

Onekama Township Parks and Recreation Committee Regular Meeting July 7, 2023

Onekama Township Hall 8:30AM to 10:00AM

Phone in option (712)770-8094 Meeting ID 782365 (Phone line not used)

CALL TO ORDER - Pratt 8:32AM

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE was said.

ATTENDANCE Present: Brian Allen, Andrea Arthur (left at 9:59), Michelle Ervin, Gary Madden (left at 9:57AM), Paul Mueller, Bick Pratt (acting Chairman), Justin Sedelmaier (arrived at 9:32AM) Allen Taylor (Board representative left at 9:15AM) ABSENT: Tyler Dula

MINUTES - Regular Meeting, June 2, 2023, Motion to Approve Ervin Second Pratt AIF M/C

AMEND AGENDA – Budget Review: Budget in order at this point. OK to spend additional \$100 from Brett Mathieu donation on butterfly event.

Pratt proposed a change of meeting date to the last Friday of every month, including a meeting on July 28 8:30AM – 10:00AM. All agreed. Pratt to check with Township clerk on building availability.

CORRESPONDENCE –

Phone call & Email – Pat Pomeranski, Onekama Garden Club Member

1. Recycle bin at Langland not clearly marked. We have no recycle bin

2. Interest / Opposition to a cigarette recycle bin at Langland - Discussion

Pratt will ask if there any data that shows positive results from another city, county etc?

Some stated they are not interested in more receptacles.

Once installed is there a year-round indefinite commitment for management or just summer months?

Does the Township support spending funds if Garden Club only provides seasonal support.

Gary Madden supports.

3. Beach Sweep – P&R interest in managing another in addition to fall sweep conducted by Garden Club?

P&R was successful this Spring for getting enough people for 2 parks, Glenn and North Point. More effort would be required on the part of P&R to get enough volunteers for Langland. Ervin will take lead in getting clarity.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES -

Ad Hoc Species Management: Taylor/Dula/Sedelmaier – No program for this year. Maybe next if Township support. Taylor will bring up to township board.

Ad Hoc History Club: Taylor/Ervin Walking tours – and printing of historical information has been completed using carryover budget, not P&R. History tour of PPI on the 7/21 @ 4pm. day of the PPSRC Dinner.

Ad Hoc Portage Wetlands Park/Pratt – Jane Johnson tour 7/15 with Allen & others.

OLD/UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Parks Manager: Capper – No report

Parks maintenance requests process w/Mueller: See 3a below

Langland Park:

1. Volleyball at Langland: Mueller. Will be installed today. Installed on 7/7/23
2. Grant for Engineering: Taylor/ Pratt- Grant approved @90%. Spicer to attend Township meeting to answer questions from each member.

3. Township decisions:

a. Trash Container –

- Taylor asking board to remove.
- Pratt asking that cameras be installed to discourage household refuse. If possible, post photos of offenders on Facebook.
- Blackmore disagrees and also wants the trash dumpster removed.

Get legal opinion about camera. Would it discourage people?

If we are looking for a holiday only solution would the board support volunteers or paid people to attend the parking lot in groups during the 4th of July weekend?

b. New supplier for restroom cleaning. Deputy Clerk found new vendor, who was hired to do weekly power wash

c. ADA accessibility at the south entrance. – Get hard surface like those at Manistee beaches or the vendor we had considered. Ed getting vendor info for Pratt.

Move Mobi mats back to the north after rainwater runoff mitigation work. Pratt working on as time permits. (Recent citizen complaint)

North Point Park: Ervin/Mueller

1. Invasive Species – No report
2. WAAG Irrigation system repaired and working.

Glen Park: Engineering update: Allen – ARPA discussion. Allen was authorized by Blackmore to spend \$3000 to get plans and estimate for North bridge.

2023 Township Master Plan Recreation Map: Pratt Brief recap of recreation map progress

Joint meeting with Village of Onokama Parks Committee: Ervin/Arthur Report by Arthur with Quarterly meetings planned going forward.

ARPA Funds Suggestions: ALL – Reviewed discussion at township. Blackmore expects that a special meeting will be called.

Donation process- Mueller inquired about signage on donated infrastructure. Simple process for cash donations is now in process. Pratt stressed that if additional work is done on a donation process that whoever takes lead should plan to develop the process, get approval of P&R then present it to the board personally.

Township treasurer, Ed Bradford stated there can be no mention of tax deductibility.

Ervin asked it to be tabled. Tabled for now.

NEW BUSINESS

Donation of DNR Boat Launch to Parks: - Not discussed move to next meeting

Township discussion about owning DNR ramp

- Pros-Enables additional Grant money
- Cons-additional expenses, upkeep etc.
- Other discussion to follow

Water trails discussion with Harbor Commission Ervin – Ervin described a potential water trail. She does not have time to lead and will re-engage with Harbor commission.

Onkama Schools Update: Madden– New superintendent- was hired. Lara Treemore Spears did a raingarden study. Use sinking fund money to install raingarden. Denied initially but Madden wants to further investigate. All public facilities are open except the football field. Madden is trying to get it opened up. Madden will ask about making property available for a pickleball court. There is a spot where the rain garden is planned.

Motion to adjourn Pratt, second Ervin, AIF M/C meeting adjourn at 10:06AM

Next meeting: July 28, 8:30AM to 10:00AM, Township Hall pending Township Clerk approval

Minutes by Pratt/reviewed by Ervin