



MINUTES
LAWTON YOUTH SPORTS TRUST AUTHORITY
SPECIAL MEETING
LAWTON CITY HALL- 212 SW 9th Street, Lawton, Oklahoma
3rd FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2022 2:00 P.M.

Chairman Henry called the meeting to order at 2:01 p.m. in the Third Floor Conference Room in City Hall. Notice of meeting and agenda were posted on the City Hall notice board as required by law.

I. ROLL CALL

PRESENT:

Brian Henry
Albert Johnson, Jr.
Hossein Moini
Randy Warren
Steve Coleman

ABSENT:

Sean Fortenbaugh
Carey Monroe
Clint Powell
Krista Ratliff

ALSO PRESENT:

Dewayne Burk, Deputy City Manager
Tim Wilson, City Attorney's Office
Christine James, Parks & Rec Director
Matt Elliott, Eastern Sports Management
Donalynn Blazek-Scherler, Recording Secretary
Kim McConnell, Lawton Constitution

I. REPORTS

- A. Programs Committee-** Receive a report from Moini regarding the activities of the Programs Committee.

No Report Given.

- B. Facilities Committee-** Receive a report from Chairman Henry regarding the activities of the Facilities Committee.

No Report Given.

- C. Parks & Recreation-** Receive a report from the City of Lawton Parks & Rec Division.

No Report Given.

D. Eastern Sports Management- Receive a report from Eastern Sports Management.

Matt Elliott with Eastern Sports Management gave report. He stated Fall programming is going well. ESM is working on scheduling playoffs and figuring out awards.

Elliott stated we are on the cusp of opening Winter programming. We will be adding a 14U age division to basketball since there was no previous offering for 13 and 14-year-olds. We will also offer volleyball programming. Elliot stated this is a good season extension for those who are currently playing volleyball or are about to start playing volleyball for the school. There is club volleyball at that time, but for the ones that don't play club, this will be an opportunity they have never had.

Elliott stated we are currently partnering with LSC to provide indoor soccer for the Winter as well. This will be an opportunity for LSC and us to expand programming and build on our relationship.

Elliott stated we are testing the market a little bit on adult volleyball. Outside of adult softball, which we are doing, there is not an adult offering in the Winter.

Moini asked if there would be any scheduling issues since basketball and volleyball will be using the same facilities.

Elliott stated no, they will play on different days so there won't be any issues there. When we talk about indoor soccer, that will be using those indoor resources as well. He stated that will be a little bit of scheduling magic on my part, but we feel like we are headed in a very good direction with it and will have the resources to pull it off.

Moini commented that his grandson plays flag football, and a couple of Thursdays ago, he couldn't even find a parking space. He stated that is such a great problem to have. Moini asked if there are concessions at the games.

Elliott stated there should be. It still falls under Optimists.

Chairman Henry stated there was a small snafu, but the Optimists have a lease agreement through May on all City facilities.

Johnson Jr. asked about the traffic on the PlayLawton site.

Elliott stated it is where we expected it to be. We are just continuing to funnel people there and trying to increase that presence. We want to divert people to our socials as well and get them familiar with the website. That's our big push right now.

Chairman Henry stated there was a scheduling obstacle to overcome first thing with volleyball. ESM got it all taken care of, and I heard from parents afterwards that the communication regarding the change of sites was fantastic. They were all supposed to play at Central Middle School, but the floor wasn't done yet, and they had to find other locations. Cameron University stepped in to help out.

Coleman asked if ESM will be handling indoor soccer signups.

Elliott stated yes.

II. BUSINESS ITEMS:

A. Consider approving the minutes of the September 8, 2022 meeting.

Motion by Warren, **Second** by Moini, to approve the minutes of the September 8, 2022 meeting. **AYE:** Henry, Johnson, Moini, Warren, Coleman. **NAY:** None. ***MOTION PASSED.***

B. Consider approving a lease agreement between the City of Lawton and Lawton Youth Sports Trust Authority for the Lease of Land and Agreement for Use of a portion of Eastside Park and authorize the Chairman and Secretary to execute said lease agreement.

Chairman Henry stated this lease agreement ties into what our Trust Indenture calls us to do, which is to oversee and have use of the City's assets. The goal is to have Eastern take over any assets we have, including Eastside and 38th Street, by July 1, 2023. This lease agreement is dated December 31, 2023, but that is only because this lease was already in place. This is just to convert it from LPS to us first.

James stated she has fielded several phone calls from LPS regarding Eastside and asked where she should direct those calls.

Chairman Henry stated direct them to me. I have had discussions with Kevin Hime, Jason James, and folks at MacArthur Middle School.

James stated they keep saying they are leasing it, and she has explained that they are not leasing it from the City; they are leasing from the Sports Authority. She does not want the Sports Authority to be left out of that communication.

Chairman Henry stated he has shared with them that we need to get this piece done, and then we can turn around and finalize a use agreement with them.

Chairman Henry stated LPS is building three facilities, one at each of their high schools. We were exploring whether or not there would be any joint use opportunities with them on their new facilities and our new facility. They want to start at Eisenhower and MacArthur immediately, but the only site at MacArthur to

put a building is the middle school baseball field. Because of this, they want to use Eastside Park for middle school baseball starting in February. They will handle all of the conversion and maintenance while they are using it. They were seeking exclusive use of it, but we can't do exclusive because, hopefully, we'll need it.

Motion by Moini, **Second** by Warren, to approve a lease agreement between the City of Lawton and Lawton Youth Sports Trust Authority for the Lease of Land and Agreement for Use of a portion of Eastside Park and authorize the Chairman and Secretary to execute said lease agreement.

C. According to Section 3.3 of the Management Agreement, consider authorizing Eastern Sports Management to conduct Indoor Facility Conceptual Planning Services and authorize the Chairman to execute an Authorization Letter to Eastern Sports Management.

Chairman Henry stated the Management Agreement has been provided and Section 3.3 outlines the Indoor Facility Conceptual Planning Services. City Council approved \$40,000.00 of funding for this item. All they need is a letter from us asking them to do it and \$40,000.00 in funding. Today, we are just seeking approval to issue the letter authorizing Section 3.3.

Moini asked if there is a timeline for Eastern to complete this.

Chairman Henry stated there is not a timeline but based on a conversation he had with them today, it can be as long as 6 months. Some of that will depend on the number of sites given to them as potentials because they will do a ranking system based on metrics.

Motion by Johnson, **Second** by Warren, to authorize Eastern Sports Management to conduct Indoor Facility Conceptual Planning Services and authorize the Chairman to execute an Authorization Letter to Eastern Sports Management

ADJOURN

Motion by Warren, **Second** by Coleman, to adjourn the meeting of October 13, 2022.
AYE: Warren, Coleman, Henry, Johnson, Moini **NAY:** None. ***MOTION PASSED.***

There be no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:17 PM.