

Osage City Parks & Recreation Advisory Board Meeting
January 18, 2006
6:30PM -- City Council Chambers

Board Members Present: Dale Schwieger, John Garland, Mark Goehring, and Jeff Crocker, and Pat Bean.

Staff Present: Corey Linton, Recreation Director

Members Absent: Pat Lawless and Kevin Swindale

The meeting was called to order at 6:30PM.

A motion to approve the agenda was made by Jeff Crocker and seconded by Pat Bean. The motion passed.

A motion to approve the minutes from November 17 was made by Jeff Crocker and seconded by Pat Bean. The motion passed.

The recreation director gave an update to the park board about the current Winter OCPR programs.

3rd-6th grade youth basketball began its regular season on January 14. All games were played with any problems. There are currently seven (7) total teams from Osage City, two 3rd-4th grade girls, two 3rd/4th grade boys, two 5th/6th grade boys, and one 5th/6th grade girls team. Osage City participates in the Scott Brown Youth Basketball League with Council Grove, Americus, and North Lyon County.

1st-2nd grade instructional basketball began on Monday, January 16. There are currently 24 children enrolled in the program. 16-1st graders, 8-2nd graders, which 15-girls and 9-boys. There are four teams total, which will practice the next two weeks, and then will play three total games.

Adult Winter Volleyball began on Sunday, January 15. There are five (5) women's teams, and three (3) coed teams. Games are played on Sundays at the Osage City Grade School Gym. The season will continue until February 26.

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The recreation director gave an update about the sponsorship program. Currently, the youth 3rd-6th grade basketball program is being sponsored by the Osage City Kiwanis Club, and the 1st/2nd grade basketball program is being sponsored by John's Barbershop. There has been continued response from business to purchase a ball field banner. Landmark Bank, Casey's General Store, Dr. Robert Harmon, and the Osage City Lions Club have all added their names to the list of business purchasing a banner. The Lions Club will also help sponsor a youth team this summer.

The recreation director gave the board an idea of what programs to expect for the Spring and Summer seasons.

- Spring Coed and Women's Volleyball League
- Spring Coed and Men's Softball League
- Youth Volleyball Camp in April
- Youth Baseball
- Youth Softball
- Tee-Ball (4-6 yr. old)
- Youth Basketball League, outdoor for junior or senior high school students.

A motion was made by Mark Goehring to conclude the meeting, and it was seconded by Jeff Crocker.

Osage City Parks & Recreation Advisory Board Meeting
February 22, 2006
6:30PM -- City Council Chambers

Board Members Present: Dale Schwieger, John Garland, Mark Goehring, Jeff Crocker, Kevin Swindale, Pat Bean, and Gary Griffith.

Staff Present: Corey Linton, Recreation Director

The meeting was called to order at 6:30PM.

A motion to approve the agenda was made by John Garland and seconded by Mark Goehring. The motion passed, 7-0.

A motion to approve the minutes from January 18 was made by Jeff Crocker and seconded by Pat Bean. The motion passed, 7-0.

The recreation director gave an update to the park board about the current Winter O CPR programs. The update included information on 1st/2nd grade basketball, 3rd-6th grade basketball, Winter Women's volleyball and Winter Coed volleyball.

The recreation director gave an update about the Osage City Aquatic Center staffing. The update included when certain staff will be hired, what positions the recreation director will be hiring, Pool Manager, Assistant Pool Manager, Lifeguard, and Concession Worker. A question was asked about having a Field Supervisor at Jones Park during ball games. Corey stated either he would be at Jones Park or a hired O CPR staff person would be at Jones Park. Questions from board regarding pool passes, directional signage for the pool, and the swim team were asked. Corey stated he does not intend to change the pool pass prices for this coming summer, but he will look into it. He will attempt to have directional signage placed in a couple different parts of town, denoting how to get to the pool. There will be swim team again this summer, and Corey will be sending information out through the schools about it.

The recreation director gave an update about the Spring and Summer recreation programs.

Women's Basketball Corey reported Julie Carlson had found some interest in women's basketball. Approximately 20 ladies have told her they would be interested in this program.

Youth Baseball & Softball O CPR teams will be playing in the Flint Hills League this summer. This league is made up of area towns, Burlingame, Lyndon, Scranton, Overbrook, Carbondale, Harveyville, Auburn, and Eskridge. Sign-ups have begun and the deadline is March 24.

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OCPR Spring and Summer programs cont.

Youth Volleyball Skills Camp OCPR will be offering a volleyball skills camp in March and April. This skills camp will be conducted by Emporia State Hornet Leah Griswold. The camp will be in the Osage City high school gym.

