

**City of Choctaw**  
**Special Public Recreation Advisory Board Meeting**  
**September 12, 2022 @ 6:00pm**  
**Choctaw City Hall, 2500 N Choctaw Road**  
**Choctaw, Oklahoma 73020**

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**MINUTES**

1. Call to Order by Chair @ 6:03 p.m.
  
2. Roll Call:
  - 4 Present: Kevin Brown; Nathaniel Porter; Jim Buys; Andrew Cataldo
  - 1 Absent: Kathy Smith
  
  - Staff: Stuart Drake/Parks & Recreation Director  
Daphne Young/Administrative Assistant  
Brian Linley/City Manager
  
3. Business Agenda: The following items are hereby designated for discussion and consideration which requires individual action.
  - 3.1 Discussion on recent and upcoming Special Events.
    - **Fishing Derby** – The Fishing Derby is this Saturday, September 17th. The Parks crew will finish up mowing the day before. Extra bait and the prizes will be picked up Friday, too, while the lake will be stocked on Thursday evening. The CHS fishing team will be out to help and there should be a food truck with breakfast items.
    - **Halloween** – The plan is to incorporate some extras at the Farmers Market's last Friday night with local businesses giving out treats and a costume contest.
    - **BBQ Fest** – Tentative plans are progressing and the event is now scheduled for November 12<sup>th</sup>, which we will be coordinating with the Oklahoma Barbecue Association. We still need a lot of sponsors for the prizes and we plan to have this event open to the public so that they are the ones who get to eat the products and judge. Jim reported the Choctaw Kiwanis has expressed interest in sponsoring the October and November events.



- **Car Show** – This year the car show was held at the Choctaw Creek Park from 9am to 1pm on Labor Day, September 5<sup>th</sup>. Jim reported we had 186 registered entries, and with the vendors and new location, received very positive feedback. Some improvements for next time include more food trucks, especially more drinks. Overall everyone liked the area and we had a huge turnout.
- **OK Highland Gathering** – Their event is planned for October 22-24<sup>th</sup>. They project 8-10,000 people from Friday evening to Sunday evening for their family-friendly and athletic event. Choctaw will be the first leg of the American Trials. Next year they hope to add more contests such as the bagpipes contest. This will be the first time it is held in Choctaw and there will be food, games, drinks, and much more.

### 3.2 Discussion on Park Improvements.

- **Stage at Choctaw Creek Park** – Stuart reported the plan is to wire the stage with lights and install the options for future connections, we are just waiting on OG&E.
- **Bouse** – They are completing the replacement of all the turf and are 80-90% done. All the scoreboards are working, the replacement of the lights is about 80% complete. Once finished the plan is to include them in the yearly maintenance plan.
- **Trails Project at Ten Acre Lake Park** – Stuart reported they are still gathering information for this and coordinating with the grant team. Meanwhile the benches are ready and we have the materials to work on the pavilion roof.
- **Choctaw Creek Park trails** – Stuart reported the Equestrian group he has been speaking with is planning to clean up the trails mid-October. The Eagle Scouts have done some clean-up and plan to return to do more.

### 3.3 Discussion on Committees.

Currently there are no committees.

### 3.4 Discussion on Sports Programming.

- **Bouse** – The fall league starts tonight; we have 36 teams registered.
- **Golf Course** – Stuart reported there are 5 tournaments left in September and 7 tournaments in October, so they will be very busy. There is also an RFP posted for bids for a restaurant at the Golf Course.

4. **Consent Agenda:** The following items are hereby designated for routine approval, acceptance or acknowledgment by one motion, subject to any conditions included therein. If any item does not meet with the approval of all members, that item will be heard in regular order.

4.1 Approval of regular meeting minutes from August 9, 2022.

**MOTION BY Andrew Cataldo and SECOND BY Nathaniel Porter to approve the minutes as presented.**

**MOTION CARRIED:**

4 Ayes: Brown; Porter; Buys; Cataldo  
0 Nays: None  
1 Absent: Smith

5. **Board/Staff Remarks:** This item is listed to provide an opportunity for the Board Members and/or staff to make comments and/or request specific agenda items. **No action will be taken.**

6. **Adjournment:**


**MOTION BY Nathaniel Porter and SECOND BY Andrew Cataldo to adjourn.**

**MOTION CARRIED:**

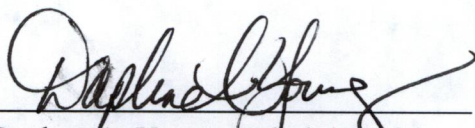
4 Ayes: Brown; Porter; Buys; Cataldo  
0 Nays: None  
1 Absent: Smith

**Called @ 6:24 p.m.**

**PUBLIC RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD**

  
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Jim Buys, Chair

**ATTEST:**

  
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Daphne A. Young, Administrative Assistant