

MINUTES
LAWTON CITY LAKES AND LAND COMMISSION SPECIAL CALLED MEETING
MARCH 23RD, 2023, 4:00 PM
LAWTON CITY HALL
212 SW 9TH STREET, LAWTON, OKLAHOMA
BANQUET ROOM

Christine James, Parks and Recreation Director

Also Present:

Mitchell Dooley, P & R Deputy Director

James Bonnarens, Lake Supervisor

Misty Roberts, Lakes Admin II

Mark Scott called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. Notice of the meeting and agenda were posted on the City Hall notice board as required by law.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT:

Mark Scott (Chair)

Austin Rabon (Co-chair)

Donald Smith

Dustin Hilliary

Kade McClure

Tim Hushbeck

Absent:

Sean Fortenbaugh

REPORTS: PARKS & RECREATION STAFF: None

COMMISSION MEMBERS: None

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION: Large audience present for the presentation from Halff Associates of the Lakes Master Plan

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Consider approving the minutes from the January 18th, 2023 Regular Meeting

Rabon makes a motion to accept the minutes from January 18th, 2023, regular meeting, Smith seconds the motion. AYE: Scott, Rabon, Smith, Hilliary, McClure Abstain: Hushbeck due to not being present at the meeting. NAY: NONE

B. Consider receiving a presentation from Halff Associates regarding the status of the Master Plan for Lakes Lawtonka and Ellsworth Recreation Areas and providing final comments to Halff for inclusion of the final draft plan.

Halff Associate James Hazzard presented the Lakes Master Plan slide show to the commission members going over the process, project understanding, meeting and committee inputs, draft of the visioning plan and then questions.

After the presentation Mark Scott states that he would like to open the questions for the commission members. The process for the public feedback would be to send in email format. The goal then would be to compile into one list and forward to Halff Associates before the next meeting.

Austin Rabon asked if Halff Associates if they had any concern about the lakes capacity to have outside people coming in? The lake is extremely crowded on holiday weekends and when it comes to bringing in more people what about the safety of the lakes?

Hazzard responded that there are more ways to control that by issuing permits. More control to the sites and boating access also needs to be considered in addition to more security and lake staff to keep the counts under control.

Rabon asked how do the concessions, bars, restaurants sustain during the off season?

Hazzard responds that there will be a low season but providing those kinds of facilities with additional activities would keep the RV's coming in year around.

Tim Hushbeck states that he sees more potential growth for Lake Ellsworth. He would like to see roads improved, beautification and clean up to make Lake Ellsworth more attractive.

There were no other reports, correspondence, or discussion and the meeting adjourned by unanimous decision of the Commission at 5:20

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY THE
LAKES AND LAND COMMISSION
CHAIRMAN, MARK SCOTT