

Osage City Parks & Recreation Advisory Board Meeting
February 15, 2007
7:00PM -- City Council Chambers

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

Board Members Absent: Kevin Swindale, Melody Baker, and John Garland

Staff Present: Corey Linton, Recreation Director

Guest(s) Present: Rick and Jeanette Swarts, Larry Holloway, and Dave Azwell

The meeting was officially called to order at 7:00pm.

A motion to approve the agenda was made by Jeff Crocker, seconded by Gary Griffith. Motion passed 4-0.

A motion was made by Pat Bean and seconded by Gary Griffith to approve the agenda. Motion passed 4-0.

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

Youth Baseball & Softball: Kansas Babe Ruth has allowed Pomona, Osage City, North Lyon County, Appanoose, Williamsburg, and Waverly to create a Babe Ruth Baseball League on a one year trial basis. OCPR will participate in the Flint Hills League for softball in 2007. Sign-ups forms will be sent to the school by the end of February.

Drama Class: There are 31 participants in the Drama Class. Kathy Camarena is the program instructor, and the kids meet every Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday in the OCHS Auditorium. Jeff Crocker asked about having a story done about the program to appear in the OC Herald-Chronicle.

Youth Volleyball: OCPR will offer a Spring youth volleyball program. Tara Schelesener and Amy Gilliland will be the program instructors. The program will meet on Mondays in April, at the OCHS gym.

Adult Sports: OCPR will offer Adult Coed Softball this summer. The program will be offered in June and July, the night of the week is yet to be determined.

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

There are 34 teams signed up for the Smoke in the Spring, as of Feb 22. There are nearly 61 judges committed for the contest, as of Feb 22. Corey has contacted Metzger Tent Rental for a VIP tent, which would be located just North of the Community Building. Jerry's Thriftway will supply the finger foods for the VIP lounge. Butch Whalen will bartend in the VIP Lounge. A request was made to have jazz in the VIP tent from 5:30-7:00pm. Food will be available in the VIP tent from 5:30-7:00pm.

Berry's Artic Ice will be the ice vendor.
Karr Cart rental will supply 4 utility carts for the contest.

Sponsors committed for the contest:

Norseman Plastics	Grand Champion Sponsor
Mussatto Brothers Inc.	Reserve Champion Sponsor
Kan Build Inc.	Pork Butt Class Champion Sponsor
First State Bank	Beef Brisket Class Champion Sponsor
Osage City Chamber	Ribs Class Champion Sponsor
EMBARQ	Chicken Class Champion Sponsor
V100	Entertainment and Awards Presenter

The entertainment will be The Groove, of Topeka, and Big Woody, of Kansas City. The Groove will perform from 7:00-9:00pm, and Big Woody will perform from 9:00-11:00pm.

A request was made to have jazz in the VIP tent from 5:30-7:00pm.

A request was made to look into having a small portable shed building at the gate to the BBQ contest. This would be used to sell BBQ Bucks out of at the contest.

Arkee Sanitation will handle the port o'johns at the contest.

Smoke in the Spring promotional material has been ordered. Tote bag, pen, BBQ Judge Button, lanyard, and coozie.

The next BBQ Meeting will be Wednesday, March 7, 6:30pm, at Council Chamber.

Strategic Parks Planning:

The Park Board members were asked to provide parks "wish list" items. The items are listed below.

- Playground Equipment (more)
- General Park Signage (main sign and directional signs)
- New Lincoln Park Shelter
- Restroom building at Huffman Park
- Use A&R's parking lot for Huffman Park
- Permanent Stage area at Huffman Park
- Sand Volleyball Pit at Huffman Park
- New Shelter at Jones Park Ball Fields
- Crows Nest at Jones Park Ball Fields
- RV camp-site hook-up (one location, electricity, sewer, and parking)
- Shelter in the concession area at the pool
- Marketing of Depot
- Added lighting at Santa Fe Park
- Repairs to the shelter at Santa Fe Park
- Timer lighting at the tennis courts
- Parking at the Skate Park

A motion was made by Gary Griffith and seconded by Jeff Crocker to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed 4-0.