



MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
TULSA PARK AND RECREATION BOARD
July 7, 2015

The Tulsa Park and Recreation Board convened at the Tulsa Garden Center on July 7, 2015. A meeting agenda was filed with the Tulsa City Clerk's office on July 1, 2015. Chair Dale McNamara called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL:

Dale McNamara	Present
John Favell	Present
Dwain Midget	Present
Yvonne Hovell	Present
Teresa Meinders Burkett	Present

Others Attending: Herb Beattie, Terrie Correll, Gary Schellhorn, Kevin Canfield, Mike Battenfield, Dean Richardville, Tom Wolff, Clay Bird, Michelle Allen, Kim Shannon, Eddie Reese, Michelle, Lester, Kristi Ostler, Marillyn Lay, Marci Joha, Barbie Raney, Jola Houchin.

Approval of Minutes: Dwain Midget motioned to approve the minutes of the June 2, 2015 meeting and Yvonne Hovell seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Report from the Director

Lucy Dolman: The FY16 budget was approved, but not our request for pool demolition. The pools we want to demo have been closed over 10 years; plans are to build five new pools to replace these and we need to clean the landscape. Marci John and two Parks maintenance workers manned Veterans Park on July 4. The fence-cutting problem at Berry Pool seems to be over; credit Mrs. Rogers, our neighbor advocate. Dean stayed the course, so the Henthorne agreement has been signed, sealed & delivered. Dale McNamara requested each board member e-mail her reasons and opinions on the need to get the pools demolished; she will send a letter to the City Council requesting they reconsider funding our request to demolish the pools.

Special Projects

Gary Schellhorn: Maxwell - almost done; they are one week out on the court. Clark – project is complete, including the pavilion, playground, sports court and shelter upgrade and trees. Woodward – three buildings should be completed by the end of July. The two structures west of the new buildings will be removed. Carl Smith – shade structure is complete. Cousins – the agreement with the county has been signed. Springdale – rain put them behind, they are now pouring concrete for the water playground. Tracy and Graham – funds have been secured for the tennis courts and playgrounds, now advertising for bids. Franklin – designs are all done, now advertising for bids and will open bids in August; the neighborhood association is happy. McClure Pool Reconstruction – the design is 75% complete; they will advertise for bids in September. Lacy – Phase I Master Plan – design is 75% complete and expect to go out for bids in August. Lost Kingdom Tiger Exhibit at the Zoo – the bids were higher than the available budget, they are working with TZMI and have a process to work through with and the contractor to reduce costs; should be under construction by Sept. 1. New Projects – will be putting contracts together for the new Lacy playground and water playground plus the pool renovation.

Park Maintenance

Mike Battenfield: Trades – replaced the aerator at Swan Lake and made repairs to Whiteside Pool causing the pool to be closed for a week. Irrigation repairs at Mohawk Sports Complex, Council Oak, Smith, Savage & Hilti Sport complexes. Structural – Performed 94 playground inspections, removed graffiti at eight separate parks, roof repairs at 4 buildings, 9 fence repairs at Berry, water playground rule signs being replaced at eleven sites. Turf & General Sites – made five stage set-ups, aerated the sports fields at Hick and Reed, working on the fields for the National Soccer Tournament at Mohawk Sports Complex. Horticulture & Forrestry – elevation of tree limbs is ongoing and debris cleanup. The bridge deck at Mohawk Golf Course was repaired.

Recreation

Dean Richardville: Day Camps are going well with over 40 campers at Lacy and the rest filled to capacity. Pools are running smoothly - lifeguard staffing is always an issue, but not affecting operations. Tennis started June 27 – over 50 kids are participating on 3 levels. A new Recreation Coordinator at Reed, Catharyn Klarich will start work July 27. The Henthorne agreement is completed – excited about the partnership.

