

Osage City Parks & Recreation
January 22, 2004 6:00 p.m.
Regular Meeting
City Council Chambers

Present

Joe Serna, Recreation Director
Mark Goehring, Commissioner
Steve Haller, City Council
Kevin Swindale, Co-Chair
Pat Bean, School Board
Jeff Crocker, Commissioner
Dale Schwieger, Chair
John Garland, Commissioner

Absent

Gary Moulin
Marc McFarland
Ken Hallgren
Bill Donigan
Willie Prescott

Meeting called to order at 6:00pm by Vice-Chair Swindale.

Minutes and Financial Statements approved (Motion by Commissioner Bean; Seconded by Commissioner Garland).

The Recreation Director provided the commissioners with budget information involving copies of the overall Parks & Recreation Budget, individual programming budgets, and volunteered to provide any specific information to questions that each commissioner may have concerning the Parks & Recreation budget for 2004.

After hearing the rules and guidelines procedures proposed for the 2004 tackle football program Commissioner Crocker withdrew his motion to drop the tackle football program. Commissioner Garland seconded the motion and it was approved by the Parks & Recreation Board on a motion by Commissioner Swindale and Seconded by Commissioner Garland to retain the tackle football program under Parks & Recreation authority. Gary Moulin from the tackle football program discussed possible changes with the rules and procedures for the program. The first change would be that the Recreation Director would handle the purchase of the jerseys for the teams. The coaches are to provide the necessary information and a sponsor's check to the Director before the Director will place the order for the jerseys. It was also decided that in the event a team needs to add players for the State Tournament or Midwest Challenge that the Recreation Director will have the authority to approve the request without consulting the Parks & Recreation Board. If permission is granted or denied the Director will notify the board of the request. The Recreation Director close to the start of the football season will set up the coach's clinic for tackle football. All duties and responsibilities are outlined for each party involved with football in the approved rules and guidelines for the program (each commissioner will receive a copy of the rules and procedures prior to the next board meeting).

A small discussion was entertained by the board and the public that future traveling team basketball would be under the authority of the Parks & Recreation Department. The

season would remain after the Christmas holiday, but all participants must play in the recreation basketball program enable to participate in the traveling league. The Recreation Director said he would set up a meeting with current traveling team coaches before next season to discuss the possible changes.

The Parks & Recreation board will be provided additional information regarding Babe Ruth Softball in order to come to a decision about possibly changing summer baseball and softball leagues. The Recreation Director said he would contact Babe Ruth personnel and get the needed information to pass on to the board members. The Director will also get information regarding the Twin Lakes league setup and send it to the commissioners prior to the next board meeting in the attempt to approve the change or the decision to remain in the Flint Hills League.

Commissioner Crocker made a motion to adjourn at 7:35; Commissioner Goehring seconded the motion (all approved).

Osage City Parks & Recreation
February 19, 2004 6:00 p.m.
Regular Meeting
City Council Chambers

Present

Joe Serna, Recreation Director
Mark Goehring, Commissioner
Kevin Swindale, Co-Chair
Pat Bean, School Board
Jeff Crocker, Commissioner
Dale Schwieger, Chair
John Garland, Commissioner
Scott Williamson

Absent

Steve Haller, City Council

Meeting called to order at 6:03pm by Chair Schwieger.

Minutes and Financial Statements approved (Motion by Commissioner Swindale; Seconded by Commissioner Crocker).

Citizen and Youth Coach Michelle Giesy wanted to make sure there wouldn't be a problem with practices for her tournament team during this summer and wanted to know what steps would need to be taken to host a softball tournament. The Director said there wouldn't be a problem with suitable practice times and if a problem occurs then he will implement practice schedules for all teams involved in the summer baseball/softball programs. The Director also said that to have a tournament the Director and Coaches would have to sit down and iron out the fine details to organizing a tournament.

The Recreation Board asked the Director to set up a meeting with Flint Hills League officials regarding the proposal to adopt Cal Ripken and Babe Ruth rules for the '04 summer, shorten the length of schedule, eliminate games on the weekends, eliminate pre-season games, and change game times if possible. The Director said he would set up a meeting and notify the board members through email and telephone of when the meeting will take place.

It was suggested that the Director place an ad in the paper as a public service announcement to the general public regarding when the monthly meeting takes place for the Parks & Recreation Board. The Director will place an ad in the paper for next month's meeting of when the board meets and for future meetings refer to the city website.

Chair Schwieger asked the Director to contact area towns regarding youth soccer to see if there is any interest to play games with the Parks & Rec. soccer teams. The Director said he would call area towns to see of the possibility.

