

Osage City Parks & Recreation Advisory Board Meeting
September 20, 2007
6:30PM -- City Council Chambers

Board Members Present: Mark Goehring, Gary Griffith, and Wil Kerns

Board Members Absent: John Garland and Melody Baker

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

There was no official meeting because not enough park board members were present to make a quorum.

Items which were discussed by the Recreation Director:

FALL PROGRAMS

Flag Football OCPR flag football teams participate in the North Osage County Flag Football League. The league is operated by the Carbondale Rec Association. Games start September 23 and continue to October 28. Games are played on Sunday, in either Carbondale or Burlingame. OCPR has one 6 & under team, two 1st/2nd grade teams, and one 3rd/4th grade team.

Tackle Football OCPR continues to participate in the Emporia Recreation Commission Youth Tackle Football League. The league is operated by the Emporia Rec Commission. The team is sponsored by Bank of Osage City and has 25 kids. Games began on September 8, and continue on Saturdays through November 3. All games are played in Emporia. The team has started the season 1-2.

Youth Volleyball OCPR will offer youth volleyball for 3rd-6th graders. Amy Gilliland and the rest of the OCHS volleyball coaching staff and volleyball players will be the program instructors. The program will start October 29 and go to November 26. The program meets on Mondays only, at the OCHS gym. Forms will be sent out to the schools and will be made available to the public the week of September 24.

BABE RUTH 2008 STATE TOURNAMENT BID

OCPR has submitted a bid for a 2008 Kansas Babe Ruth State Tournament. OCPR's first tournament choice is the 16-18 year old State Tournament, and OCPR's second tournament choice is the 13 year old State Tournament. Kansas Babe Ruth will make their decision the first part of October.

OSAGE CITY AQUATIC CENTER (UPDATE)

The recreation director supplied an update of the Osage City Aquatic Center. Unofficially, OCAC took in \$28,171.20 in Admissions Revenue, and \$10,036.42 in Concessions Revenue. OCAC sold 52 Single Passes (compared to 39 in 2006), 56 Family Passes (compared to 59 in 2006), and had 18 pool/deck rentals (compared to 14 in 2006). The recreation director will begin research to revamp the pass system OCAC uses. The reason for this is families are taking advantages of loop holes in the family pass policy.

YOUTH SPORTS COACH BACKGROUND CHECKS

OCPR will begin youth sports coach background checks. This process will begin with the upcoming youth basketball season. Coaches will be asked to fill out a Coaching Application form, which when signed will give permission to have a KBI background check performed on the coach. There is a fee for the background checks, which will be paid by OCPR.

OCPR SPONSORSHIP PACKAGE INFORMATION

OCPR compiled a database of Osage City businesses. Once the database was compiled, sponsorship package information, within OCPR, was sent to the business in the database. The sponsorship package information included a variety of ways a business can sponsor programs within OCPR. The packages vary from a donation to the OCPR Scholarship Fund, to signage at Jones Park.

OCPR PHOTOGRAPHY BID

OCPR sent information to photography businesses about an OCPR photography bid. Included was information about the requirement for bid. Bids are due by October 1, 2007. Once bids are returned, the recreation director will make a choice on the photography bid.

A Facility Update was given by the facilities director.

Jones Park Complex

Trees will be added on the North side of the asphalt walkway as you enter to the complex from the West. The trees will be planted by Shroud's of New Strawn, and they will maintain the trees for a minimum of two years.

A shelter is nearly constructed south of the concession building, in the general area between Field #1's first base dugout and Field #2's third base dugout. The shelter will be 20x50, contain plug-ins, benches around the edge, and will contain picnic tables.

Contact has been made with the Hultgren Family about relocating the Hultgren Memorial. The purpose of relocating the memorial will be to make it more visible to people, and to provide landscaping around the memorial to make it look nicer to the public.

Inside the concession building the cabinets are being worked on because of flood damage sustained in May. The counter top will be replaced, along with a different stainless steel sink will be installed.

Playground equipment has been discussed to be located between Field #3 and Field #4. The playground equipment will be covered with a netting to be protected against foul balls, etc. The size and type of playground equipment is still being considered.

Gary mentioned the immediate need for some type of permanent sprinkler system for the outfields at the Jones Park Complex.

Lincoln Park

Surfacing options for the playground equipment installed in April are being considered. Options consist of rubber mulch types, either shredded or a chunkier size, and a "pour and play" type of rubber surface. Options will be provided to the city manager and city council for final approval.

PARK BOARD MEMBER ROTATION (UPDATE)

Wil Kerns will replace Pat Bean as the USD 420 School District representative. Jeff Crocker and Kevin Swindale will rotate off of the park board. Mark Goehring announced he will accepted a new job, and will be leaving in October. This leaves three (3) at-large positions on the park board available. The recreation director is advertising for park board interests over the next 2-3 weeks. At the October park board meeting recommendations will be made, given to the city manager and then given to city council for approval.

BBQ COMMITTEE NOTES

The 2008 Smoke in the Spring will be held on April 11-12, 2008.

Discussion on finding larger sponsors for the contest, increasing media coverage, as well as increasing the prize money from \$7,500 to \$10,000.

Ideas were discussed about having two additional categories, Dessert and Anything Butt, on Friday night, and continuing the Kids-Q contest, the Friday Night Food For All, maybe changing the name of it, and the Friday night entertainment.