
Norman Board of Parks Commissioners
February 4, 2016

The Norman Board of Parks Commissioners of the City of Norman, Cleveland County, State of Oklahoma, met in the Council Chambers on the 4th day of February, 2016 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 Chappel, Hoover, London, Salmond and Wright

Absent: Commissioners Brockhaus and Perry
1 position vacant

City Officials

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

ITEM 2, being:

APPROVAL OF THE JANUARY 7, 2016 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

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

YEAH: Chairman Farley and Commissioners Chappel, Hoover, London, Salmond and Wright

NAY: None

ITEM 3, being:

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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

YEAH: Chairman Farley and Commissioners Chappel, Hoover, London, Salmond and Wright

NAY: None

ITEM 4, being:

CONSIDERATION OF BOARD OF PARKS COMMISSIONERS SUB-COMMITTEE
APPOINTMENTS

Park Land Acquisition and Development

Phil Brockhaus
Jeff Salmond

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

Jeff Salmond
James Chappel

Bikeways and Sidewalks

Kristi Wright
Heather Perry

Programs Review Committee

Jackie Farley
Betty London
Debbie Hoover

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

YEAH: Chairman Farley and Commissioners Chappel, Hoover, London,
Salmond and Wright

NAY: None

ITEM 5, being:

PRESENTATION OF ANNUAL REPORT FROM NORMAN AMATEUR SOFTBALL
FOUNDATION

Guy Miller, Treasurer of the Norman Amateur Softball Foundation presented to the board. He stated due to the unusual heavy rain the Summer League did not begin play until the 2nd week of June and was not completed until the latter part of September. They fielded a total of 111 teams for adult play. They again held the Triple Crown Girls Fast Pitch Tournament out of Colorado. The NASF continues to work with other organizations to host various softball fund raising events. Mr. Miller stated the passage of the Norman Forward initiative will re-energize the softball community and will help in securing future tournaments for groups looking for a premier location to host an event.

A written report and financial report was received prior to the meeting. The board acknowledged the report.

ITEM 6, being

PRESENTATION OF ANNUAL REPORT FROM LITTLE AXE YOUTH SPORTS
ASSOCIATION

Korey Klover, President of the Little Axe Youth Sports Association presented to the board. LAYS held a coach pitch pre-season tournament with 21 teams entered in the tournament they also held a post season PeeWee tournament. They participate with the North Canadian Athletic Association for league play. The regular season consisted of 12 teams with approximately 144 players. Weather conditions slowed play this season. They are anticipating 12 teams again this year. Improvements for 2016 will include bleachers, draining and field work, concrete and erosion work. They continue to work with Park Staff on improvements and concession stand issues. They will hold a pre-season tournament beginning April 1st.

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ITEM 7, being:

DISCUSSION REGARDING CREATING A BICYCLE SKILLS COURSE

Tom Woodfin chairman of the Norman Bicycle Advisory Committee presented a slide presentation to define what is involved with design and construction of a Bicycle "Skills Course" in one of Norman's Park sites. He stated potential funding sources include; municipal support, grants, corporate gifts, fundraising and in-kind donations. He feels there is a need for this type of facility. A typical course uses about 3 acres. Possible sites the BAC looked at are Ruby Grant Park, Saxon Park and 24th & E. Lindsey on some voluntary park land. He stated typically a bike group would maintain the course.

There were questions about cost, who would maintain, liability and noise level. Mr. Foster stated those things would still need to be researched. The Master Plan scientific survey showed there was significant interest in having a bicycle course. There are no funds available from Norman Forward for this project. It is hoped that maintenance could be done by a private group.

After a brief discussion a motion was made by Commissioner Chappel and seconded by Commissioner Salmond to support exploring the feasibility of a Bicycle Skills Course in Norman. The vote was taken with the following results:

YEAH: Chairman Farley and Commissioners Chappel, Hoover, London, Salmond and Wright

NAY: None

ITEM 8, being

MISCELLANEOUS COMMENTS

Jud Foster gave a quick Norman Forward update. Staff is working hard on the Westwood Swim Complex. Proposals were received and reviewed from 15 designers. The top three were selected and interviewed. Staff is currently checking references and hope to have a contract for services on the February 23rd Council Agenda. The current timeline is for the pool to operate this season as normal, and then be ready to open the new facility for 2017.

Chairman Farley stated she sat in on the Senior Citizen's Center committee which is ongoing. Jud said they are still waiting on the decision from the Attorney General regarding the use of the 2008 General Obligation Bond money.

Commissioner Hoover said she had been approached by baseball parents with concerns the fields at Reaves Park would not be ready for baseball season. Mr. Foster stated staff is working on the fields and plan to be ready.

Commissioner Salmond asked about the status of the Legacy Park usage policy. Mr. Foster stated the committee had met and staff is reviewing the policy with the Business Improvement District Board and is still a work in progress.

Commissioner Chappel stated Dennis Brigham was nominated to be District Governor of Rotary which is quite an honor.

Jud Foster reminded the board the Daddy Daughter Dance is Saturday. Over 4200 tickets had been sold and we are approaching one of the largest in the country.

ITEM 9, being

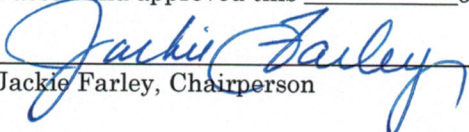
ADJOURNMENT

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

YEAH: Chairman Farley and Commissioners Chappel, Hoover, London,
Salmond and Wright

NAY: None

Passed and approved this 3rd of March 2016



Jackie Farley, Chairperson