The Director said he would be contacting the local churches through letter to see if any of them would be interested in writing a letter of support for a local skate park.

The Board was given information regarding the Taster's Choice event that the Parks & Rec. will be sponsoring in April through the City's BBQ Contest. There will be more information to discuss at the next board meeting.

Commissioner Crocker made a motion to adjourn at 7:55; Commissioner Goehring seconded the motion (all approved).

Osage City Parks & Recreation
March 6, 2004 1:00 p.m.
Special Meeting
City Hall, Conference Room

Present

Joe Serna, Recreation Director
Mark Goehring, Commissioner
Pat Bean, School Board
Jeff Crocker, Commissioner
Dale Schwieger, Chair
John Garland, Commissioner

Absent

Steve Haller, City Council
Kevin Swindale, Co-Chair

Meeting called to order at 1:00pm by Chair Schwieger.

The Recreation Director had the board discuss payment for Nicole Edwards for the Softball Pitching Clinic. The board approved the recommendation by the Director to pay Nicole \$200 for her services for conducting the pitching clinic. The board made a recommendation to the Director that for next year's camp the fee should be \$15 for the whole camp, whether a participant can make all three sessions or just one. It was also suggested to move the camp back a couple of weeks, which would allow for the high school coaches to have their players assist with the camp.

The board also approved the Director to pay \$10 per game for soccer officials for the spring soccer season.

The board discussed the information presented about the Twin Lakes Cal Ripken and Babe Ruth League and the changes implemented by the Flint Hills League to determine where Osage City would participate in its summer baseball and softball programs. Items concerning the Twin Lakes League the board agreed that it did not make sense to play 9 year olds with 12 year olds. The board also had reservations about not knowing exactly how many teams each town had per age division. For softball, the board also said that they did not want Osage City getting into a situation where our 10-year-old girls might have to play against 14 year olds. The board would have liked to see more information involving the make up of the Twin Lakes League in order to make a change for Osage City. The board agreed that the issue would need to be addressed again at the end of the 2004 summer season. The board voted 4 to 1 to keep Osage City in the Flint Hills League for the 2004 summer.

The board also asked the Director to present information regarding costs to implement a Senior Babe Ruth Baseball team for the 2004 summer. The Director will present the necessary information at the March 18th meeting (6pm, City Council Chambers).

Commissioner Goehring made a motion to adjourn at 2:00; Commissioner Crocker seconded the motion (all approved).

Osage City Parks & Recreation
March 18, 2004 6:00 p.m.
Regular Meeting
City Council Chambers

Present

Joe Serna, Parks & Rec. Director
Kevin Swindale, Vice Chair
Mark Goehring, Commissioner
Pat Bean, Commissioner
John Garland, Commissioner
Mark McFarland, Citizen

Absent

Dale Schwieger, Chair
Steve Haller, Commissioner
Jeff Crocker, Commissioner

Meeting called to order at 6:13 by Vice Chair Swindale.

The Recreation Director informed the board of the request by traveling teams to use the lights at the ball diamonds in the evening for practice. The Recreation Director informed the board that he would prepare a recommendation for rentals for lights and facilities for individuals/groups who request to use either or both. The board will have to pass a policy regarding this issue.

The Recreation Director informed the board that he would present umpire wages to the board at the next meeting for them to look over in order to determine this summer's wages.

The Parks & Recreation Board passed a policy regarding the number of coaches that a baseball and softball team may have. Each team will be allowed one (1) head coach and one (1) assistant coach.

The Parks & Recreation Board passed a policy regarding requests from parents for their child to be on a certain team. The board's policy is that at no time will a parent's request be filled regarding the placement of their child on a Parks & Recreation baseball and softball team.

The board asked the Recreation Director to contact the legion regarding the use of their baseball pants for a summer Parks & Rec. Sr. Babe Ruth team. Frank Mersman notified the Recreation Director that the Legion would not allow the Parks & Rec. to use their equipment or uniforms for a Parks & Rec. Sr. Babe Ruth team. No specific reasons were given.

The board also asked the Recreation Director to discuss with the City Manager about the possible creation of a City ordinance prohibiting dogs, whether on leashes or not at the Jones Park Sports Complex during summer baseball and softball games.

Commissioner Garland made a motion to adjourn the Parks & Recreation Board Meeting at 7:35 pm, Commissioner Bean seconded the motion.

The next Parks & Recreation Board meeting will take place April 15th at 6pm at the City Council Chambers.

