2024 MINUTES REGULAR MEETING
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
TUESDAY, MAY 7 2024, 5:30 PM
OWENS MULTIPURPOSE CENTER
1405 S 11TH STREET, LAWTON, OK, 73501

The Meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission was held Tuesday, May 7, 2024, at The Owens Multipurpose Center, 1405 S 11th Street, Lawton, Oklahoma, and called to order by Chairperson, Michael Scott, at 5:31 p.m.

ROLL CALL:
MEMBERS PRESENT: Mike Scott, Terry Brierton, Linda Neal, Jason Wells, Vince Cambron, Dennis Clippenger, David Tyler

MEMBERS ABSENT: Jason Scott, Anthony Cox, Mike Pollard and Jeshialix Sutherland, Melissa Beck

STAFF PRESENT: Larry Parks (P&R Director) and Antonio Hopson (Parks & Grounds Superintendent)

OTHERS PRESENT: None.

II. REPORTS

A. Staff Reports: Larry Parks reported.
   1. Council Parks aka Children United Playground grand opening will take place on June 1st @ 10am.
   2. Park improvements have commenced with Gray Warr Park, currently 80 percent complete. Funding has been allocated for tennis court resurfacing with the addition of pickleball lines to be drawn.
   3. Aquatics Center groundbreaking should take place within the next week or two and the Parks & Recreation Commission will receive invites.
   4. The current splashpads (Elmer Thomas, Clement Washington, and Mocine) and wading pools (35th Division and Harmon) are up and running, scheduled to open May 27th. The new splashpad additions at Lee West and Eastside conceptual plans needed to be adjusted and will be presented to City Council in the upcoming month.
   5. Lake improvement funds have been allocated in roughly of $4 million for infrastructure improvements such as paved roads, parking lots, trash receptacles, and possible upgrades to sewage lines. For more information the next Lakes & Lands Meeting is April 17th @ 4:15pm.
   6. Rec. Center renovations are underway with the H.C. King kitchen and HVAC, Patterson Center lobby flooring, bathrooms and gym ceiling, and the Owens center lobby flooring and ceiling tiles.

B. Commission Member Reports
   1. Michael Scott introduced new commission member Vince Cambron (Ward 5) replacing Jacobi Crowley.
   2. Dennis Clippenger questioned future plans to address the park on 38th street, Greer Park aka Kidzone and has P&R staff collaborated with AMBUCS.
      i. Larry stated Kidzone is one of the community issues addressed in the PROPEL CIP 2040 and confirmed staff has communicated with AMBUCS and is aware of the maintenance program offered.
   3. David Tyler expressed community concern around Crystal Hills park upgrades and individuals parking . He has dispelled rumors of selling off the park by correcting the narrative that Blythe's Point park. David stated he will continue to mow a walking path for homeschoolers in the future, maybe consider a concrete path in the future.

III. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

A. None.

IV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Aquatics season updates from staff
   1. Larry Parks – As reported in staff reports the 3 splashpads and 2 wading pools are scheduled to open Memorial Day weekend. The Municipal Pool will remain closed and alternate locations will be presented to City Council. The additions to Eastside and Lee West will also be presented to Council in the upcoming months.
      i. Michael Scott questioned future plans to convert Clement Washington to City water versus the current recycled City water. Larry replied at the end of aquatics season Guernsey will be addressing aquatics facilities updates.

B. Park improvement plan updates from staff
   1. Larry Parks – QR Code signs for park usage information have been purchased and will be placed in parks for community patrons to access. Hardcopy packet provided to commission members.

V. OTHER DISCUSSION – *NOT ON AGENDA*

A. Michael Scott – Discussion on new ordinance pertaining to alternates used and updating the manual of operations. Questioned what happened to the revisions made in the January meeting with Deputy Director Mitch Dooley and have they been sent to legal for review. Larry replied that he will locate the revised version and provided both copies in an email to the commission.

VI. BUSINESS

A. Consider approving minutes from the March 5, 2024 Regular Meeting.

MOTION by Linda Neal; SECOND by Dennis Clippenger
AYES: Mike Scott, Terry Brierton, Linda Neal, Jason Wells, Vince Cambron, Dennis Clippenger, David Tyler
NAYS: None.
MOTION CARRIES

*****Next Regular Meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 2, 2024, at 5:30 p.m. *****

VII. ADJOURN

MOTION by Jason Wells; SECOND by Mike Pollard
AYES: Mike Scott, Terry Brierton, Linda Neal, Jason Wells, Vince Cambron, Dennis Clippenger, David Tyler
NAYS: None. MOTION CARRIES

Meeting adjourned @ 6:05 p.m.