
Norman Board of Parks Commissioners
November 5, 2015

The Norman Board of Parks Commissioners of the City of Norman, Cleveland County, State of Oklahoma, met in the City Council Chambers on the 5th day of November, 2015 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, Hoover, Salmond and Wright

Absent: Commissioners Chappel, London and Perry

City Officials

Present: Jud Foster, Director Parks and Recreation
B J Brewer, Sports and Special Events Coordinator

ITEM 2, being:

APPROVAL OF THE OCTOBER 1ST, 2015 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

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

YEAH: Chairman Farley and Commissioners Brigham, Brockhaus, Hoover, Salmond and Wright

NAY: None

ITEM 3, being:

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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

YEAH: Chairman Farley and Commissioners Brigham, Brockhaus, Hoover, Salmond and Wright

NAY: None

ITEM 4, being:

PRESENTATION OF DESTIN LANDING PARK AND OPEN SPACE MASTER PLAN

In the past, the Parks and Recreation Department has had the opportunity to present neighborhood masterplans to the Park Board for park locations that would accompany the future development in any given section of town. Although this type of planning does not identify the exact location or size of the park in that section, it helps to guide the staff recommendations that come forward, once the plats are filed by the land owners.

This process is now being used for the Destin Landing Neighborhood—a large development that includes almost 5 square miles of land south of State Highway 9 at 36th Avenue SE (see map) which generally extends from the south side of John Saxon Community Park down to the border of Noble on the east side of 36th Avenue and the north side of Post Oak Road. The northern border of this project shares a property line with the south end of Saxon Park, which is being developed as Norman's newest Community Park.

Currently, the project to develop this land is making its way through the Planning and Public Works Departments with the City of Norman, which includes the development of an extensive Planned Unit Development (PUD) narrative covering multiple subjects—from land zoning changes to street design specifications to lot sizes to utility service. Two items discussed in the PUD narrative are the park land requirements and the Home/Property Owner's Association that will be created for this development, if approved. There will be over 200 acres of Open Space (green space including walking trails, detention ponds, outdoor furnishings, etc.) which will be owned and maintained by the HOA/POA. The plan also shows areas for public parks in two locations in the development; which would be developed similar to Norman's other neighborhood parks—with playground areas, practice sports field areas, picnicking facilities, drinking fountains, grills, and other typical park furnishings and landscapes.

As stated, the entire neighborhood plan is currently going through pre-development meetings and there is no current plat of residential lots which needs a park land decision. However, if approved—there will be several plats that come in over the coming years which will reference this overall Neighborhood Masterplan in the way they propose to satisfy the Park Land Dedication and Park Land Development ordinances. Based on a review of the current information, the likely combination of public and private park land appears to be appropriate to the park land that will be required as the area develops. As long as there is good land in the public park locations shown on the masterplan, and as long as they provide the abundant green space shown throughout the development (which would act as private park land), this type of park land dedication appears to be a satisfactory proposal for the Destin Landing neighborhood. We would recommend that the public park land dedication be done early in the development process, and that the green belt area includes trails that provide access throughout the development and up to the border of the John Saxon Community Park in order for the park development to be satisfactory.

Any plats that come in for this area will still be required to come before the Board of Park Commissioners for review of their individual plan(s) for meeting their park land dedication requirements. Staff has already pointed out that, according to the ordinance, any single plat that include over 2,500 residents must provide public park land only— with no option for private park land or a fee-in-lieu of land for their park land decision. All final park land decisions will, as always, be made by the City Council, based on the recommendation from the Park Board. James Briggs, Park Planner presented an overview of the addition.

