

AGENDA  
Parks & Recreation Commission  
Wednesday, April 24, 2024  
7:00 PM  
City Hall

Call to order:

Pledge of Allegiance:

Roll call:

Approval of agenda: April 24, 2024

Approval of minutes: February 28, 2024

Public comments:

Old Business Report from City Liaison:

New Business:

- Amphitheater Mural
  - Master Plan Goal 5.1, 5.3, 5.9
- Bylaws

Next Meeting: May 22, 2024

Public/Commissioners Comments:

Adjournment:

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**PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING**

Draft Minutes of Wednesday, February 28, 2024  
7:00 p.m.  
City Hall

- CALL TO ORDER:** Commissioner Workman called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
- PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Was recited
- ROLL CALL:** Was taken by Amy Fuller
- MEMBERS PRESENT:*** Chairman Workman, Vice Chair Selbig (7:05), Commissioners Maginity (7:06), Mahoney, Rodman, Smith, and Bila.
- MEMBERS ABSENT:*** None.
- APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** COMMISSIONER RODMAN MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA FOR FEBRUARY 28, 2024. MOTION SUPPORTED BY COMMISSIONER SMITH. AYES ALL, MOTION CARRIED.
- APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** COMMISSIONER MAHONEY MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FOR JANUARY 24, 2024 WITHOUT CHANGES. MOTION SUPPORTED BY COMMISSIONER SMITH. AYES ALL, MOTION CARRIED.
- PUBLIC COMMENTS:** Steven spoke to the Commission about the bike trails at Rosevear Park and requested that they connect to Collamer Park. Several Commissioners responded with questions and discussion.
- Amy Fuller thanked Commissioner Bila for cleaning along the trail and under the Gould Street Bridge.
- OLD BUSINESS REPORT:**
- Amy Fuller shared that the bridge on the Hopkins Lake trails had been repaired.
- ITEM OF BUSINESS:**
- Amphitheater Mural: The Commission discussed design ideas and artist selection for a new mural on the Mitchel Amphitheater. They will continue this discussion at their April meeting.
- March Meeting: COMMISSIONER RODMAN MADE A MOTION TO CANCEL THE MARCH MEETING. MOTION SUPPORTED BY COMMISSIONER SMITH. AYES, ALL. MOTION CARRIED.
- Next Meeting:** April 24, 2024, at 7:00 PM at City Hall.
- PUBLIC/COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS:** None.
- ADJOURNMENT:** COMMISSIONER RODMAN MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN AT 7:52 P.M. MOTION SUPPORTED BY COMMISSIONER MAGINITY. AYES ALL, MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted by:  
Amy Fuller, Assistant City Manager

04/19/2024 09:02 AM  
User: AKFuller  
DB: Owosso

CASH SUMMARY BY FUND FOR CITY OF OWOSSO  
FROM 07/01/2023 TO 04/19/2024  
FUND: 208  
CASH AND INVESTMENT ACCOUNTS

Fund	Description	Beginning Balance 07/01/2023	Total Debits	Total Credits	Ending Balance 04/19/2024
208	PARK/RECREATION SITES FUND	29,809.14	10,137.12	14,370.33	25,575.93

GL NUMBER	DESCRIPTION	YTD BALANCE		AVAILABLE BALANCE	% BDGT USED
		2023-24 AMENDED BUDGET	03/31/2024 (ABNORMAL) NORMAL		
Fund 101 - GENERAL FUND					
Expenditures					
Dept 751 - PARKS					
101-751-702.200	WAGES	62,606.00	37,260.70	25,345.30	59.52
101-751-702.300	OVERTIME	3,500.00	2,754.72	745.28	78.71
101-751-702.400	WAGES - SEASONAL	28,000.00	5,437.20	22,562.80	19.42
101-751-702.800	ACCRUED SICK LEAVE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
101-751-703.000	OTHER COMPENSATION	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
101-751-715.000	SOCIAL SECURITY (FICA)	7,199.00	3,446.72	3,752.28	47.88
101-751-716.000	FRINGES	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
101-751-716.100	HEALTH INSURANCE	26,316.00	10,368.35	15,947.65	39.40
101-751-716.200	DENTAL INSURANCE	917.00	515.06	401.94	56.17
101-751-716.300	OPTICAL INSURANCE	142.00	48.32	93.68	34.03
101-751-716.400	LIFE INSURANCE	300.00	167.43	132.57	55.81
101-751-716.500	DISABILITY INSURANCE	643.00	345.47	297.53	53.73
101-751-717.000	UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE	9.00	7.99	1.01	88.78
101-751-718.100	MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT :	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
101-751-718.200	DEFINED CONTRIBUTION	3,130.00	1,789.76	1,340.24	57.18
101-751-719.000	WORKERS' COMPENSATION	4,300.00	3,034.84	1,265.16	70.58
101-751-728.000	OPERATING SUPPLIES	5,000.00	4,565.69	434.31	91.31
101-751-818.000	CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	43,700.00	30,331.79	13,368.21	69.41
101-751-920.100	ELECTRICITY	11,488.00	6,369.76	5,118.24	55.45
101-751-920.200	GAS	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
101-751-920.300	TELEPHONE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
101-751-920.400	WATER & SEWER	24,208.00	19,347.48	4,860.52	79.92
101-751-920.500	REFUSE	300.00	267.19	32.81	89.06
101-751-930.000	BUILDING MAINTENANCE	5,000.00	5,189.49	(189.49)	103.79
101-751-930.200	BLDG MAINTENANCE-BALLFIELDS	10,000.00	8,049.97	1,950.03	80.50
101-751-937.000	TREES & GARDEN	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00	0.00
101-751-940.000	EQUIPMENT RENTAL	100,000.00	86,818.54	13,181.46	86.82
101-751-971.000	LAND	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
101-751-974.000	LAND IMPROVEMENTS	92,000.00	10,082.00	81,918.00	10.96
Total Dept 751 - PARKS		429,758.00	236,198.47	193,559.53	54.96
TOTAL EXPENDITURES		429,758.00	236,198.47	193,559.53	54.96
Fund 101 - GENERAL FUND:					
TOTAL REVENUES		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES		429,758.00	236,198.47	193,559.53	54.96
NET OF REVENUES & EXPENDITURES		(429,758.00)	(236,198.47)	(193,559.53)	54.96