Junior Babe Ruth Corey reported there will be a push to have a Junior Babe Ruth team from Osage City. There will be an informational meeting and try-outs but no dates for either have been set. The Junior Babe Ruth team(s) would use the high school baseball field for their home games.

Tournaments Corey provided a completed OCPR tournament brochure to the board. There will be four tournaments offered this next summer, with one being a Conrad Carlson Memorial Baseball Tournament. Discussion was raised by the board asking about scheduling ball practices, tournament fees for outside groups, how much, etc. Corey was asked to do some research from past board meetings in which the members thought there had already been some fee rates established.

The board asked Corey for some future updates on the hike and bike trail, as well as reviewing upgrades to Lincoln Park. Items such as a design created for the park done by previous City Manager Don Cawby, shelter house information, playground specifications, and if there is a budget for any of these items. Also, the board asked about Huffman Park, specifically lighting and a parking lot.

A motion was made by Kevin Swindale to conclude the meeting, and it was seconded by Gary Griffith, the motion passed 7-0.

Osage City Parks & Recreation Advisory Board Meeting
March 16, 2006
6:30PM -- City Council Chambers

Board Members Present: Dale Schwieger, John Garland, Jeff Crocker, Kevin Swindale, and Gary Griffith.

Board Members Absent: Pat Bean and Mark Goehring

Staff Present: Corey Linton, Recreation Director and Gary Thompson Facilities Director

The meeting was called to order at 6:30PM.

A motion to approve the agenda was made by John Garland and seconded by Jeff Crocker. The motion passed, 5-0.

A motion to approve the minutes from February 22 was made by John Garland and seconded by Jeff Crocker. The motion passed, 5-0.

The recreation director provided the advisory board members with a packet of information. The packet included a printed out colored lay-out of Lincoln Park, a printed out colored lay-out of a Lincoln Park Master Plan found in files, a listing of costs for the Lincoln Park Master Plan at the time the master plan was developed, past minutes which had mentioned Lincoln Park. The recreation director asked the advisory board members if this was the master plan the board feels comfortable with, and would like the recreation director to pursue. The advisory board members made mention to angling the shelter house towards the center of the park. There was discussion about added parking around the edge of the park, but ultimately it was agreed in doing this, there would be little gained as far as additional parking spaces. A idea was brought up about a narrow walking path around the perimeter of the park. Possibly eliminating the basketball court area in the middle of the park, additional sitting areas close to the playground equipment, horseshoe area and in some of the open green space. There was discussion about a year-round bathroom, the different play surfaces available, and a generic description of the shelter house. The advisory board asked about implementation of this master plan, and it was thought the plan could be phased into two or three parts. The first part being the destruction of the current shelter house and then moving it to its new location. Phase Two the establishing of the year round bathroom, and phase three the playground equipment and horseshoe area.

A motion was made by Jeff Crocker to conclude the meeting, and it was seconded by John Garland, the motion passed 7-0.

Osage City Parks & Recreation Advisory Board Meeting
April 27, 2006
6:30PM -- City Council Chambers

Board Members Present: Dale Schwieger, John Garland, Jeff Crocker, Kevin Swindale, Gary Griffith, Pat Bean, and Mark Goehring.

Staff Present: Corey Linton, Recreation Director

The meeting was called to order at 6:30PM.

There were a few items added to the agenda by Dale Schwieger, Netting at Field #1, youth baseball and softball deadline issues, Babe Ruth, and Field #5.

A motion to approve the agenda was made by Jeff Crocker and seconded by Gary Griffith. The motion passed, 7-0.

A motion to approve the minutes was made by Pat Bean and seconded by Gary Griffith. The motion passed, 7-0.

The recreation director provided the board with an update on revenues and expenses for the Smoke in the Spring. Overall, the event was terrific, many compliments from participating teams, visitors, and KCBS staff. The board briefly discussed the event, and brought up some possible adjustments for next year.

The recreation director provided an update on youth baseball and softball. There are 10 teams, (4 softball, 6 baseball) participating in the Flint Hills League. The Flint Hills League is comprised of Scranton, Lyndon, Harveyville, Auburn, Carbondale, Overbrook, Eskridge, Burlingame, and Osage City. Their season begins the Tuesday after Memorial Day and will conclude on July 14.

The issue of netting was discussed. During the high school baseball season, foul balls became a major concern. The team played on Field #1 at Jones Park, and on many occasions foul balls would come over the backstop and present a hazard to the rest of the spectators, not only watching the baseball game, but those watching softball on Field #2. There was discussion by the board whether or not a netting system would be the ideal solution and the cost of a project like this.

