

Minutes
Regular Meeting of the Park & Recreation Commission
May 27, 2008

The meeting was called to order at 6:01pm by Chairman Brown

Roll call was taken by Anita Kimbrough, ex officio

Members Present: Kevin Brown, Marsha Ladd, Don Moore, and Michael Wojtkowicz.

Members Absent: Richard Theile

Approve Agenda:

A motion to approve the agenda as presented was made by Commissioner Wojtkowicz and supported by Commissioner Moore. There was no discussion on the motion.

Ayes: all, motion carried

Nays: none

Approve Minutes from May 12, 2008 Special meeting:

A motion to approve the minutes from the May 12, 2008 meeting as presented was made by Commissioner Wojtkowicz and supported by Commissioner Ladd. There was no discussion on the motion.

Ayes: all, motion carried

Nays: none

Skate Park Presentation

Justin Eppler gave a presentation on the Owosso Skate Park that included information on the current conditions of the park and recommendations for future improvements. Mr. Eppler highlighted rust, corrosion, uneven surface plating, and missing hardware, lack of restrooms and public seating, and general disrepair. He noted that mainly there are safety concerns with the deteriorating equipment. Mr. Eppler also noted that with community volunteers, we would be able to reduce installation costs of new equipment. Commissioner Brown asked Mr. Eppler if he is willing to lead the charge on grants and other fundraisers for the project, and Mr. Eppler indicated that he is willing. Commissioner Ladd offered her assistance in grant writing during the summer months. Commissioner Ladd made a motion to support Mr. Eppler in his efforts with the skate park. Commissioner Moore supported the motion.

Ayes: all, motion carried

Nays: none

Chairperson Brown indicated that the next step would be to take a proposal to City Council.

Presentation by Mark Sedlack, DPW Superintendent

Mark Sedlak gave a presentation that highlighted the summer activities of the DPW in relation to the parks and their maintenance. The grass mowing and pavilion upkeep were highlighted in his presentation. Commissioner Ladd indicated that she had requested a presentation by Mr. Sedlak to open a line of communication between the Commission and the DPW.

Bylaws Adoption

Commissioner Moore noted that the bylaws were simple and effective. On that note, he made a motion to accept the Parks & Recreation Bylaws as presented. Commissioner Wojkowitz supported the motion.

Ayes: all, motion carried

Nays: none

Citizen/ Commissioner Comments:

Bob Flynn came to ask the support of the Parks & Recreation Commission to form a 'Friends of Collamer Park' group for extra maintenance of the mountain bike trails. Commissioner Wojkowitz made a motion to support this group, and the motion was supported by Commissioner Ladd.

Ayes: all, motion carried

Nays: none

Anita Kimbrough, ex officio, noted that she will be in contact with Mr. Flynn to get a volunteer form completed and approved.

Burton Fox wanted to thank the Parks & Recreation Commission and Mark Sedlak, DPW Superintendent, for their support of efforts for improving the Veteran's Memorial at Fayette Square.

Adjournment:

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Commissioner Wojtkowicz. The motion was supported by Commissioner Ladd. The meeting adjourned at 6:58 pm.

The next scheduled meeting of the Parks & Recreation Commission is June 23, 2008 to be held at Bentley Park in the Pavilion, weather permitting, at 6:00pm.

Anita Kimbrough
Secretary and Ex officio member