

**PARKS & RECREATION BOARD
GEORGE FINA MUNICIPAL BUILDING
Monday, March 17, 2008**

The Piedmont Parks & Recreation Board met at 6:30 pm at the George Fina Municipal Building, 314 Edmond Road NW, Piedmont, OK

Members Present: Chair Lyn Land, Board Members Mike Francis, Monty Tumbleson, and Leslie Gilmore

Members Absent: Board Member Mike Pierce

Staff Present: None

CALL TO ORDER –

Lyn Land called the meeting to order at 6:34 pm.

ROLL CALL –

Lyn Land noted that a quorum was present.

CONSENT AGENDA –

a. Approval of Minutes of the Regular Meeting on February 18, 2008.

Mike Francis **made a motion, seconded by** Leslie Gilmore, to approve the minutes. The vote was:

AYE: Mike Francis, Leslie Gilmore, Lyn Land

NAYE: None

HEARING OF CITIZENS –

John Bickerstaff was present to talk about the park located in the East Wind I addition and suggested a meeting between representatives of the homeowner's association, Parks and Rec, Planning Commission, and the developers. John will arrange the meeting.

John Bickerstaff pointed out that the Parks and Rec Board has sponsored several popular activities and suggested that the Board do more to market the Parks & Rec Board.

BUSINESS ITEMS –

a. Receive report from P3 Activities & Recreation Committee

The P3 Committee has not met since the last Parks & Rec Board meeting.

b. Discussion and Possible Action on the Parks & Recreation expenditures and budget for FY2006, FY2007, FY2008.

Discussion included the difficulty understanding the financial report as presented to the Board. A request will be made to staff to provide a financial report that will be more easily understood by the Board and the general public. There was no motion to approve the financial report.

Discussion on the funding of several items and issues included a sound system, a storage shed, the services of a park planner, paying a Parks and Rec member to do the monthly agenda and minutes, and large projects which include playground equipment, a skate park, and a spray park.

It was learned on Friday, March 14, that other boards and commissions had been asked by the City to submit their budget requests by March 26. The Parks and Recreation Board had not been asked to submit a budget. Although requests had been made for Parks and Recreation to be included in CIP discussions, it was learned that these discussions had already begun and Parks and Recreation had not been included.

c. Discussion and Possible Action on Oklahoma Recreation and Parks Society (ORPS).

ORPS can send questions to the general membership for input from other Parks and Rec Boards across the state. Possible questions for input included the use of a junior parks and issues such as the role of a junior parks board and the selection of members, and the method by which other Parks and Recreation Boards are funded.

d. Discussion and Possible Action on the annual Easter Egg Hunt.

Approximately 6000 eggs have been filled. There are 525 prizes, including a bike for each age group, and a bike for the Kiwanis to give in a drawing. Posters were hung around the city and flyers were sent home with every child.

Leslie will have a table in the craft show area to publicize Parks and Recreation activities.

e. Discussion and Possible Action on activities for “Hot Summer Nights”.

Topics for classes leading up to and including Hot Summer Nights include yoga, outdoor grilling, photography, CPR, and dance. It was suggested that the budget

for the coming fiscal year include \$500 per week through the summer for funding the weekly events.

f. Discussion and Possible Action on a memorial for the Dillards.

No discussion.

g. Discussion and Possible Action on the roles and responsibilities of the Parks and Recreation Board.

Mike Pierce will be contacted about the possibility of putting Parks & Recreation information on a website he has created. Possible links and uses of the website include a Schedule of Events, an opportunity for people to make donations, a Suggestion Box, photos from Parks & Rec. events, and the opportunity to sign up for a Parks & Rec newsletter.

NEW BUSINESS –

None

PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT REPORT –

There was no staff present.

BOARD MEMBERS'S COMMENTS –

ADJOURN –

Mike Francis **made a motion, seconded by** Monty Tumbleson, to adjourn the Parks and Recreation Board meeting at 8:30 pm, Monday, March 17, 2008.

ATTEST:

Chair, Lyn Land