

**SHAWNEE BEAUTIFICATION, PARKS, AND RECREATION COMMITTEE
PROCEEDINGS**

JANUARY 18, 2024 AT 4:00 PM

The Shawnee Beautification, Parks, and Recreation Committee of the City of Shawnee, County of Pottawatomie, State of Oklahoma, met in Regular Session in the Commission Chambers at City Hall, 16 West 9th Street, Shawnee, Oklahoma on, January 18, 2024 at 4:00 P.M., pursuant to notice duly posted as prescribed by law at 10:16 A.M. on January 17, 2024. Chairperson Payne presided and called the meeting to order. Upon roll call, the following members were in attendance.

Chad Payn
Chairperson

Sherry Lankford
Vice Chairperson

Absent
Committee Member

Vacant
Committee Member

Sue Nelson
Committee Member

Vickie Winters
Committee Member

Lauren Richter
Commissioner/Committee Member

ABSENT: Zach Foster

CALL TO ORDER

DECLARATION OF QUORUM

1. Consideration of approval of the Minutes from the December 21, 2023 regular meeting.

A motion to approve the December 21, 2023 minutes was made by Sherry Lankford. A 2nd was made by Vickie Winters. Motion carried 5-0

Aye: Chad Payn, Sherry Lankford, Vickie Winters, Sue Nelson, and Lauren Richter.

Nay: None

2. Staff Reports

Staff reported on the following items:

1. Reminder of the Special Call Meeting on Tuesday, January 23, 2024 from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
2. Conducted a tour of our parks on Tuesday, January 9, 2024 with 3 committee members. Will possibly schedule another tour for 2 more committee members.

3. Bathroom remodel project has started at Dean Weigant Park.
4. Started Play in the Park at KidSpace Park. A recreation aide or staff member will go out to the park from 3:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m Monday-Friday and 12:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m. on Saturday, weather permitting, to play games and interact with patrons. Our goal is to encourage more adults to help us create a positive environment at the park. We are focusing on KidSpace Park this spring, but would like to expand it to other parks and hope to recruit volunteers to assist us.
5. Reminder that positions are now open for Splash. We will do a one-day hiring event on March 9, 2024.
6. There are several new senior programs at the Senior Recreation Center this month, including a nutrition class, a dementia support group, a senior book club, and a line dancing night.
7. The mapping system for online viewing of burial spaces at Fairview Cemetery is continuing.

3. Citizens Participation (A three-minute limit per person)
(A twelve-minute limit per topic)

No citizen participation at this meeting.

4. Committee Comments

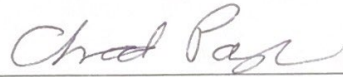
Committee members had the following questions and comments concerning items discussed in Staff Comments:

1. Will staff members and recreation aides be wearing something recognizing they are representing the Parks and Recreation Department while participating in Play in the Park? Amy let the committee know that staff and aides will have their employee badge on and will be wearing a recreation shirt.
2. Are there any updates on the work being done at Shawnee Lake #1, with Amy stating she does not have any updates at this time.
3. What is the age group for volunteering with Play in the Park? Amy let the committee know that 18 and older would be the ideal age group.
4. It was suggested that it's possible Shawnee High School might have NHS students needing to perform volunteer hours to help with Play in the Park or possibly a church youth group might volunteer to help. Amy replied that would be a good idea.
5. Is the Dean Weigant bathroom remodel part of the Master Plan? Amy let the committee know it is actually part of the Capital Outlay.
6. It was suggested it is possible that the drama club at Shawnee High School

could perform at the new amphitheater to help the students fulfill volunteer hours and have some activity in Woodland Park. Amy replied that would be a good idea for future program planning.

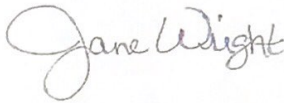
5. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by Sherry Lankford at 4:20 p.m. A 2nd was made by Vickie Winters.



CHAD PAYN
CHAIRPERSON

ATTEST:



JANE WRIGHT
SECRETARY