

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

MARCH 21, 2024 AT 4:00 PM

The 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, March 21, 2024 at 4:00 P.M., pursuant to notice duly posted as prescribed by law at 10:53 A.M. on March 20, 2024. Chairperson Payn 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

Kerri Keck
Committee Member

Absent
Committee Member

Vickie Winters
Committee Member

Absent
Commissioner/Committee Member

ABSENT: Zach Foster, Sue Nelson, and
Lauren Richter

CALL TO ORDER

DECLARATION OF QUORUM

1. Consideration of approval of the Minutes from the February 15, 2024 regular meeting.

A motion to approve the February 15, 2024 minutes was made by Sherry Lankford. A 2nd was made by Kerri Keck. Motion carried 4-0.

Aye: Chad Payn, Sherry Lankford, Vickie Winters, and Kerri Keck.

Nay: None

2. Staff Reports

1. Construction has started at Fairview Cemetery with phase 1 being updating the outside of the building. Phase 2 will be updating the inside of the building and will be done at a later date. Mapping of the cemetery is ongoing with a plan to go online to the public in the fall.

2. KidSpace bathrooms were vandalized, but we have started the repair process

and have porta potties on site. The park has had very good attendance. Normal maintenance work on the turf has been completed.

3. Fitness attendance at the Recreation Center has been growing each week.

4. Splash will open on May 24, 2024. We had the largest number of new hires at the Hiring Day event. There has been an overwhelming response to the Stay at Splash Program.

5. New full-time position open for Special Events & Volunteer Supervisor.

3. Discussion of starting a Friends of the Park program

The board discussed the Friends of the Park program, and they like the project ideas the program offers. Chad Payn feels like the group could organize some projects.

4. Consideration of finalizing committee goals.

The board discussed setting some small goals to accomplish. They would like to focus on beautification of parks for now and set more goals at a later date. For the first project, they would like to plant flowers in big pots and flower bed on Bell Street by the intersection of Bell and 9th. A motion to approve the project and permission for Sherry Lankford to make a purchase up to \$200 using Beautification funds in Finley & Cook account was made by Kerri Keck. A 2nd was made by Chad Payn. Motion carried 4-0.

Aye: Chad Payn, Sherry Lankford, Vickie Winters, and Kerri Keck.

Nay: None

5. Citizens Participation

(A three-minute limit per person)

(A twelve-minute limit per topic)

1. Rob Morris encouraged the board to speak with the City Manager concerning the temporary closing of Celebration of Life Park.

2. Kenneth Crawford wants the board to think about the core value of the city pertaining to safety. We need to do something about Lions Club Park as it is a major safety concern. He talked with members about getting a temporary fence put around the park to protect the community.

3. Butch Lutomski also talked about Lions Club Park and the need to get it cleaned up and usable. He let the board know there are groups willing to help with the clean up and there is grant money available to help with the cost.

6. Committee Comments

1. The board discussed talking with the city manager about concerns of Lions Club Park with the possibility of the city manager coming to the next meeting to talk about the issue.
2. Possibility of contacting commission members to talk about issues with Lions Club Park.
3. Sherry Lankford is going to find out how much money is in the beautification account at Finley & Cook and also find out who has access to the account.

7. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made at 5:40 P.M. by Kerri Keck. A 2nd was made by Sherry Lankford.

Sherry Lankford for
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CHAIRPERSON *Chad Payn*

ATTEST:

Jane Wright

JANE WRIGHT
SECRETARY