

Osage City Parks & Recreation Advisory Board Meeting  
January 25, 2006  
6:30PM -- City Council Chambers

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Board Members Present: Melody Baker, Gary Griffith, John Garland, Mark Goehring.

Board Members Absent: Kevin Swindale, Pat Bean and Jeff Crocker

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

Guest(s) Present: Kevin Stromgren

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

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

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

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

3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> Grade Basketball: OCPR has 9 total teams. The breakdown is as follows: 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> Girls (2), 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> Boys (2), 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> Girls (1), 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> Grade Boys (4). Games started January 13, and finishes February 24. against Council The program is sponsored by the Osage City Kiwanis Club.

1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Basketball: The program is split into two sessions, Monday and Wednesday. The program is 7 weeks, with the first 3 weeks practice, and the final 4 weeks scrimmage games. The program will started January 15, and finishes the week of February 26. The Monday session has 24 kids, and the Wednesday session has 22 kids.

Youth Baseball/Softball Survey: An informational letter and survey was sent to the parents from last year youth baseball and softball program to gather public opinion about joining a Babe Ruth League. There were 145 surveys sent out, and only 10% have been returned. The deadline for surveys to be turned in is February 2.

Drama Class: OCPR is offering a Drama class, with Kathy Camarena as the instructor. The program is divided into three sessions: Bit Parts (age 4-6, 6 kids), Characters (1<sup>st</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> grade, 9 kids), and Standing O (4<sup>th</sup> 6<sup>th</sup> grade, 12 kids). The Bit Parts session is 6 weeks, starting the week of January 29, and the Characters and Standing O sessions are 12 weeks starting the week of January 29.

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

There are 17 teams signed up for the Smoke in the Spring.  
There are nearly 40 judges committed for the contest.  
Corey has contacted Metzger Tent Rental for a VIP tent, which would be located just North of the Community Building.  
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:

Mussatto Brothers Inc.	Reserve Champion Sponsor
Kan Build Inc.	Pork Butt Class Champion Sponsor
First State Bank	Beef Brisket Class Champion Sponsor
V100	Entertainment and Awards Presenter
Embarq	Sponsor TBD
Norseman Plastics	Sponsor TBD
RCIL	Red Ribbon Sponsor
Citizen Insurance Services	BBQ Booklet Advertiser
Casey's General Store	BBQ Booklet Advertiser

The board members mentioned making sure there were plenty of trash dumpsters, and making sure trash was dumped on late Friday night or early Saturday morning. Also, they mentioned a special grease dump location.

The next BBQ Meeting will be Wednesday, February 7, 6:30pm, at Santa Fe Depot.

#### Facility Update:

Gary Thompson announced the shelter at Lincoln Park will be taken down, due to deterioration of the structure.

A bullpen will be placed east of the 3<sup>rd</sup> base dugout on Field #1. The shed will be moved further east closer to the batting cage. The bullpen should be available for usage by the first of March.

Gary announced he has received bid for construction of the shelter and crow's nest addition to the Jones Park concession building. Construction should begin soon.

#### Hike and Bike Trail Update:

Due to complications with the railroad company. Three other options were introduced the City Council. The options were shown to the Park Board. The City Council will make their decision on which option they want during their next meeting.

### Strategic Parks Planning:

The Park Board members were instructed to develop a "wish list" for the city's parks. The list should include their top 5 items each board member would like to see within the parks. The lists will be discussed during the February meeting, and then items will be ranked according to interest.

### New Business:

Gary Griffith asked for the development of a coed softball league in Osage City. The initial request was to have the league on Sunday, starting mid-April, and continuing through July.

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