

Osage City Parks & Recreation Advisory Board Meeting
March 15, 2007
6:30PM -- City Council Chambers

Board Members Present: Mark Goehring, Melody Baker, Gary Griffith, Pa 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: Rick and Jeanette Swarts, Larry Holloway, and Dave Azwell

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

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

A motion was made by Jeff Crocker and seconded by Pat Bean to approve the agenda. Motion passed 5-0.

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.

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.

Youth Volleyball: OCPR is offering a Spring Youth Volleyball program. The program will meet on Mondays in April, and will have OCHS Head Volleyball Coach Tara Schlesener and Assistant Coach Amy Gilliland as instructors.

Adult Sports: There was discussion about offering Adult Softball this summer. The preferred day of play is Sunday, with team fees approximately \$100.

Osage City Aquatic Center: Pool Managers and Life Guard staff will be hired and re-hired by the end of March. OCPR is advertising for concession workers and trying to find a Swim Team Coach. The pool will be drained and cleaned at the end of April, with an opening date of Saturday, May 26. OCPR will send out coupons to those people who scheduled a pool party and purchased a family pass in 2006.

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

47 Teams have signed up as of March 15.

13 teams have indicated selling food on Friday night.

The BBQ Booklet will be submitted in a week, and printing will be finished by the end of March.

The Catholic Youth Group has expressed interest in selling water and pop on Friday and Saturday in the contest area.

Awards are finished. They were done by Jury Krajak, A Sign 4 U.

A request was made to get keys to the 4-H Building for possible usage during the contest.

The Park Board requested sending information to the Topeka Capital \ Journal to promote the event.

Kids-Q participants will be given a half-pound of ground beef and asked \ to turn in a burger to be judged. The ground beef will be supplied by Jerry's Thriftway.

There was discussion about putting up barricades throughout the BBQ contest and car show.

Strategic Parks Planning:

The Park Board members narrowed their overall list to 5 primary items.

Playground Equipment (more)

General Park Signage (main sign and directional signs)

New Lincoln Park Shelter

Restroom building at Huffman Park

Crows Nest at Jones Park Ball Fields

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