There seemed to be a miscommunication about the youth baseball and softball deadline for the 2006 season. Initially the deadline was the end of March, but with the school's spring break, it was pushed back one more week, and with the Smoke in the Spring soon after, team organization and practices did not begin until almost the end of April. Steps will be taken next year to prevent such a lapse from the deadline to the beginning of practice.

There was some concern after the youth baseball and softball coaches meeting, when I announced the coach pitch boys and girls teams would be playing their home games on Field #5 at Jones Park. After measuring the field, and finding it slightly shorter in distance than I originally thought, the coach pitch games will be moved to Field #2.

A concern was brought up about the Junior Babe Ruth program in general. Issues about when games would be played, practices, the coaches, etc were discussed. With this being a new formed team, there will be some bumps in the road, but hopefully the bumps will smooth out once we get into May.

The recreation director provided the board with an update on tee-ball. Included in the board packet is a tee-ball registration form. The deadline for sign-up will be the end of May, and forms will be sent out to the schools.

The recreation director also included a youth golf camp registration form in the board packets. The youth golf camp will be conducted the first week of June. This camp will be ran by the Osage City High School boys golf coach, Tracy Watkins. The campers will have instruction the first four days of camp, and then they will all participate in a small tournament on Friday. The Osage City Municipal Golf Course staff will do a hot dog feed for the kids and parents on Friday. Kids will receive a t-shirt and awards will be given for chipping, putting, and overall tournament score.

A list of the Osage City Aquatic Center staff was presented to the board. This included the Pool Manager, Assistant Pool Managers, lifeguards, and concession workers. The pool is to open on Saturday May 27, and will be open through Labor Day.

Dale Schwieger announced he would like to roll-off the board once his term expires at the end of July. The board discussed the terms of each member, and potential candidates to replace Dale. Ultimately, the replacement will be selected by the Mayor.

The recreation director gave an update on the volleyball camp held the end of March through April. The camp was led by Leah Griswold, setter for the Emporia State Hornets. The camp was primarily on Sundays, the end of March through April. There were only 7 campers signed-up, and by the end of the camp only a handful were showing up. In general the camp is a great idea, but the timing was not the best. Possibly a volleyball camp later in the fall, after the high school season, might be more appropriate.

A motion was made by Kevin Swindale to conclude the meeting, and it was seconded by Mark Goehring, the motion passed 7-0.

Osage City Parks & Recreation Advisory Board Meeting
June 22, 2006
6:30PM -- City Council Chambers

Board Members Present: Jeff Crocker, Kevin Swindale, Gary Griffith, Pat Bean, and Mark Goehring.

Board Members Absent: Dale Schwieger and John Garland

Staff Present: Corey Linton, Recreation Director, Brian Silcott, City Manager.

The meeting was called to order at 6:30PM.

A motion to approve the agenda was made by Mark Goehring and seconded by Jeff Crocker. The motion passed, 5-0.

A motion to approve the minutes was made by Pat Bean and seconded by Gary Griffith. The motion passed, 5-0.

The recreation director provided an update on the youth golf camp which occurred June 5-9 at the Osage City Municipal Golf Course. The camp was led by Osage City High School Boys Golf Coach Tracy Watkins and a couple of her high school golfers. 33 kids in grade 3rd-8th grade participate in the camp. Campers worked on driving, chipping, and putting, and the week was capped off with a small tournament and hot dog feed. Awards were handed out for putting, chipping, and overall tournament performance.

The recreation director provided an update on the youth baseball and softball season. Osage City has 10 total team participating in the Flint Hills League, 6 boys teams, and 4 girls teams. The season began the week after Memorial Day and will finish on July 15. So far, there have been very few problems at the ball fields. The Jones Park Concession Stand is being used by local groups to help raise money for their organization. To date the Foursquare Church, Osage City Chamber of Commerce, and the Osage City 4-H Club have worked the concession stand, and have come away with a very nice return. Each group has averaged \$90-100 per night, for each night of the week. The recreation director informed the board Osage City will be the host for the District 7, U15 Junior Babe Ruth Tournament during the week of July 17-22. Osage City was selected by the District 7 Commissioner, and there will have three teams participating in the tournament. Osage City will be responsible for providing umpires, field maintenance, concessions, etc.

The recreation director provided an update about tee-ball. Tee-ball has 5 teams in it. There are 10-11 kids per team. Each team plays each other one time, for 4 games. There are 4 teams from Osage City and one team from Reading. Games are on Thursday evening, 6:00 & 7:00pm. Games are ran by the parents, no score is kept, all kids bat and play defense. Games are 45 minutes or three innings. The season will end on July 13.

