

Minutes
Regular Meeting of the Park & Recreation Commission
Council Chambers, City Hall
February 23, 2009

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Brent Morgan, Ex-officio Member.

Roll call was taken by Brent Morgan, Ex-officio member.

Members Present: Marsha Ladd, Jerry Hebekeuser, Don Moore

Members Absent: Kevin Brown, Michael Wojkowicz.

Other Present: Councilperson Gary Martenis, Ex-Officio Member Brent Morgan, Piper Brewer

Approve Agenda:

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

Ayes: all, motion carried

Nays: none

Approve Minutes from January 26, 2009 meeting:

A motion to approve the minutes from the January 26, 2009 meeting as presented was made by Commissioner Hebekeuser and supported by Commissioner Ladd . There was no discussion on the motion.

Ayes: all, motion carried

Nays: none

Review/ Adoption of Annual Park Analysis and Action Plan

Ex-officio member Morgan presented the Annual Park Analysis and Action Plan to the Commission. Discussion was held regarding the Annual Park Analysis and Action Plan. Commissioner Ladd requested information regarding the Holman Pool.

Councilmember Gary Martenis updated the Commission regarding the status of Holman Pool and the remaining funding. He will be exploring opportunities regarding the future of Holman Pool with the City Manager. Moreover, he will be obtaining information regarding a referendum for the Holman Pool. Furthermore, he stated Council was very supportive of a major Playscape for Bentley Park.

Discussion ensued regarding the Park Analysis & Action Plan, Holman Pool and Improving the Youth Baseball Facilities.

A motion to adopt the Annual Park Analysis and Action Plan was made by Commissioner Hebekeuser and supported by Commissioner Moore. There was no discussion on the motion.

Ayes: all, motion carried

Nays: none

Ex-officio member Morgan stated he would draft a memo on behalf of the Parks & Recreation Commission regarding to the City Council regarding the Annual Park Analysis & Action Plan. This memo would outline the process used to create the document, highlight the goals the commission is working on of *Promote Youth Baseball & Improve Facilities* and *Community Playscape at Bentley Park*.

Discussion of Owosso Community Pride Week

Ex-officio member Morgan presented a letter and form from the Owosso Community Pride Week Committee. He reviewed them with the commission and asked if they would be willing to participate with a project during the week of May 16 – 24.

Discussion was held regarding a Clean Up at the Rudy DeMuth with the Owosso Little League. Commissioner Hebekeuser volunteered to take the lead on the project. Commission Moore presented a request to use the Paymaster Building to sell 50/50 raffle during the Curwood Festival. Discussion ensued regarding the use of the Paymaster Building, approaching the Curwood Festival Board, and permits required to hold a 50/50 raffled.

A motion to participate in the Owosso Community Pride Week by performing a Clean Up of the Rudy Demuth Field on May 16, 2009 in conjunction with the Owosso Little League was made by Commissioner Hebekeuser and supported by Commissioner Moore. There was no discussion on the motion.

Ayes: all, motion carried

Nays: none

Commissioner Hebekeuser stated he would research a 50/50 raffle with the Curwood Festival Board and the Owosso Little League. Ex-officio member Morgan stated he would attend an upcoming Owosso Little League Meeting on behalf of the Parks & Recreation Commission requesting there participation in the Owosso Community Pride Week.

Citizen/ Commissioner Comments:

Commissioner Ladd requested what the protocol was regarding the resignation of the Chairman Brown. Ex-officio member Morgan stated it once it was accepted by Council, the commission would need to elect a new Chairman and this would be an agenda item at the March Meeting. Moreover, according to the by-laws the Vice Chair will assume the responsibilities of the Chair in the absence or disqualification.

No Citizen comment.

Adjournment:

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Commissioner Hebekeuser. The motion was supported by Commissioner Ladd. The meeting adjourned at 7:25 pm.

Brent D. Morgan
Secretary and Ex-officio member