

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE CITY OF MOORE PARKS BOARD
May 7th, 2024 -6:00 PM**

The Parks Board of the City of Moore met in regular session, 700 S. Broadway, Moore, Oklahoma on May 7th, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. with Chairman Sid Porter presiding. The following members were present:

Charles Payne	Sid Porter
Robert Washington	Kelley Mattocks
Janie Milum	

ABSENT: Eddie Vickers

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: Parks and Recreation Director, Sue Wood; and Administrative Assistant, Rita Chadrick.

Agenda Item Number 1 being:

- ROLL CALL; (listed above).

Agenda Item Number 2 being:

RECEIVE AND APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE REGULAR MEETING HELD APRIL 2nd, 2024

Secretary Mattocks motioned to approve the minutes from the regular meeting held April 2nd, 2024; second by Board Member Washington. Motion passed unanimously.

Ayes: Payne, Porter, Washington, Mattocks, Milum
Nays: None
Absent: Vickers

Agenda Item Number 3 being:

NEW BUSINESS:

(A) CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

Danny Thomas, 1128 NW 7th St., expressed his appreciation for the installation of the plaque at Buck Thomas Park that commemorates his father and tells the story of how the park came to be named Buck Thomas Park. He was pleased with the

location of the plaque, located by the main baseball concessions building, as it is visible to many people who go to buy concessions. He added that the plaque exceeded his expectations and those of his family and he has received nothing but positive feedback from not only people he knows but also strangers. He expressed his gratefulness to Whitney Wathen, Sue Wood and the Parks Board for making this project happen and for their service and dedication to the community.

Chairman Porter stated that we all love the city of Moore and want what is best for the city; history needs to be recorded and we are so glad we were able to make it happen.

(B) ITEMS FROM THE PARK BOARD

Vice Chairman Payne asked if the Hotel/Motel tax would be on an upcoming ballot since Oklahoma City is proposing a tax raise from 5.5% to 9.25% and Norman raised theirs from 5% to 8%. He added that he is not one for tax increases but he is also not for lost revenue. Sue responded that the City Manager may wait until after the ¼ cent sales tax in November.

Secretary Mattocks asked if PATH 2020 from 2013 is still on the table. Sue responded that it was PATH 2022 that was adopted back in 2012 and since we are trying to get CAPRA certified one of the things we have to have is a master plan that's not outdated. A lot of the information is still correct but because it was named PATH 2022 it will have to be updated. Secretary Mattocks stated that part of the plan was to connect Central Park to Old Town. Sue responded that the City Manager said parking might go away if the underpass has to be widened. She added that all the information would go into a new master plan due to the number of people living in Moore now.

Vice Chairman Payne asked about plans to connect Buck Thomas Park to Veterans Park. Sue responded that we are trying to get a bike trail around the city.

Chairman Porter asked if the Moore Youth Baseball Association is having a hard time getting teams to register for their tournaments. Sue responded that they are having a hard time and that she warned them, but they have to figure out what to do to bring the people back to our tournaments. She added that Whitney and Holly Hackett, Sports Coordinator, are watching what the association is doing.

Secretary Mattocks stated that feedback she has gotten is that parents are happy with elimination of pay at the plate.

Agenda Item Number 4 being:

REPORTS

Sue reported that splash pads will open at 10:00 a.m. on Friday.

Agenda Item Number 5 being:

ADJOURNMENT

Secretary Mattocks motioned to adjourn the regular meeting of the Moore Parks Board; second by Board Member Washington. Motion passed unanimously.

Ayes: Payne, Porter, Washington, Mattocks, Milum

Nays: None

Absent: Vickers

The Moore Parks Board meeting adjourned at 6:27 p.m.

RECORDED/TRANSCRIBED BY:

RITA CHADRICK, Parks and Recreation Administrative Assistant

FOR:

KELLEY MATTOCKS, Secretary

These minutes passed and approved as noted this ____ day of _____, 2024.