Osage City Recreation Commission
March 20, 2003

Present:

Tammi Brabb, Chair
Jeanette Swarts, Secretary
Rick Bryan
Dale Schwieger
Pat Bean

Absent:

Kevin Swindale

Members from the Public:

Matt & Kathie Corwine

Joe presented the draft procedures that would be implemented for the 2003 summer baseball and softball leagues. The commissioners and the public regarding the procedures presented discussions. All of the commissioners and the public understood the draft procedures and no one objected to them being put into place.

The minutes of the February 19 meeting were discussed. (From now on need to have a motion made to accept and a second motion to approve)

The Financial Report for January and February was given. It was approved and signed by Commissioner Brabb and Commissioner Swarts. (From now on need to have a motion made to accept and a second motion to approve)

Joe gave a report on the soccer season and presented procedures on how soccer would be administered in the fall season.

Joe presented information regarding the Flint Hills League to the commissioners in terms of how much team fees were going to be this summer. Joe informed the commissioners that phone calls were made in regards to moving Osage City out of the Flint Hills League for the summer of 2004. Joe said he would present this information to the coaches of each age division and present their feedback to the commissioners at the April meeting.

Joe gave a report on the relocating of the batting cage, the new batting cage that would go in (donated by Bill Donigan to the high school baseball team), which field the high school softball team would play on, and the time frame of when Field #2 would be turned around, and where a possible play area may be located in the future.

Joe informed the commission of possible future horseshoe tournaments, the improvements that will need to be done to the existing horseshoe pits in Lincoln Park, and that Robin Williams asked for the playground equipment that Kiwanis donated be inspected. Kiwanis would like to know what needs to be fixed, so that they may have a work day to fix it and clean up the park.

The next meeting will be Thursday, April 17, at 6:00 p.m.

Osage City Parks & Recreation
April 15, 2004 6:00 p.m.
Regular Meeting
City Council Chambers

Present

Joe Serna, Parks & Rec. Director
Kevin Swindale, Vice Chair
Mark Goehring, Commissioner
Pat Bean, Commissioner
John Garland, Commissioner
Dale Schwieger, Chair
Jeff Crocker, Commissioner

Absent

Steve Haller, Commissioner

Meeting called to order at 6:00 by Chair Schwieger.

Minutes and Financial Statements were accepted.

There was no public participation.

The rest of the agenda was tabled until the next Parks & Recreation Advisory Board meeting (May 27th).

The Parks & Recreation Advisory Board met with City Manager, Don Cawby to discuss the events of the Smoke in the Spring BBQ Contest and the responsibilities of the Parks & Recreation Department and Advisory Board.

Osage City Recreation Commission
May 15, 2003

Present:

Tammi Brabb, Chair
Kevin Swindale
Rick Bryan
Dale Schwieger

Absent:

Jeanette Swarts, Secretary
Pat Bean
Alan Carlson

Members from the Public:

Karen Fowler
Debbie Fagan

The minutes of the April 17 meeting were discussed and approved. Motion made by Commissioner Schwieger and seconded by Commissioner Swindale.

The financial report for April was given and approved. Motion made by Commissioner Swindale and seconded by Commissioner Bryan.

Karen Fowler and Debbie Fagan were present representing the AYSO soccer program for Osage City. They requested that the city adopt the AYSO program and philosophies. They also requested that a representative from the AYSO organization be allowed to come to a future board meeting to explain the AYSO program. Commissioner Schwieger requested that Joe provide the board members with a copy of the AYSO handbook that discusses the AYSO principles and philosophies. Joe said he would have a copy of the AYSO handbook to the board members by the next recreation board meeting. Besides an evaluation from Joe about the AYSO program Karen asked if an evaluation from parents would be considered regarding the AYSO program. Karen said that the AYSO board would vote to either dissolve the AYSO chapter or to remain and administer a fall soccer program.

Joe gave a report on the baseball/softball program. How many participants are in the programs, how many teams there are and what nights and times the teams will play. Joe informed the board that he would be holding an Umpire's Clinic this month to prepare his umpires for the summer season. Joe also informed the board of how the softball camp would be administered this month before the season begins. Commissioner

Schwieger suggested that the recreation at least cover the costs of printing the registration forms. This was also suggested for the Golf program as well.

Joe gave a brief explanation of the work that has been performed at the sports complex over the last month. Work has been done involving painting, putting up signs, cleaning up the facility, and general field maintenance.

Joe discussed with the board adult programming and how to implement new programs, such as trips for the seniors and education classes involving business or computer lessons. Commissioner Schwieger said he would get information regarding those programs to Joe after attending a conference in Manhattan.

The next meeting will be Thursday, June 19, at 6:00 p.m.