

# Onekama Parks & Recreation Committee

## Monthly Meeting—APPROVED

April 7, 2023 8:30a

Members present: Chair Michelle Ervin, Vice Chair Bick Pratt, Al Taylor, Tyler Dula, Paul Mueller, Brian Allen, Andrea Arthur (by telephone). Absent: Justin Sedelmaier, Gary Madden

Meeting was called to order at 8:38a.

Public comment:

Dave Meister stated that he supported the idea of having a beach volleyball court built at Langland Park.

Motion to approve minutes of March 3, 2023 by Mueller, seconded by Dula. AIF, motion carried.

Correspondence:

Frank Elo and Dennis McCarthy addressed the Committee in support of building a seasonal beach volleyball court at Langland Park. He has been in contact with EGLE about this project, and he has been told it will require a site plan. Seasonal means nothing can be permanent, including prohibiting posts in concrete. Mr. Elo proposes he will seek out funding and the Committee will take care of permitting, monitoring, and maintenance of the court. Pratt suggested the first year as a proof of concept, and if it's popular it can be added into the budget for next year. Mr. Elo agrees to take responsibility for fundraising, and Mueller agrees to be the lead from the Committee.

Ervin received an email from Elizabeth Tyson wanting to make a donation to the Onekama parks. Ervin suggested the Tyson that the Committee use her donation to purchase 20 native black willow trees for planting from the Portage Lake Garden Club.

Motion to accept the donation and plant the trees pending verification of genetics of tree variety, that the trees come in plug form, and that a care plan is put in place for the trees once planted by Taylor, seconded by Allen. AIF, motion carried.

Sub-committee reports: none

Old business:

History Sub-Committee—the Board has supported the formation of a History Sub-Committee by the Parks & Recreation Committee that can access the leftover money from the Onekama 150 account. Ervin to take the lead on this.

Motion that the Parks & Recreation Committee can create an ad hoc Historical Sub-Committee by Ervin, seconded by Pratt. AIF, motion carried.

Budget review—Pratt presented the final budget numbers for the Committee for the 2023 fiscal year.

Discussion regarding aggressive sand management for ADA compliance at Langland Park.

Discussion on beach clean up.

Langland Park update—Pratt

Discussion regarding MCFE funding opportunities for a possible boardwalk project, Swidorski bid to create leach pit for water run-off.

Taylor is going to look into the Safe Beaches project.

Motion to adjourn by Ervin, seconded by Taylor. AIF, motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 10:08a.

\_\_\_\_\_ Chair

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Submitted by Michelle Swanson, Recording Secretary