

**PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING**

Minutes of Wednesday, March 22, 2023

7:00 p.m.

Owosso City Hall

- CALL TO ORDER:** Commissioner Workman called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.
- PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Was recited
- ROLL CALL:** Was taken by Amy Fuller
- MEMBERS PRESENT:*** Chairman Workman, Commissioners Maginity, Smith, Horton, and Bila.
- MEMBERS ABSENT:*** Vice-Chair Selbig, Commissioner Rodman
- OTHERS PRESENT:*** Amy Fuller, Chris Harrand, Kris Poag, Rick Dibeau
- APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** COMMISSIONER SMITH MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA FOR MARCH 22, 2023. MOTION SUPPORTED BY COMMISSIONER BILA. AYES ALL, MOTION CARRIED.
- APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** COMMISSIONER MAGINITY MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FOR JANUARY 25, 2023 WITHOUT CHANGES. MOTION SUPPORTED BY COMMISSIONER SMITH. AYES ALL, MOTION CARRIED.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Rick Dibeau asked the Commission about improvements at Bennett Fields, particularly the bathrooms and toilets. Amy Fuller responded that improvements to the bleachers and dugout roofs were requested for the upcoming budget year and that she would follow up on the toilets.

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

Amy Fuller shared that two groups have reached out about doing park clean ups. Jars will have their staff at the skate park and Hopkins Lake on 4/10.

**ITEM OF BUSINESS:**

Rudy DeMuth Fields: Chris Harrand gave the Commission a presentation on the improvements that the Owosso Baseball and Softball Association, Hit and Pitch, Owosso Baseball Club, and Owosso Youth Baseball have teamed up to complete. They have raised \$36,000 for 6 new dugouts, as of 3/21/2023 footings for all of the dugouts were dug. They anticipate being done by April 20, 2023. Chris thanked the City of Owosso for helping haul away debris from the tear-out and talked to the Commission about funding for additional projects they are working on at the fields. The Commission requested that Amy Fuller research prices for new aluminum bleachers and signage which could possibly be funded with park millage funds.

Spring Cleaning: Commissioner Workman suggested the Commission host a spring clean-up event. It was decided Commissioners would split up and clean Adams, Harmon Patridge, Bentley Parks, and along Jerome Street from 10-12 on Earth Day, April 22, 2023m weather permitting. Amy Fuller will create a Facebook event and invite the public.

**Next Meeting:** April 26, 2022, at 7:00 PM at City Hall.

**PUBLIC/COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS:**

**ADJOURNMENT:** COMMISSIONER HORTON MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN AT 8:51 P.M. MOTION SUPPORTED BY COMMISSIONER BILA. AYES ALL, MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted by:  
Amy Fuller, Assistant City Manager