The recreation director provided an update on the Osage City Aquatic Center. Corey provided the board members with a packet of information which outlined a rough comparison from 2005 to 2006, in regards to season passes purchased, general attendance, money taken in, and concession money taken in, etc.

The Osage City Manager, Brian Silcott, provided an update about the Hike and Bike Trail, and discussed the need for a general Parks Master Plan. The lease and a copy of the deed have been obtained by the City of Osage City for the Hike and Bike Trail land. The trail is on schedule at this moment with completion Fall 2007. The City Manager discussed the need for updated playground equipment at Lincoln Park, upgrades at Huffman Park and Jones Park. Overall, this Fall 2006 there will be a Park Master Plan created for Osage City.

An update was given about Fall programs. OCPR will again participate in a recreational tackle football league put together by the Emporia Recreation Commission. OCPR will sponsor a Speed Camp at the end of July. OCPR will participate in a coed flag football league with other Osage County towns.

The board discussed the term limits. With one board member rolling off at the end of July, the board discussed the next course of action in replacing the board member and electing a Board Chair and Vice-Chair. The Board did elect Kevin Swindale as the Board Chairman, and Mark Goehring as Board Vice-Chairman.

A motion was made by Mark Goehring to conclude the meeting, and it was seconded by Kevin Swindale, the motion passed 4-0.

Osage City Parks & Recreation Advisory Board Meeting
July 27, 2006
6:30PM -- City Council Chambers

Board Members Present: Jeff Crocker, Kevin Swindale, Mark Goehring, and John Garland.

Board Members Absent: Gary Griffith and Pat Bean

Staff Present: Corey Linton, Recreation Director

The meeting was called to order at 6:30PM.

A motion to approve both the agenda and minutes was made by John Garland and seconded by Jeff Crocker. The motion passed, 4-0.

The recreation director provided an update on the youth golf camp which occurred June 5-9 at the Osage City Municipal Golf Course. The camp was led by Osage City High School Boys Golf Coach Tracy Watkins and a couple of her high school golfers. 33 kids in grade 3rd-8th grade participate in the camp. Campers worked on driving, chipping, and putting, and the week was capped off with a small tournament and hot dog feed. Awards were handed out for putting, chipping, and overall tournament performance.

The recreation director provided an update of the Flint Hills League Tournaments and the District 7 U15 Babe Ruth Tournament. Corey went through the Osage City teams, listing where they finished in each of their tournament. He also gave information about the Babe Ruth District Tournament, who attend, etc.

The recreation director gave an update of Fall programs. Including the Tackle Football League in Emporia, the Flag Football league in Carbondale. Jeff Crocker asked about trying to establish non-sports recreational programs, such as Art, Music, Pottery, Seniors, etc.

A copy of Ordinance #1417 was handed out. This ordinance outlined the responsibilities of the Park Advisory Board. Discussion was made about term lengths, possible new board members (to take the vacant spot of Dale Schwieger), and a possible student representative from Osage City High School.

A motion was made by Jeff Crocker to adjourn the meeting, and it was seconded by John Garland, the motion passed 4-0.

Osage City Parks & Recreation Advisory Board Meeting
August 17, 2006
6:30PM -- City Council Chambers

Board Members Present: Jeff Crocker, Kevin Swindale, Mark Goehring, John Garland, Gary Griffith, Pat Bean, and Melody Baker

Staff Present: Corey Linton, Recreation Director

The meeting was called to order at 6:30PM.

A motion to approve the agenda was made by John Garland and seconded by Jeff Crocker. The motion passed, 7-0.

A motion to approve the July 27 minutes was made by Jeff Crocker and seconded by Gary Griffith. The motion passed, 7-0.

The recreation director discussed the updated Osage City Aquatic Center pool hours. Starting August 21, OCAC will have the following hours of operation: Monday-Friday, Closed, Saturday, 1:00-8:00pm, and Sunday, 1:00-6:00pm. The final day of operation will be Labor Day, September 4. The recreation director brought up the point of closing OCAC during the week starting the third full week of August. This is due to low participation by the public. OCAC would continue to be open on weekends, at it's normal time. Another reason for this cut back in hours is due to staffing. Around the second and third week of August is when high school sports practices begin, students leave for college, etc. Staff is much more available on weekends in August then during the week.

The recreation direct provided an update of the Fall programs.