Sean Rieger, attorney for the applicant presented a Master Plan concept for the 760 acre development that will border Saxon Park. This plan is expected to take over 30 years to fully develop. Each plat will still come before the park board as the development proceeds. The developer hopes to begin development sometime next year. Following discussion, Commissioner Brigham made the motion and Commissioner Salmond seconded to accept the Master Plan. The vote was taken with the following results:

YEAH: Chairman Farley and Commissioners Brigham, Brockhaus, Hoover, Salmond and Wright

NAY: None

ITEM 5, being:

PRESENTATION OF 2016 YOUTH BASEBALL AND SOFTBALL PROGRAM CHANGES

B.J. Brewer, Sports and Special Events Coordinator presented to the board. The proposed changes include:

1. Adopt rules and guidelines that more closely resemble that of regulation baseball and fast pitch softball.
2. Create a Recreational and Competitive League for all kid pitch divisions while adding a 14U baseball division.
3. Begin the season in April rather than May.
4. Discuss the fee adjustment to accommodate more games and better quality umpiring, especially in all kid-pitch divisions.
5. Lift the residency restrictions to allow players and teams from outside the community of Norman the opportunity to participate.

Following a discussion which included adding more quality umpiring, having automatic defibrillators onsite and providing financial assistance so every child has the opportunity to play Commissioner Brockhaus made the motion and Commissioner Hoover seconded to approve the proposed changes. The vote was taken with the following results:

YEAH: Chairman Farley and Commissioners Brigham, Brockhaus, Hoover, Salmond and Wright

NAY: None

ITEM 6, being:

**DISCUSSION OF CITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION REGARDING DISTRIBUTION
OR SALE OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES IN CITY PARKS**

Jud Foster discussed the memo from himself to City Council and a copy of a Resolution passed in 1987 which prohibited the distribution or sale of intoxicating or alcoholic beverages at any City of Norman public park or recreational facility with a few exceptions. Legacy Park was constructed and designed for the same types of activities which occur at those exceptions. A request was received to reserve the amphitheater at Legacy Park, but staff did not feel we could approve the request because of the current resolution. With the help of the City of Norman legal staff we have developed a new resolution which adds Legacy Park to the list of exceptions. Permits for this type of use are issued through the City Clerk's office to ensure proper licensing. We are still going to have a group put together a use policy for the facility.

Commissioner Brigham made the motion and Commissioner Hoover seconded to recommend the proposed resolution be approved as submitted. The vote was taken with the following results:

YEAH: Chairman Farley and Commissioners Brigham, Brockhaus, Hoover, Salmond and Wright

NAY: None

ITEM 7, being:

MISCELLANEOUS COMMENTS

Jud Foster informed the board staff has been very busy working on Norman Forward activities. City Council is working to identify the size of the first bond financing package. The tax begins January 1st and the first actual payment comes in March. One of the requirements of the projects that are financed is that they must be able to be completed in three years. Projects for the first financing package have not been determined at this time. There will probably be 2-3 finance packages over the duration.

Legacy Park is essentially finished; there are still a few items on a punch list. Painting and trees needing replaced.

Jud Foster mentioned there are two policy issues that need to be worked on with the Park Board; the Legacy Park Usage Policy and a Recreational Fee Use Policy. We will be working on setting up meetings for those soon.

Jud Foster told the board the new park superintendent is Matt Hendren He will begin work on Monday the 9th. He is coming from Kansas City, KS and will be a great addition to the staff.

Jason Brackage with the Disability Coalition of Cleveland County presented an idea for the new development of a park. He stated there is a large separation between what is considered

an ADA compliant park versus an "all-inclusive park". An all-inclusive park is completely accessible to anyone with a disability up to and including, surfacing, ramping, wider sidewalks and designed picnic tables with extended edges for wheelchairs. He has been in contact with park supply companies and suggested Landscape Structures which has a sister company called ACS based in Oklahoma City. He provided a brochure about projects the company has been working on. He would like to see one of the two parks the City is currently working on become an all-inclusive park. Mr. Foster stated he has a meeting with this group tomorrow morning and the two parks Mr. Brackage is referring to are Ruby Grant and Saxon Parks.

ITEM 8, being:

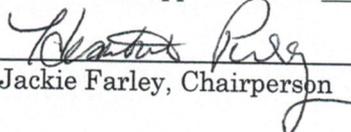
ADJOURNMENT

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

YEAH: Chairman Farley and Commissioners Brigham, Brockhaus, Hoover, Salmond and Wright

NAY: None

Passed and approved this 7th of January 2016



Jackie Farley, Chairperson