

Osage City Parks & Recreation Advisory Board Meeting
April 19, 2007
6:30PM -- City Council Chambers

Board Members Present: Mark Goehring, Melody Baker, Gary Griffith, Pat Bean, and Jeff Crocker.

Board Members Absent: Kevin Swindale and John Garland

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

Guest(s) Present: Stephanie Watson, Osage County Economic Development Director, and Ken Foth, Osage City Fair Board Member.

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

A motion to approve the agenda was made by Jeff Crocker, seconded by Melody Baker. Motion passed 5-0.

A motion was made by Gary Griffith and seconded by Melody Baker to approve the agenda. Motion passed 5-0.

Ken Foth from the Osage City Fair Board made a presentation about a large open shelter the Fair Board would like to construct. Ken provided some background information about the purpose of the new building, the history of the area, the current condition of the livestock shelters, the proposed replacement shelter, discussion of the building location, possible funding options for the shelter, and possible use ideas for the new shelter. Ken provided two sketches of the building to give the board an idea of what it would look like. There was discussion about the shelter location, positives and negatives to several possible locations. The board came to an agreement on the need for the shelter, and asked Ken to continue to update the Park Board as the Fair Board continues on the project. Updates would include a concrete location of the new shelter, schematics of the shelter, renderings, drawings, etc.

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

Youth Baseball: The East Central Kansas League was formed and will include Osage City, North Lyon County, Pomona, Appanoose, Williamsburg, Melvern (U10 division only), and Lyndon (13-15 division only). This is a sanctioned Babe Ruth League, in which their season can begin in early May, and finishing the end of June. All players will be eligible for all-star team selection, with districts starting the beginning of July. The league scheduling meeting will be in early April. Age divisions will be, 8 & under, 10 & under, 12 & under, and 13-15 year olds. Teams will be selected the end of March, and practices can start the beginning of April if I have a coaches. Osage City has 3, U8 Boys teams, 1 U10 Boys teams, 1 U12 Boys team, and 1 Junior Babe Ruth team.

Youth Softball: OCPR softball teams will participate in the Flint Hills League in 2007. This league is made up of area county teams. The season will start the week of Memorial Day and continue with League Tournaments in mid-July. Teams will be selected the end of March, and practice can start the beginning of April if I coaches. Osage City has 2 Coach Pitch Girls teams, 1 Midget Girls team, and 1 C-Girls team.

Youth Volleyball: OCPR offered Spring Youth Volleyball Mondays in April, and had OCHS Head Volleyball Coach Tara Schlesener and Assistant Coach Amy Gilliland as instructors. There were 29 girls enrolled in the program.

Osage City Aquatic Center: The pool will open Saturday, May 26. It will be open Monday-Saturday, 1:00-8:00pm and Sundays, 1:00-6:00pm, May 26-August 5. From August 6-September 3, Saturdays, 1:00-8:00pm, and Sunday, 1:00-6:00pm. OCPR sent out a 10% pool pass coupon to those who purchased a Family Pass or had a Pool Party in 2006. This was to provide an incentive to repurchase these items in 2007. A Family Pass will be \$150, a Single Pool Pass will be \$60, a 10 Swim Punch Card will be \$25, and Daily Pool Admission is \$3.00 for everyone age 4 & Above, and anyone age 3 & Below is free. OCPR will again offer Worlds of Fun and Oceans of Fun tickets at City Hall. Tickets will go on sale the first part of April and remain on sale through the end of August.

Youth Golf Camp: This will be June 4-8. There were be three different sessions depending on grade. Campers will be instructed by Tracy Watkins, OCHS Boys Golf Coach. Friday of the camp, all golfers will compete in an intr-squad tournament. The tournament will finish around noon, and everyone will be treated to lunch.

Drama Camp: Jennifer WasseMiller, USD 420 K-12 Music Instructor, will continue the Drama program into the summer. The Drama Camp will be June 4-8. There will be two sessions based upon grades. Campers will work on basic acting, singing, and knowledge about different jobs in the theatre. On Friday evening, each session will do a performance.

Youth Football Camp: Mike Ritzel, OCHS Head Football Coach will be offering a youth football camp through OCPR. The camps will be for 3rd-6th grade, and 7th-12th grade. The camp will be held July 23-27, with the younger kids going in the morning, and the older kids going in the evening. All campers will participate in a punt, pass, and kick competition.

Tee-Ball: Tee-ball sign-up will start the first of May, with practices starting the first week of June. Games will begin the second week of June. Games will be played at Field #5 at the Jones Park Ball Fields. Teams will play a minimum of 6 games from Mid-June to Mid-July.

Art Class: Jennifer Towle has expressed interest in developing an art program this summer. She is working on dates and times and we are trying to determine a location for the program.

Tournaments: OCPR will host a U12/U14 fast pitch softball tournament on June 2-3. OCPR will host a U18 ASA Sub-State tournament on June 16-17. Osage City will host the 13-15 year old Babe Ruth State Tournament on July 20-24.

Adult Softball: There is a possibly of developing adult softball this coming summer. The main day of interest is Sunday. The league of preference is Coed. Initially cost would be \$100 per team, for 10-12 games, going from mid-June through the end of July.
Gary Thompson provided a facility update.

The City of Osage City will be installing new playground equipment at Lincoln Park on Friday, April 20. Any of the board members are welcome to help in the installation. The playground equipment was purchased from Children's Specialties, Broken Arrow, Oklahoma.

Smoke in the Spring Post-Contest Discussion:

Smoke in the Spring was a memorable contest in 2007. Rain, sleet, and snow did not provide the best environment for teams, but regardless of the weather Osage City still had 60 teams for the weekend. Teams were very happy with the Friday Night Food For All turn out from the public, especially due to the weather. Both bands enjoyed playing inside the 4-H pavilion and both want to come back in 2008. BBQ Bucks were nearly sold out, despite the weather. The board discussed speaking to the PTA, who held a breakfast on Saturday morning, to see if we could tie it into the BBQ contest to attract people to Jones Park on Saturday morning. There was some confusion by the public this year, because they thought the continental breakfast provided by the Kiwanis Club to the BBQ teams was for the public. The Park Board decided to table selecting a date for 2008.

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