Osage City has created a 5th/6th grade tackle football team which will participate in a league based in Emporia. Osage City participated in this league last year, and was very happy with the competition level of the teams and the organization of the league. There are 8 teams within the league, 4 teams from Emporia, Osage City, Chase County, North Lyon County, and Burlington. Games will start on September 9 and will be played in Emporia. The Osage City team has 25 players on the teams. 4 players from Lebo, 6 players from the Lyndon area, and 15 players from Osage City. The team is coached by Will Kerns and assisted by Jeff Clark, Lyndon, Corey Linton and Dan Long, Osage City, and John Jarvis, Lebo. The teams began practice August 10, which they must practice 10 hours without pads, and began practicing in pads on August 22.

Osage City will have flag football teams participating in the Carbondale/Burlingame Flag Football League. This league incorporates teams and towns from Osage County. League divisions are: 6 & under, 1st/2nd grade, 3rd/4th grade, and 5th/6th grade. This is a coed league. Teams are limited to 7 players maximum, and they play 5 v 5 during games. Games are held on Sunday afternoons, in either Carbondale or Burlingame. Teams play a minimum of 6 games starting September 17. Osage City registration deadline is August 25.

OCPR plans to offer Fall Adult Volleyball. OCPR will attempt to form a Coed League and a Women's League to play on Sunday afternoon at the Osage City Grade School Gym. Games are tentatively set to start on October 1, and each team will play 6-8 games.

OCPR will try to develop a youth volleyball program. Amy Gilliland approach me about creating the program for 3rd/4th grade and 5th/6th grade volleyball players. The program will meet on Monday evenings at the OC Grade School Gym. Amy will be the program instructor, teaching the players about the positions on the floor, serving, passing, setting, and attacking the net. The program will begin on October 3 and span the month of October. If the program is successful, OCPR could continue to offer the program in the Winter or Spring.

OCPR Speed Camp was conducted July 31-August 4. The camp was ran by Kevin Swindale owner of Salt Creek Fitness. The camp had 8 boys in the program. The boys worked on agility and foot work drills helping them improve their overall speed and explosiveness. Kevin reported that all of the campers improved on their 40 times, with the majority improving more then a ½ second on their time. OCPR will try to continue offering this program later in the Fall/Winter, Spring, and again next Summer.

As requested by the advisory board at the July meeting, the recreation director began advertising for non-sports programs in Osage City. So far, no one has approached Corey about developing a program, but he will still continue to advertise. The board made some suggestions about possible programs, creating a BBQ cooking class, or contacting the owners of a business in Topeka who help people make weekly meals.

OCPR in conjunction with the Osage City Chamber of Commerce will be handing out Halloween bags at City Hall. The Halloween bags will have both the OCPR name and logo, along with the Chamber's name and logo on them. OCPR also created writing pens and water bottles as a way to help promote the parks and recreation department.

A date was set for the 1st official meeting for the 2007 Smoke in the Spring. The meeting(s) will be held the first Wednesday of each month, starting September 6, at 6:30pm. The meetings will continue until April 2007. The board discussed some initial ideas as far as putting the meeting in the community calendar section of the paper, and asking City Manager Brian Silcott to attend the meetings.

Melody Baker asked the recreation director about adult softball league in Osage City. The recreation director said he would look into developing a league(s), but the initial problems are finding quality umpires and picking a night to play. The umpire situation might be helped through other area ASA leagues.

John Garland commented on the Conrad Carlson Foundation wanting to construct a shelter house at Huffman Park. The shelter house would be 40 x 60 feet, with a metal frame, metal roof, on a concrete slab, with open sides, and still ribbed ceiling. The board initially supports the building of the shelter house at Huffman Park, but would like to know the location of the shelter house, if it would meet ADA requirements, for example if a side walk would need to be created for wheel chair accessibility, and an overall mock-up of the shelter house.

Garland also brought to the board a couple pictures, materials measurements, and material prices of the shelter house located at the south west corner of the golf course. Garland's proposal is to build 3-4 shelters of similar size and place them between the Jones Park ball fields. The shelters would be 16 x 20 feet in size, and big enough to have 1-2 picnic tables underneath them. The cost of the shelter house is an approximate figure based on measurement and materials from Osage City Building Materials. Other board members suggested talking to Kan Build to see if they could supply any material at cost. Garland was optimistic about finding free labor to construct the shelters, and the proposal price is without a concrete base. The board agreed a concrete base would not be needed. The board also agreed the money needed for the shelters could be raised from local groups, private businesses, or residents of Osage City. Money for this project would not necessarily be needed by the City of Osage City. Garland wanted to make a formal recommendation of the board to have the recreation director look into the feasibility of having 1-3 of these shelters constructed.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by John Garland and seconded by Gary Griffith. The motion passed, 7-0.

