

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

The meeting was called to order at 6:25 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:** Michael Wojkowicz.

**Other Present:** Councilperson Gary Martenis, Ex-Officio Member Brent Morgan,  
Councilperson Mike Cline, City Manager Joe Fivas

**Approve Agenda:**

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

Ayes: all, motion carried

Nays: none

**Approve Minutes from February 23, 2009 meeting:**

A motion to approve the minutes from the February 23, 2009 meeting as presented was made by Commissioner Ladd and supported by Commissioner Moore. There was no discussion on the motion.

Ayes: all, motion carried

Nays: none

**Annual Election of Officers**

Ex-officio member Morgan opened up the floor for nominations.

A motion to nominate commissioner Ladd for Chair and commissioner Hebekeuser as Vice Chair was made by commissioner Hebekeuser and supported by commissioner Moore. There was no discussion on the motion.

Ayes: all, motion carried.

Nays

A motion to elect commissioner Ladd for Chair and commissioner Hebekeuser as Vice Chair was made by Commissioner Hebekeuser and supported by Commissioner Moore. There was no discussion on the motion.

Ayes: all, motion carried

Nays: none

**Update Owosso Community Pride Week:**

***Promoting Youth Baseball & Improving Facilities***

Chairman Ladd was congratulated on becoming the new Chair and ex-officio Member Morgan turned the meeting over to her. Board Member Hebekeuser stated he and ex-officio member Morgan would be attending the Owosso Youth Baseball League Meeting on Tuesday March 24, 2009 at 6:00 at Baker College in regards to there participation in Owosso Community Pride on behalf of the Parks & Recreation Commission.

Discussion was held regarding the strategy for designing, fundraising and building a new concession stand.

Vice Chairman Hebekeuser stated he attended the Curwood Festival Meeting and the Owosso Youth Baseball League will be participating in a fundraiser at the event. The last sign up for Owosso Youth Baseball League is this evening and they have approximately 36 teams.

Chairman Ladd inquired about shirts for volunteers and Vice Chairman Hebekeuser stated he would check with the Owosso Youth Baseball League at their upcoming meeting.

**Discussion Bentley Park Playscape**

Chairman Ladd stated she went to Bentley Park yesterday and noticed the following:

- Basketball courts hoops have Kiwanis signs on them.
- Light Poles already at tennis courts and basketball courts.
- Sign says the park is closed at dusk.
- Pavilion needs some repairs.
- Wooden Playscape has some structural issues.

City Manager Fivas stated he would look into the wooden playscape issue. Discussion was held regarding implication of moving old equipment to a different location.

Ex-officio member Morgan presented an aerial map of Bentley Park which illustrated existing equipment. Discussion was held regarding the ideal location for a playscape. Two location were narrowed down to put the playscape.

Chairman Ladd stated she would perform some playscape research. Discussion was held regarding a possible plan being developed. Ex-officio member Morgan would review the two location sites with the City Engineer Ron Baker.

**Citizen/ Commissioner Comments:**

Councilmember Gary Martenis introduced Council Member Michael Cline who had an idea to share with the commission. Councilmember Cline stated he would be willing to Chair a Fishing Tournament at Hopkins Lake and all the proceeds would go the Parks & Recreation Commission. A tentative date would be July 11, 2009. Moreover, he would approach businesses for sponsorships and would run the event. Chairman Ladd was very supportive of the event as well as Vice Chairman Hebekeuser. Discussion was held regarding the event.

Chairman Ladd requested this be placed on the agenda at the next meeting Fishing Tournament.

Commissioner Hebekeuser inquired about the remaining money in the Holman Pool Fund. City Manager Fivas stated he had not received any petition or fundraising drive regarding Holman Pool and there is not enough remaining funds to open the pool for a significant amount of time due to start up costs.

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 7:30 pm.

Brent D. Morgan  
Secretary and Ex-officio member