Oxley Nature Center

Eddie Reese: June was busy. Awards dinner for volunteers – two volunteers received their 25-year pins. Amy Morris led the Sensational Science Workshop. Activities included Celebrating Pollinator week, the TCC Night Walk and a Botany Walk. The levy at Lake Sherry partially washed out and is scheduled to be repaired. Mowing and maintenance is ongoing. Many fawns have been observed this year, including a set of triplets. The Oxley Board is working on securing several grants for new projects.

Tulsa Garden Center

Barbie Raney: Many classes – Circle Cinema – Versailles and Tulsa Rose Garden similarities. 250 new roses have been planted in the Rose Garden. The perimeter will be planted with woody materials around October 1. The new classroom looks great; now they want the barn painted. They want to start planning a dedication ceremony. We are still an All American Selection Garden.

Billy Casper Golf Report

Tom Wolff: IT was a strong June for golf, over 12,000 rounds were sold amounting to over \$325K in revenue, which is flat compared to last year, which is good since we lost almost the entire month of May. Last year's numbers: 90,000 rounds and \$2.5M in revenue. An outside sales person has been hired and is working out well. She is selling outings and leagues and is targeting industries in the Mohawk area. The bridge on #5 has been repaired, but the #12 bridge is still a problem.

Tulsa Zoo Management

Terrie Correll: 25th Annual Waltz on the Wildside sold out with 1,200 attended and raised in excess of \$220K; 47 restaurants represented. Zoo attendance for the fiscal year was 637,730. Camps are full and they are hosting donor tours. The Lost Kingdom ground breaking will be July 8 at 10am.

Action Items and/or Discussion Items

Discussion of Relocating Sand Volleyball Courts – Clay Bird

Clay Bird advised one of the most developable sites along the river is at 71st & Riverside, Helmerich Park, especially the northern 13 acres of the property. The City has been courting an anchor retailer new to this community and showed them this site; a contract may be signed in 1-2 weeks. The sand volleyball courts will need to be

relocated using proceeds from the sale. The proposed new location is Johnson Park; the relocation will include parking and upgraded sand. A goal is to keep down-time for volleyball to a minimum; a 30-60 day down-time may be necessary during the winter. Development guidelines will include landscape requirements and recreational opportunities.

Discussion of Repurposing Lantz Park as a Dog Park – Herb Beattie

Herb Beattie stated that funding for the dog park is not very far along. Vandalism of the restrooms and damage to the infrastructure at Lantz Park would require \$30K to repair, which is beyond their ability to pay. He talked to Tulsa County about funding a new dog park, but Commissioner Keith advised that the County does not want another park. He stated the cost to create a new dog park would be \$250K-\$500K and wants the County to work with him and the City to accomplish this. He said he's run out of ideas on how to get it done.

Real Estate Update – Michelle Lester, Asset Management Department

Michelle Lester provided a suggested motion declaring Chittom/Clinton as surplus, pursuant to the land swap with Tulsa Independent School District.

Teresa Meinders Burkett made the following Motion:

Chittom Park is determined no longer needed for park purposes and is to be exchanged for the 10-acre tract of Tulsa Public Schools land north of Hinch Park to be acquired by the City of Tulsa for park purposes.

The Motion passed unanimously.

The next step is to send the resolution to the City Council.

Michelle presented a handout reviewing and updating the Surplus Status of Existing Parks; she also provided aerial photos of each listed park, showing an update of objections received, easement costs, assessor's values and suggestions on how to protect City of Tulsa infrastructure.

Review of Commission for Accreditation of Park and Recreation Agencies (CAPRA) Sections 7 & 8 – Lucy Dolman

Lucy advised that Sections 9 & 10 will be ready in September. Our goal is reviewing areas requiring policies. We have updated the old policies, originally written in the 1970s and added new policies to address new issues; these will need to be approved.

This has been a huge undertaking; don't be intimidated by the size of the document, many of these policy requirements refer to City policies.
Dale commented on the passion, commitment and effort of those working on the accreditation project.

There being no further business to be brought before the Board the meeting was adjourned.

Lucy Dolman, Director
Secretary

Dale McNamara, Chair