Osage City Parks & Recreation Advisory Board Meeting
September 21, 2006
6:30PM -- City Council Chambers

Board Members Present: Jeff Crocker, John Garland, Gary Griffith, Pat Bean

Board Members Absent: Kevin Swindale, Mark Goehring, and Melody Baker

Staff Present: Brian Silcott, City Manager, Corey Linton, Recreation Director, Gary Thompson, Facilities Director, Kevin Stromgren, Maintenance.

The meeting was called to order at 6:30PM.

A motion to approve the agenda and the August 17 minutes was made by Gary Griffith and seconded by Jeff Crocker. The motion passed, 4-0.

The recreation director brought up John Garland's proposal for shelters at the Jones Park Ball Complex. Discussion was brought up by Kevin Stromgren and Gary Thompson in regards to the location of laterals in between the four (4) ball fields. The laterals extend, North, South, and East, past the dugouts between Fields #3 & #4, Fields #1 & #2, and Fields #4 & #1. John Garland mentioned he would like to see a structure(s) built as quickly as possible, and discussed being able to local man power and possible funding to help with the shelter project. Kevin and Gary expressed a need to be able to move bleachers around, due to the numerous activities the bleachers are needed for outside of the ball fields. Also, avoiding any electrical lines or water lines located between the ball fields. A couple of options were introduced to the board and city staff. The first option was a cantilever system, which could be built in any size or width. Two cantilever options were introduced, one made with metal framing and a canvas canopy, and the other made from metal framing with a steel wool roof. A second option was netting. Setting up poles around the concession stand building, and running netting from field to field, which would create some shade and shield spectators from foul balls. A third option of extending the concession building North and South and having open shelter at each end. This seemed like a viable compromise to the previous options. Gary and Kevin said they would take some measurements and see how far the extensions could be and report those to recreation director Corey Linton.

The recreation director spoke about the replacement of playground equipment at Lincoln Park. The City Manager informed the board there would be a range of \$12-17,000 to be set aside for playground equipment. The recreation director provided options from Children Specialties Inc. The board members narrowed the options to two consensus choices. Choice #1 would be a phased project in which roughly \$13,000 of the total piece of equipment would be installed immediately, and then \$4,000-4,500 of the remaining structure would be phased in at a later date. Features would include a rock wall climber, wave slide, coil climber, tri-rung horizontal ladder, alpine thunder slide, and a triple rail slide. Choice #2 would be approximately 21' x 40', and could cost an estimated \$17,500. The features on both structures are subject to be changed, if needed. The company allows for the buyer to be able to interchange any feature on the play ground equipment. Pat Bean made a motion to make a formal recommendation to the council about the board two choices of play ground equipment, and Jeff Crocker 2nd the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

Corey Linton provided the park board with an update of the BBQ meeting held on Wednesday, September 6. The bulk of the meeting centered around providing food for the public who come to the event on Friday night. The best idea, proposed by Dave Azwell, was to have a ticket voucher system for the teams and public. In essence the BBQ teams would be able to sell whatever kind of food product they would like to the public. As an incentive for the team to participate would be, the team who produces the most ticket vouchers on Saturday would win the Kombo-Smoker always provided by Kingfisher Smokers. As a way for teams to not need to have money on hand, there would be a ticket voucher system put into place. The ticket vouchers could be purchased by the public at a central location, and then the BBQ teams would set their menu up based on the number of ticket vouchers they want to charge. For example: if a team wanted to serve grilled salmon for 5 tickets, they would post this on their menu board. Hopefully this would great more people coming out on Friday night to sample the food the BBQ teams can cook. As for entertainment, the meeting's consensus opinion was having country and or blue grass as the main type of music featured. The next BBQ committee meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 4, 6:30pm, at the Depot.

The recreation director gave the board an update of Fall programs. Flag football games began on September 17. Osage City participates with other Osage county teams, Overbrook, Carbondale, Lyndon, Scranton, Burlingame, Mission Valley, etc. Games are played on Burlingame and Carbondale on Sundays. Divisions are 6 & under, 1st/2nd grade, 3rd/4th grade, and 5th/6th grade. Osage City has 1 6 & under team, 2 in both the 1st/2nd grade and 3rd/4th grade divisions. Games will continue until the end of October. Teams play 5 v 5, and have 8 players per team. Osage City has 41 kids involved in the program.

