Assistant Professional for 19 years. Mr. Parish talked about the current golf memberships and participation at the course. There are currently 250 Westwood Golf Men's Association members. They host 12 golfing events through the year. The Thursday Night Men's League currently plays for 12 weeks and has 16 additional events through the year. There are a number of regularly occurring events like the Ladies Playday on Thursday mornings May to August, Senior Playdays, Couples Tournaments and the Westwood Invitational. Plans are to continue the First Tee program beginning March 31st and the Junior Golf Academy and Clinic this summer. The Marshals' have been renamed as Course attendants. Mr. Parish says he hopes to see electronic tee-sheets soon and also to improve the quality of the range balls. Plans are to begin promoting the course through social media like Facebook and Twitter and to promote loyalty to Westwood Golf Course.

In closing Mr. Parish stated the staff works hard and Ralph and his crew do a great job to prepare the course for play.

Ralph Cagigal reported on the maintenance activities at the Golf Course. He is starting his 31st year at the course. Like last year, the main emphasis on the course this past year was the drought. Staff hand watered the course areas and trees. They continue to work on ways to increase the amount of water they can store, in addition to increasing the amount of run-off they can capture. Mr. Cagigal presented a slide show on the course operations. He praised his staff for their ideas and dedication to making improvements at the course.

The board acknowledged the report.

ITEM 7, being:

PRESENTATION OF PROPOSED RULES CHANGES FOR 2014 YOUTH
BASEBALL AND SOFTBALL

Wayne Parrish reported the rules committee had met and reviewed proposed changes to what bats may be used in the program and to define that the Official Rules of USSSA Baseball be designated as the rules of the City of Norman Summer Baseball Program in addition to those governed by the Professional Baseball League.

Commissioner Chappel made the motion and Commissioner Brockhaus seconded to accept the proposed changes. The vote was taken with the following results.

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

NAY: None

ITEM 8, being

MISCELLANEOUS

Kristi Wright was welcomed as a new Park Board member

Jud Foster informed the board staff was working on revising the Westwood Business Plan and they are bringing in a consultant to review the course and conduct staff training.

Park development is currently underway at Saxon Park and Legacy Park.

Kidspace turns 15 years old in March and a committee has been put together to conduct a Kidspace Regeneration Project on March 29th and 30th at Reaves Park to update the structure.

ITEM 9, being

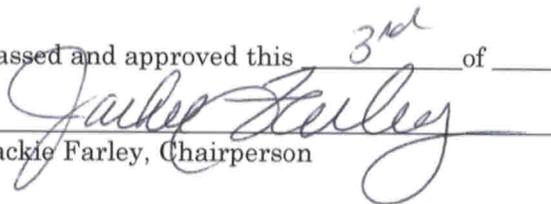
ADJOURNMENT

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

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

NAY: None

Passed and approved this 3rd of April 2014


Jackie Farley, Chairperson