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REVIEW OF MOORE GIRLS SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION

Wes Williams, President of the Moore Girls Softball Association, stated that he is aware that MGSA's treasurer has not been timely with submitting financial reports to the Parks and Recreation department so he will now be using Jerry Saxon, the CPA that does the financial paperwork for baseball and football, to handle their financial reports. He added that he obtained a copy of their 501(c)(3) status and they are good to go with that. As far as spring league we only had 24 teams registered, down 40 from last year, and 29 teams registered for the fall. They also tried youth ball for the first time to try to boost numbers (three and four-year-olds) so they generated a few teams there. Only four MGSA tournaments made in spring with 75-80 teams total. The two big tournaments were rained out; we tried to get turf fields but they were booked up so the tournaments were cancelled. In the other two tournaments there were only five teams at one and six at the other but we still played. We also looked at other entities and tried to bring in their overflow to play here in Moore; Renegade Sport held two events that brought in more than 90 teams total and Triple Crown brought in 47 teams; 44 were from out of state so they generated revenue for the city.

Sue asked how their concessions does as far as generating revenue. Wes responded that concessions does well when there are a bunch of teams playing, but overall he is not a believer in concessions as it doesn't make a ton of money. Their biggest profit is selling water in the summer; concessions fluctuates too much.

Sue asked what means of communications they use to get school teams involved; we are encouraging the other sports associations to be involved with the elementary schools. Wes responded that they used to pass out flyers through the schools but not anymore. Board Member Washington said the schools now advertise through Peachjar and suggested that Wes check on that through the schools' athletic offices.

Chairman Porter asked if their IRS paperwork is updated and thanked Wes for his report. Vice Chairman Payne stated that MGSA has to file a 990 form every year; they can go three years without filing but after that the IRS will cancel their 501(c)(3) status. Sue added that the certificate for their 501(c)(3) status needs to be updated because it's from 2021.

Agenda Item Number 5 being:

NEW BUSINESS:

(A) CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

There were no citizens present that wished to be heard.

(B) ITEMS FROM THE PARK BOARD

There were no items from the Park Board.

Agenda Item Number 6 being:

REPORTS

Sue stated that the Parks and Recreation Department is having the Sports Advisory Committee meet immediately before the monthly Parks Board meeting and introduced two of the committee members, Chad Wilson and Rob McCutchan; right now they are getting their rules, regulations and policies together and those will be given to the Parks Board next time to review. The Sports Advisory Committee will liaison between the Parks Board and all of the sports: Baseball, softball, tennis, table tennis, football, soccer, and volleyball and will also liaison between the Parks and Recreation Department and the Parks Board. If there are any issues they will be talking to the associations or the people that might be having these issues and they will help them through that and discuss it with the Parks and Recreation Department so you'll have a much better knowledge of what's going on with sports in the city of Moore. The committee will also report issues at the park, such as if anything needs to be repaired, and let us know about that. Their goal is going to be safety and transparency issues; making sure everything is very transparent as far as the associations following the agreements and helping the associations as much as possible. She added that they will occasionally give the Parks Board reports or will be on the agenda to discuss issues at a Parks Board meeting. The committee is just now developing; they did a great job discussing what kind of rules and regulations they want and how involved they want to be, which is advisory only, and she thinks it will work out really well.

Chairman Porter stated that hopefully it will help the sports associations have some kind of template to go by so they don't have to reinvent the wheel every time their board members change and expressed his appreciation for them volunteering and putting in their time to an unpaid position

Sue added that she also spoke with Board Member Milum about starting a Senior Programming Committee, which will also be for advisory purposes only, and will be working on that as soon as the Sports Advisory Committee gets going.

Whitney Wathen, Parks and Recreation Assistant Director, reported that Greenshade has completed their work on the Veterans Park project; we still have our side of the project to finish up that includes installing benches, correcting cracked and non-ADA walking trail slabs and putting up fencing, then we will be able to finalize our grant.

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Whitney added that other projects include evaluating parks for sidewalk issues. Little River Park has some major issues; we're going to have to reroute a sidewalk away from the creek line and reconnect that bridge so it can be utilized more effectively by the community.

Vice Chairman Payne commented that VFW Post 184 currently has 150+ names to add to Veterans Park and asked if it would be possible to get another plaque. Whitney responded that we need 200 names to get another plaque; we will revisit when we are closer to that number.

Vice Chairman Payne also asked about the plans at one time to build a large sidewalk from 12th St. to 4th St. on Bryant that would connect Veterans Park to Buck Thomas Park. Sue responded that she will check on it, adding that the city's overall plans for everything is to make sure that all roadways have ADA sidewalks.

Agenda Item Number 7 being:

ADJOURNMENT

Vice Chairman Payne motioned to adjourn the regular meeting of the Moore Parks Board; second by Board Member Milum. Motion passed unanimously.

Ayes: Payne, Porter, Milum, Washington

Nays: None

Absent: Mattocks

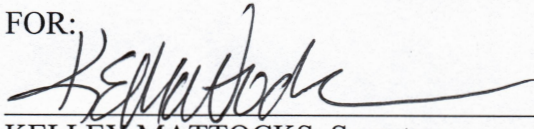
The Moore Parks Board meeting adjourned at 6:34 p.m.

RECORDED/TRANSCRIBED BY:



RITA CHADRICK, Parks and Recreation Administrative Assistant

FOR:



KELLEY MATTOCKS, Secretary

These minutes passed and approved as noted this 1 day of October, 2024.