OCPR is trying to develop a Fall adult Coed and Women's volleyball league. The league would play on Sundays, starting October 1 and continue through the middle of November. Games are 6 v 6.

OCPR is creating a youth volleyball program to be held on Monday evenings, 6:00-8:00pm, October 9, 16, 22, and 30. Amy Gilliland has agreed to be the volleyball instructor. The program is for 3rd/4th grade and 5th/6th grade.

Corey reported on Non-Sports Programs. Currently, only one person has contacted OCPR about any non-sport program. A lady contacted Corey about conducting aerobics. However, the main issue is with where to have the aerobics class. Due to the county appraisal, any city facility which hosts a program has the possibility of being put on the tax roll. With two current tenants in the skating rink, this has caused some discussion, and a current halt to any non-sports programs at this time, until the issue is ironed out.

Recreation Director, Corey Linton, reported to the board he will be moving into a new office the beginning of October. The office area located at the skating rink has been renovated by Kevin Stromgren, the electrical guys, and others and will become the new office of the recreation director. Later this Fall Winter a storage closet will be built inside the skating rink to house a lot of the ball equipment.

Osage City Parks and Recreation has submitted a proposal to the Kansas Babe Ruth Association about hosting a state tournament in 2007. Recreation Director, Corey Linton put the proposal together which included: an introduction of Osage City, attractions within Osage City and Osage County, local retail services, potential lodging and host family opportunities, and a description, including pictures of the Jones Park Ball Complex. OCPR should hear by October 3 if they are awarded a state tournament for 2007.

Jeff Crocker asked the City Manager about a comprehensive parks plan for Osage City. Brian Silcott said with a shelter structure being built at Huffman Park, possible playground equipment built at Lincoln Park, and a shelter project at Jones Park Ball Complex there is a need for an overall park plan, which would include diagrams, pictures, etc. if for no other reason, to help continue the vision of the parks for other future staff. This way there is something on record which can be followed or amended. No exact time table was given by the City Manager to create the park plan.

Pat Bean made a motion to adjourn the meeting, and Gary Griffith seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

Osage City Parks & Recreation Advisory Board Meeting
October 19, 2006
6:30PM -- City Council Chambers

Board Members Present: Melody Baker and Gary Griffith

Board Members Absent: Kevin Swindale, Mark Goehring, John Garland, Pat Bean, and Jeff Crocker

Staff Present: Corey Linton, Recreation Director and Gary Thompson, Facilities Director

The meeting was not officially called to order because there were not enough members for a quorum.

The recreation director updated the members on the Jones Park Complex Shelter option chosen by staff. Option #3, in accordance to the September meeting, was chosen by staff. This option meant there would be open shelter extensions built North and South of the concession building. Gary Thompson provided additional information about the extensions. The North extension would be 24 x 30, and the South extension would be 24 x 20, with a "crow's nest" on top. The crow's net would allow people to sit and keep score during the games, do announcing and play music during games. Gary had received on bid proposal from Osage Building Materials, and is waiting for a bid from KanBuild Inc. Gary and Corey were asked to look into funding for these shelters, and Gary brought up the fact they could be built at separate times, if needed.

An update was given on the Lincoln Park Playground Equipment. At the September meeting, the board members selected two playground equipment options. After speaking to the company representative, it was found out both pieces were almost identical. The company rep came to Osage City and met with Corey Linton, Gary Thompson, and Kevin Stromgren to discuss the structure. The company then sent back a booklet which diagrams, pictures, and a bid price for the structure. Turn around time for this would be 6-8 weeks.

Corey provided an update on current recreational programs.

Adult volleyball has 3 coed teams and 4 women's teams. They play on Sunday afternoons at the grade school gym.

Youth volleyball is going extremely well. There are 35 girls enrolled in the program. Amy Gilliland is the volleyball instructor, along with several high school players. The program meets on Monday nights, from 6:00-8:00pm at the Grade School Gym.

Youth basketball league meetings are coming up. Corey will be attending a meeting next week with Council Grove, Americus, North Lyon County, and Emporia. The goal is to incorporate Emporia into the league. Sign-ups should begin the first of November.

I was asked to attend a meeting about baseball and softball for 2007. Pomona, Williamsburg, and Appanoose are trying to create a new Babe Ruth sanctioned league. Osage City, North Lyon County, and Waverly were invited to the meeting. The purpose of the meeting was to inform the towns about this possible new league and to see if there would be interest. After attending the meeting, I am interested to hear more, and there is a very good possibility this league will become established. There will be another meeting in November, with the District Commissioner. In order for the league to make, the District Commissioner needs to sign off on it, and then the Kansas Babe Ruth Association needs to sign off on it. The league would only be for baseball, the Osage City softball teams would still participate in the Flint Hills League, but I would sanction each team with ASA, to give them the option of playing tournaments and additional post-season play.