# Rosevear park and city property use for recreation mountain bike trails. (like Hopkins lake)

Proposed use of property  
by Steven Shannon of Owosso Trail Keepers

To allow volunteers and groups to organize  
and maintain recreation trails of Rosevear  
bicycle park and property behind it. (adoption).

# How does Bike Trails Fit Owosso Strategic goals?

- ▷ Adds locations within the City for healthy and active recreation.
- ▷ Currently the closest bike trails are 60+ minutes away without traffic. Not a feasible weekday activity for working parents and their kids.

## Strong Economy

- ▷ If you build it, they will come! Increased "tourism" traffic from surrounding areas.

The Bike Industry is growing!

- ▷ Bike Recreation – Specifically Mountain Biking has grown in popularity up to 500% since 2019

The Mountain Bike Market has shown substantial growth, with a value of USD 6.26 billion in 2022, and it is expected to witness a significant increase at a CAGR of 12% from 2023 to 2029, reaching nearly US\$ 13.86 billion in 2029.

## Sustainable Finances

- ▷ low TRAILS are very low maintenance compared to other park features.
- ▷ Upfront costs vs. ongoing costs.
- ▷ Passionate Groups willing to volunteer maintenance for dirt/trails/bike park features.

## Safe Community

- ▷ Encourages Positive Recreation Use of space
- ▷ Displaces Negative Use of space

## Overview of park ideas

- Local community members would love to have the park be officially recognized as Rosevear bicycle park with signage at front entry as in master plan.
- The recreation trails in the bicycle park are already established but need some basic maintenance do to ground debris. Volunteer work can get it done!
- This park has an excellent start of a BMX course with potential for expansion (as in master plan on pg35)
- With the adoption and permission from the city, local bicycle groups can speed up organization and work on the park as the season starts.
- Maintenance will be done by volunteers at minimal cost to city,(except stuff like garbage disposal of collected trash in park and other basic maintnance).
- Put up signs to show trail routes as needed for guidance and trail rating system for difficulty in trails.
- Add a R/C toy car and truck course in the park, we have the room!

## Long-term goals

- To Have a set of top notch recreation bicycle trails to bring in riders from all around and for local riders to use for fitness and health.
- In the future join Hopkins lake via cemetery effectively doubling the size of park trail system from around 170 (Hopkins) to maybe 325 acres (estament) (as on page 14 of master plan with estimated budget)
- Add street route from the James S Miner trail off oak wood street to Rosevear park then to Hopkins lake via cemetery easement
- Adding these particular trails to our park systems giving James miner trail a bicycling destination point, solving tho problem of having a destination while traveling the rail trail. its very close to the Rosevear bicycle park and a few blocks away is not far on a bicycle!
- Revitalize Rosevear park with volunteer help bringing back the park vibe, with pavilions picnic tables, swings, with a possible trail head at MC-milian rd.(already has power and ameneites
- Bring in economic business to Owosso, If we do things right and get word out people will come to our trails! fitness is huge right now!



## The Present Situation

- Currently this bike park is here because of local bicycle riders 35+ years ago adopted this abandoned park.
- The park has been under used for 50+ years, been overlooked because its out in a remote part of town and not in the EYE of the everyday by passer. Lets use this green space to our advantage!
- The only things left in this park is the land the BMX jumps are on. No swings,pavilion,or picnic tables nothing.
- The views and scenery are spectacular in Rosevear park as very few parks in our town have terrain breaks, steep cliff like hills, Perfect for a ride destination after the city trail.
- People use this area for atvs and dumping garbage, lets stop that with this adoption and planing of our trail system and expansion.
- most people who go there already think that the trail system is part of the park, so adoption will be easy.

## Development up to present

- Developments made as a bike park has been all volunteer work. Mostly KIDS built this bicycle park, yes and a lot of adults too! But they were all volunteers with passion for cycling and they are still riding today.
- Some years ago a group or a company came up with a idea for Frisbee golf. This idea got accepted and the course was built on the property behind Rosevear park.
- The best news that came from this idea for Frisbee golf was that the city was on board for use of the property for the better recreation offerings of the community.
- Most of the work is done it just needs to be groomed for riding and signage put up.

- Fitness and health is a roaring business and people are looking for many different ways to explore outdoors ,many locals love the work of grooming the local trails and the reward of riding them afterwards.
- heres a small video link food for thought
- <https://www.imba.com/resource/why-cities-build-bike-parks-and-how-convince-yours>