

**Recreation Advisory Board
March 15, 2017
Minutes**

Members Present:

Loren Anthony
Russ McCaig
Brett Remsberg
Brandi Parks Lane
Miles Harvey
Tony Heilman
Susie Carson
Bill Young
Matt Guthrie
Betty Kirkpatrick

Members Absent:

Kenny Eaton

Commission Representative:

Kendra Wilkinson

Youth Commission Representative:

Staff Present:

Brian Urton Don Argo Tabitha Sharp Sue Meyer David Dillner

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Chairman, Loren Anthony.

Tony Heilman moved to approve the minutes as presented.

Miles Harvey seconded the motion.

Motion carried.

Introduction of New Board Members

- Tabitha introduced the Tree Board Members and explained that they would be joining the Parks and Recreation Board.
- Sue stated that Arbor Day is April 28th. She stated that schools have participated in a poster contest, and the winner was from Oil Hill School and so we will be planting a tree on the property there.
- Loren asked if the poster contest is handled by the board.
- Sue stated that they would if the board was still interested in continuing the contest.
- Loren asked for information on the Tree Board.
- Tabitha stated that due to time constraints this evening, they would address it further at the next meeting.
- Tony asked if the City was still doing tree coupons.
- Sue stated that they were still doing it in the spring.

Board Renewals

- Tabitha asked the board members whose terms were expiring to fill out a renewal application if they wanted to continue on the board.

New Business

- Brett reminded the group that Take a Walk in the Park/Storybook Trail was on the 30th.
- Don stated that it was a project that staff were working on with the YMCA Togetherhood Committee. He stated that we would be providing water and have a Disc Golf set there for people to try out.
- Tony Heilman asked if staff are meeting with Walnut Valley.
- Don stated that there is nothing official at this time, staff can request a meeting but we are not sure they will agree.
- Tony stated that it would be great if they could end the games by the end of February so that they don't contradict with spring sports.
- Tony stated that at the game after the last meeting, he asked to see the roster at halftime as was discussed at the previous board meeting, and three kids didn't play the rest of the game.
- Tony stated that the meeting with the refs after the last board meeting really helped.
- Bill stated that the grass in East Park is still a little chunky but it is green and looks good.
- Russ asked if they planted rye.
- Brian stated that Doug from Butler Community College did.
- Bill asked about the sand at McDonald Stadium.
- Brian stated that they plan to put it down tomorrow.
- Bill asked if watering will start tomorrow.
- Brian stated that there is a leak and the water department is going to look at it tomorrow.
- Bill asked if there was a maintenance contract for turf.
- Brian stated that we have been talking to them since February, there is a contract but they haven't made it out to do repairs yet.
- Loren asked if there was a new batter's box and pitcher's mound.
- Brian stated that the maintenance issues are not related to the batter's box and pitcher's mound, but staff are discussing them with Hellas as soon as they get here.
- Brandi stated that she needs volunteers for the El Dorado Half, there are 311 runners.
- Miles stated that the Disc Golf course is coming along. He stated that the concrete pads are poured.
- Russ asked to kick it off with a YMCA vs. El Dorado Rec. game.
- Loren asked if it is on leased land or purchased land.
- David stated that it is technically leased.

Director's Report

- Don stated that this weekend is mother/son bowling at Grizzly Bowl.
- Don stated that soccer practices began this week, there are 220 kids signed up, 14 Pre-K and 30 micro players.
- Don stated that there are 74 kids in volleyball, down a few from last year. He stated that there will be overlap between volleyball and softball.

- Don asked the board to think of ways to recruit more coaches for our programs. There are 28 soccer teams and 14 of them are being coached by someone who doesn't have a child on the team.
- Betty asked if we have tried to recruit from BCC.
- Don stated that we haven't had good luck with that in the past.
- Tony asked if we have considered advertising the free kid registration before the sport.
- Don stated that we do it with other sports and it doesn't seem to help.
- Russ asked if we could pay the students.
- Tony stated that they cannot make money in the sport they play in at the college.
- Don stated that rec staff would be willing to help for the first few practices.
- Tony asked if we could put the advertisement on the sign up form.
- Don stated that it is on the form. He also said that we put the possibility on that we will not be able to play all of the kids but it doesn't help.
- Susie asked what happens when we talk to parents about volunteering.
- Don stated that we get no or that they are busy or that they are uncomfortable.
- Don stated that baseball and softball heights league numbers are coming in very slowly. He stated that they are accepting registrations through the 17th.
- The deadline for tee ball and machine pitch is March 31st and those numbers are good.
- Russ asked where the numbers were.
- Don stated he thought it was less than half of last year.
- Loren asked if the tee ball field would be ready.
- Brian stated that the only thing they are doing to that field is putting up lights and bringing the fence in. He stated that it wasn't possible to turn that one due to terrain issues.

Miles motioned to adjourn the meeting.

Bill seconded the motion.

Meeting adjourned at 6:18 p.m.