

Norman Board of Parks Commissioners
June 6, 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 6th day of June, 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 Brigham, Brockhaus, Chappel, Goth, Hoover, London, Perry and Stewart

Absent: None

City Officials

Present: Jud Foster, Director of Parks and Recreation
James Briggs, Park Planner

ITEM 2, being:

APPROVAL OF THE MAY 2, 2013 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Commissioner Goth 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, Goth, Hoover, London, Perry and Stewart

NAY: None

ITEM 3, being:

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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

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

NAY: None

ITEM 4, being:

PRESENTATION OF ANNUAL REPORT FROM THE SOONER THEATRE

Jennifer Baker, Executive Director for the Sooner Theatre presented the annual report for the Theatre. Ms. Baker thanked the City for all they do to take care of the Sooner Theatre.

The Studio has 730 students who are or will be participating in a camp or class this year. This year's Main Event Series will have Patty Griffin, Marcia Ball, Asleep at the Wheel and Delbert McClinton. Sooner Stage Presents has Man Of La Mancha, White Christmas and Hello Dolly. Students of the Studio have performed at many local events including, Norman Music Festival, Earth Day, May Fair, June Bug Jam and for several local church events.

An overview of rental activities, special events and festivals and outreach and development was given. Ms. Baker provided a power point presentation and board members viewed a short video. A written report including the budget and financial information was submitted.

The board acknowledged the presentation and complimented Ms. Baker on the great job she does for the Sooner Theatre.

ITEM 5, being:

CONSIDERATION OF PARKLAND DEDICATION REQUIREMENTS FOR THE
PARK 7 ADDITION

Park 7 Addition is located in Section 9 of Township 8 North, Range 2 West of the Indian Meridian. It is bounded by Cedar Lane Road on the south, State Highway 9 on the north, 12th Ave. SE on the west and the BNSF Railroad on the east. This section is a smaller-than-normal section, since it is cut-off from being square by both the railroad and the highway. The parcel lies east of the Astellas industrial property and just north of the Cedar Lane PUD. There are 310 RM-2 units in this addition for a total required parkland dedication of 1.3718 acres.

This development will yield \$23,250 in Neighborhood Park Development Fees and the same amount in Community Park Development fees once all building permits have been issued. The project is directly south of the Campus Crest Addition, which Park Board reviewed in 2011. A fee-in-lieu of land decision was made for that addition, since the property could not count its on-site amenities (pool, clubhouse, etc.) as public or private parkland. A similar situation is presented for the Park 7 Addition; and therefore, the developer is requesting a fee-in-lieu of land decision.

Staff agrees with this request and is proposing to utilize these fees for improvements at the Cedar Lane Park Site, which contains 6.32 acres of land. In addition to the fees which could be used at Cedar Lane Park Site, the developer of Park 7 Addition is proposing to construct a number of recreational features for this project, such as a swimming pool, basketball court, a sand volleyball court, and a clubhouse. These will help to serve the recreational needs of the residents of the Park 7 Addition.

Staff recommends that the Board of Park Commissioners make a fee-in-lieu of land decision for the Park 7 Addition.

James Briggs, park planner presented an overview of the staff recommendation.

Commissioner Hoover made the motion which was seconded by Commissioner Brockhaus to recommend accepting fee-in-lieu of land for the Park 7 Addition. The vote was taken with the following results:

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

NAY: None

ITEM 6, being:

MISCELLANEOUS

Evan Dunn, 1014 Missouri Street, spoke to the board. Mr. Dunn requested areas of some parks not be mowed and to let them go wild so young people would be able to see what nature looks like. He also requested consideration of being able to plant a teaching garden at Faculty Heights Park so children would know where food is coming from and know what it looks like before it gets to the grocery store. Mr. Dunn also requested modification to Ordinance 15-605 which prohibits staying in a park dusk to dawn, to allow for overnight stay and camping in the park.

Commissioner Perry asked Mr. Dunn if he had spoken with Food and Shelter for Friends or another group about utilizing the food that would be grown. Mr. Dunn stated no, but that would be a good idea.

Commissioner London asked if garden clubs had set a precedent to allow a community garden. Mr. Foster stated there are similarities but there is a difference between a display garden where products would be labeled and a community garden where food would be distributed. There would be some issues to be worked through.

Chairman Farley stated she thought it was a novel idea and asked where to start. Mr. Foster said the Park Board would need to put a committee together and meet with whoever would be interested and talk through the intent and details.

Commissioner Perry stated the Pisces Project is going to host a swim event at Westwood Pool on August 3rd from 9-noon and invited everyone out.

Commissioner London asked about the \$35,000 grant for Saxon Park she read about in the paper. Mr. Foster stated the initial development phase was about to begin which includes the entry road, parking, trail head and trail surface. This grant would be part of phase two and is intended to supplement a fitness type trail. The grant was written through the Healthy Community Coalition and Norman Regional Hospital.

Chairman Farley passed out an article from NRPA about making people aware of how green space is linked to happiness and the need to invest in well designed and managed green spaces.

Commissioner Hoover asked how far games were behind due to rain. Mr. Foster stated games are being rescheduled and we are getting caught up.

Chairman Farley asked if the softball building construction at Reaves Park had been delayed by the weather. James Briggs stated it had been severely delayed. The slab has been poured and with the warmer weather coming up it should proceed and be completed.

Mr. Foster stated we lost about 14-15 days due to weather on the Legacy Park construction.

Mr. Foster stated next month the Park Board regularly scheduled meeting would fall on July 4th. One option would be to move to the 3rd, or not meet until August. The consensus of the board was to cancel the meeting if there are no plats to review.

ITEM 7, being:

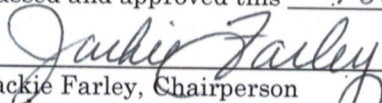
ADJOURNMENT

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

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

NAY: None

Passed and approved this 1st of August 2013



Jackie Farley, Chairperson