Corey announced that Osage City was selected by the Kansas Babe Ruth Association to host the 15 year old 2007 State Tournament. The tournament would be held July 20-26, 2007. KBRA has sent the tournament contract, and it was reviewed and sent back.

Corey also announced Osage City has been selected to host the ASA 18 & under Sub-State Tournament on June 16-17, 2007. This tournament has been in Iola in previous years, but Osage City was contacted the Regional Director, and will be moved here in 2007.

An update on the October BBQ meeting was given. The meeting centered around the Friday Night Food For All, and how some of the BBQ teams replied to the idea of Osage City trying this. The teams seemed for it, but would like to be able to cook anything they chose. So, the committee members asked the Band Booster Club if it would be alright for them not to sell any food on Friday night. Larry Holloway seemed fine with this. The Band Boosters would still sell food on Saturday. Some ideas on how to attract regional musical acts was brought up. Corey will be placing an ad in Osage County Herald and Chronicle to try and attract interest.

Gary Griffith asked about developing a Sunday Softball League. Initially this seems fine. The league could start in the Spring and continue through the Fall if there is interest.

Osage City Parks & Recreation Advisory Board Meeting
November 21, 2006
6:30PM -- City Council Chambers

Board Members Present: Melody Baker, Gary Griffith, John Garland, Kevin Swindale, and Pat Bean.

Board Members Absent: Mark Goehring and Jeff Crocker

Staff Present: Corey Linton, Recreation Director

The meeting was officially called to order at 6:30pm.

A motion to approve the agenda was made by Gary Griffith, seconded by Pat Bean. Motion passed 5-0.

A motion was made by Pat Bean and seconded by John Garland to approve the September 21, 2006 and October 19, 2006 agendas. Motion passed 5-0.

The Recreation Director updated the board on the following OCPR programs.

3rd-6th Grade Basketball: Sign-ups are basically finished. OCPR has 8 total teams, with 65 total kids enrolled in the program. The current breakdown is as follows: 3rd/4th Girls (18), 3rd/4th Boys (16), 5th/6th Girls (6), 5th/6th Grade Boys (25). Practices will begin the week of December 4, games will start on Saturday, January 13, with the season finishing on February 24. Each team will play a minimum of 8 games, against Council Grove, Americus, and North Lyon County. The program is being sponsored by the Osage City Kiwanis Club.

1st/2nd Grade Basketball: Forms will be sent out to the schools the end of November. The program will be split into two nights, Monday and Wednesday. Parents are supposed to sign their child up for only one session. The program will be 7 weeks, with the first 3 weeks being practice, and the final 4 weeks scrimmage games. The program will start on January 15, and finished the end of February.

Youth Baseball/Softball: Osage City has been approached by Pomona, Williamsburg, and Appanoose to join in creating a Babe Ruth League from ages 7-18. The board provided some background information in regards to Osage City attempted this before, but due to parent concerns Osage City withdrew and continued in the Flint Hills League. Corey stated he would send an informational letter to the ball parents from last year and see what they think. Joining this Babe Ruth league would provide a greater opportunity for all-star play, but would require participation versus other teams in the area.

The Recreation Director provided the board with an update to the Smoke in the Spring BBQ event:

Event Booklet: There has been interest in developing an event booklet for the BBQ event. Corey will be requesting bids for the booklet from local and area printing businesses. The booklet would be used to help advertise the event and to generate some revenue for the event through ads in the booklet.

Brochure: The Smoke in the Spring brochure has been created and sent out to teams who are on the current mailing list. The brochure will also be emailed to teams.

Bullsheat Ad: An ad to the Bullsheat has been submitted and will appear from December through March, advertising the Smoke in the Spring.

Sponsorship Information: The event sponsorship information has been created and will be sent out the first of December. The information will include the event booklet, as well as general advertising within the booklet.

Web Site: The Smoke in the Spring web site will be updated soon with the general 2007 information. Included on the web site will be 2007 information, a BBQ Judge Application, Kids-Q Application, as well as sponsor advertising, team listings, etc.

There was mention of the Tractor Pull event held on October 14, 2006. There was some discussion about it being moved. The board mentioned being contacted by a few of the Tractor Pull Association members, expressing concern for moving the event. The board really could not recommend an acceptable location at this time.

A motion was made by Pat Bean and seconded by Gary Griffith to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed 5-0.