## OMAK PARK BOARD REGULAR MEETING MINUTES July 08, 2025

## **CALL TO ORDER:**

Chair Pruitt called the meeting to order at 5:03 pm.

## **COUNCIL AND ADMINISTRATIVE PERSONNEL:**

Pat Pruitt – Park Board Chair (Chair)
Melissa Little – Park Commissioner (PC)
Betty Cleveland – Park Commissioner (PC)
Kelly Cariker – Park Commissioner (PC)
Nikki Watts - Park Commissioner (PC)

Kurt Danison – City Planner (CP) (absent) John Marshall – Administrative Assistant (AA) Wayne Beetchenow – Public Works Director (PWD)

#### **CITIZEN COMMENTS:**

None

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

Having reviewed the minutes from the previous meeting PC Cleveland moved to approve the minutes as written and PC Little seconded. None were opposed.

# **NEW BUSINESS:**

PWD Beetchenow discussed with the Board the need to come up with immediate ideas for improvements for the parks to be placed into his budget for the upcoming City budget process that begins in August. He talked about some ideas and asked the Board to evaluate what they thought would be reasonable priorities. Several ideas were discussed, ultimately the Board settled on Fencing for Julia Maley Park and replacement of the fence around Kiwanis Park. Additionally, the Board wanted to put signage at each park in the City and wanted to see how many of those signs they could put in place working within the next budget. The Board discussed the priority of fixing or replacing the City Pool and PWD Beetchenow talked with them about the current condition and the fact that the City had already done a Pool Study that covered all the issues and replacement and or repair costs. He stated that he would forward that to the Board for review. PWD Beetchenow said he would get some rough quotes together for the next meeting. PWD Beetchenow, having other commitments, exited the meeting at 5:53 p.m.

The Board then discussed the addition of another member to the Board. AA Marshall informed the Board that there is a set limit to the number of seats for the Board and an additional member would not be possible, however, the individual in question was more than welcome to come to the meetings, discuss issues, and add suggestions or ideas. As this is an open meeting anyone would be able to do so, but the Board themselves would be the only ones that could vote for an outcome. There is also the possibility to add members as a Park Advisory Committee and that could be extremely helpful with planning and executing the Park Comprehensive Plan.

The next order of business was the bathrooms and Porta-Potties in the parks. The maintenance and fixing costs as well as the public safety risks were all discussed.

City Administrator McDaniel forwarded a potential City Ordinance change concerning the park section of the City Code as far as prohibited acts and violations. AA Marshall informed the Board of

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this, asked if this Ordinance change were to come into effect would the Board be willing to possibly be the appealing authority for the new Ordinance. The Board discussed and PC Cleveland moved to vote for the change and to be the appealing authority if necessary. It was seconded by Chair Pruitt and the Board voted unanimously in favor.

The Board talked about changes to the Survey sent out by CP Danison. He will have it put to website for the community to be able to have access and provide input.

AA Marshall then informed the Board that in future meetings the Comprehensive Park Plan would be the next priority, so that it could be completed by year's end.

## **OTHER BUSINESS:**

None.

Chair Pruitt adjourned the meeting at 6:22 PM.

Pat Pruitt, Chair of the Board

John Marshall, Administrative Assistant