

Minutes
Regular Meeting of the Park & Recreation Commission
Council Chambers, City Hall
April 27, 2009

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Chairman Ladd.

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

Members Present: Marsha Ladd, Jerry Hebekeuser, Don Moore, Michael Wojkowicz

Members Absent:

Other Present: Councilperson Gary Martenis, Ex-Officio Member Brent Morgan,
Councilperson Mike Cline, Jackie Leone Independent Newspaper

Approve Agenda:

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

Ayes: all, motion carried

Nays: none

Approve Minutes from March 23, 2009 meeting:

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

Ayes: all, motion carried

Nays: none

Update Owosso Community Pride:

Promoting Owosso Youth Baseball & Improving Facilities

Vice Chair Hebekeuser updated the board on the Community Pride Event, upon an observation of the field and the following projects need to be performed as part of the clean up on 10:00 a.m. Saturday May 16, 2009. Clean up brush at park and paint concession stand.

Ex Officio Member Morgan will obtain the paint, pick up truck, and other needed items from the City of Owosso DPW.

Councilperson Martenis requested if possible the time for the walk of history sesquicentennial occur later in the day not to interfere with the clean up.

Chairman Ladd requested a reminder e-mail be sent out regarding the event.

Councilperson Martenis offered to plant flowers near the flag pole area.

Chairman Ladd requested an e-mail of community pride flyers be sent to commissioners.

Discussion Bentley Park Playscape

Chairman Ladd presented a power point titled *Preliminary Ideas for Bentley Park Playscape* to the commission. This presentation provided general background information regarding the parks, pictures of the existing playground equipment at the parks, rationale for Bentley Park location, review of Hawk Island Playground in Lansing, community build sponsorship concept and review of possible themes to be incorporated in the playscape.

Discussion was held regarding the timeline for the project.

Councilmember Martenis presented information that he obtained from Hawk Island Playground in Lansing. He suggested a field trip to look at the park.

A motion to take a field trip to Hawk Island Park in Lansing in after the meeting of the next Parks & Recreation Board Meeting on May 26, 2009 was made by commissioner Hebekeuser. The motion was supported by commissioner Wojkowicz.

Ayes: all, motion carried

Nays: none

Fishing Tournament Fundraiser

Councilmember Cline requested the Commission approved the event at the next meeting on May 26, 2009. He reviewed the event with the commission and stated the insurance for the event would be waived and is requesting the event occur July 11, 2009 at 8:00 a.m.

Discussion was held regarding the entry fee to enter the fishing tournament, rules and regulation for the event, registration form, prizes, and other ideas regarding the event.

A motion to approve and endorse the Fishing Tournament Fundraiser for July 11, 2009 at 8:00 and by made Moore, motion supported by Hebekeuser.

Discussion was held on the sign up time frame for the event and \$5.00 entry fee.

Ayes: all, motion carried

Nays: none

Citizen/ Commissioner Comments:

Ex Officio member Morgan stated Caroline Lawrence was appointed to the commission at the last council meeting. Moreover, Jerry Zemcik inquired about moving the Vietnam Veteran's memorial in front of the VFW to Fayette Square with the other monuments honoring soldiers at the last council meeting also.

Discussion was held regarding this memorial and Councilmember Cline updated the commission on status of this monument.

A motion commission to support and recommend to the Owosso City Council of the moving and installation of the existing Vietnam Memorial located at the VFW hall which has been approved by the VFW to Fayette Square. Second by Moore.

Ayes: all, motion carried

Nays: none

Adjournment:

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Commission Hebekeuser. The motion was supported by Commissioner Moore. The meeting adjourned at 7:40 pm.

Brent D. Morgan

Secretary and Ex-officio member