

**Minutes**  
**Regular Meeting of the Parks & Recreation Commission**  
**Council Chambers, City Hall**  
**May 28, 2013 – 6 p.m.**

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

**Pledge of Allegiance:** The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all in attendance.

**Roll Call** was taken by Recording Secretary Marty Stinson.

**Members Present:** Chairman Michael Espich; Commissioners Tim Alderman, and Sherri Chavora.

**Members Absent:** Commissioner Nikki Hathaway and Jeff Selbig.

**Others Present:** Adam Zettel, Assistant City Manager and Director of Community Development; and Dan Vargas, 2012 Mr. Owosso candidate, Fundraiser for the Splash Pad / Bentley Park.

**Approve Agenda for May 28, 2013:**

**A motion to approve the agenda as presented was made by Commissioner Chavora and supported by Commissioner Alderman.**

**Ayes: all. Motion carried.**

**Approve Minutes from April 22, 2013 meeting:**

**A motion to approve the minutes from the April 22, 2013 meeting was made by Commissioner Alderman and supported by Commissioner Chavora.**

**Ayes: all. Motion carried.**

**Public Comments:**

Mr. Dan Vargas, 2012 Mr. Owosso candidate, and Fundraiser for the Splash Pad / Bentley Park asked about the progress for the splash pad installation. Chairman Espich stated that the DEQ listed a series of questions which Dave Action answered. Jeff Peltier will deliver a set of plans. Then the building permits can be issued. At that time the second kit will be ordered and will be delivered to the city garage. The cement people are lined up.

Mr. Vargas said that something needs to be done about the parking around Bentley Park. Discussion about parking options. Mr. Zettel will contact Rugged Liner for possible parking agreement with their property.

**Communications:**

1. Staff memorandum
2. April 22, 2013 minutes

**Business:**

**1. Bentley Park and Disc Golf Update**

Adam Zettel, Assistant City Manager and Director of Community Development, hopes to have an agreement this week with a contractor for the Bentley Park upgrades.

Commissioner Alderman commented on the Disc Golf course – it is still being worked on, but the fundraising is going slow. Commissioner Alderman has offered the use of his equipment to help clear the pathway. It was suggested that drawings of the course would help with the fundraising. Mr. Zettel suggested the organizers could come to see him so he could assist with putting the project in order. Several commented a vision on paper and/or a marketing plan would make the fundraising progress better.

**Public / Board Comments:**

Mr. Zettel noted that James Anderson, the owner of Owosso Bolt and Brass passed away. The family asked permission to install a bench across the street from his business on Jerome Street near the river in his memory. It was suggested the family come to the next meeting to discuss the donation.

Mr. Zettel also commented that park funding is at an all-time low. There may be a push for Curwood Castle Park to receive some funding. Hopefully a year from now we'll be in recovery. The park plan is extended a year.

Chairman Espich asked if fundraising is done, it should be done as an outside source and earmarked specifically. Mr. Zettel stated it was better if funding is done through a private entity as our auditors don't like paying for fundraising expenses.

**Adjournment:**

**A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Commissioner Chavora and was supported by Commissioner Alderman. The meeting adjourned at 6:53 p.m.**

**Ayes: all. Motion carried.**

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Adam Zettel, Secretary

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