

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD
OF THE TOWN OF CHINO VALLEY**

**Tuesday, May 6, 2014
4:00 P.M.**

The Parks & Recreation Advisory Board of the Town of Chino Valley, Arizona, convened for a regular meeting in the Chino Valley Council conference room, located at 202 N. State Route 89, Chino Valley, Arizona.

Todd League called the meeting to order 4:01 P.M.

Members present: Todd League (chair), Bruce Thomson, Celia Vander Molen, George Cooper, and Carrie Barnes

Members absent: Donna Armstrong and Eric Smith

Staff Present: Utility Supervisor Chris Bartels

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

3a. Consideration and possible action to approve the April 1, 2014 meeting minutes.

Bruce Thomson moved, seconded by Celia Vander Molen to accept the minutes from the April 1 meeting as is, and passed.

4. PARKS AND RECREATION MANAGER'S REPORT - Chris Bartels

4a. Parks and Recreation updates

Supervisor Bartels reported on the following events:

Chino Valley Easter egg hunt had between 800-1000 children participate, the numbers were down from last year. He is considering better ways to advertise the event and appreciates the Word of Life Church sponsoring the event.

On April 25 at Memory Park, the Lioness-Lion Club planted a memorial tree with plaque for the fallen Prescott firefighters.

The Yavapai Soccer League tournament went well and they are planning to return in August to hold another tournament.

On April 26 & 27 at Old Home Manor, the Prescott American Kennel Club (PAKC) held a dog event. Parks and Recreation received good feedback on the quality of the facility and PAKC reported a 10 percent increase in participation, they are looking forward to their September event.

On May 3, at Old Home Manor, Epic Gravel Rides had over 200 bike riders participate. They plan to return next year, adding vendors and improving the road conditions. The riders were happy that the event was back to back with the Prescott-50 ride. There were approximately 400 additional personnel and the Chino Valley Lions sold refreshments.

The April 30 California Skate Parks meeting had approximately 40 participants a mix of, BMX riders and skateboarders were happy with either design layout but are looking for more shade. The BMX riders favor a flowing course for continuous rides vs tricks. California Skate Parks is revamping the two concepts integrating public comments. They will return within 30-days with a final architectural design for approval by the community and Town Council. Parks and Recreation will then work at getting hard construction plans and commitments. Some of the participants advised they would be interested in donating goods/services. The next public meeting should be a combined meeting with Council the date is pending.

Supervisor Bartels reported that staff is working on weed abatement, field maintenance, irrigation system maintenance, and through water conservation, efforts will realize a \$40,000 savings compared to last year.

Supervisor Bartels advised that the basketball standards are pending installation and he will attempt to have them installed quickly. The Pool opens on May 23 through August 3. He advised they are trying an evening swim nights based on attendance. They are also expanding on the advertisement program. Jeff Stewart is training pool staff and working on becoming a certified swim instructor trainer with the idea he could train other agencies. The installed an attendance software program in order expedite entry system and concession purchases.

5. COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORT

5a. Recreation Committee – Celia Vander Molen

Celia Vander Molen reported that her focus is in establish reports, current activities, getting new user groups, and what can be offered in competitive sports. The Board discussed the following items:

- Use of the Community Center building
- Current recreational activities
- Creating additional recreational activities
- If the school could share in summer programs
- Transit system to the Community Center
- Senior leagues
- Using social media, Facebook, Twitter, etc. as a way of advertising.

5b. Aquatics Committee – Carrie Barnes – Nothing to report

5c. Parks & Trails – Bruce Thomson

Bruce Thomson advised he is working on the following topics:

- Rail to Trail Program
- Identify funding sources, which are still active and the Town's eligibility
- Connecting the Peavine Trail between Chino Valley and Prescott as a qualified alternative transportation route allowing Chino Valley to participate in the federally funded Transportation Alternative Program.
- Park Steward program
- Prioritize Dog Park needs list

6. CALL TO THE PUBLIC – No public comments

7. CORRESPONDENCE – No correspondence

8. OLD BUSINESS

8a. Parks and Recreation master plan and needs assessment continued discussion

The Board discussed improvements needed as part of the Parks and Recreation master plan

- Dog Park
 - o Shade
 - o Seating
 - o Plantings
 - o Divided facility
- Skate Park
- Center Street Park
 - o Playground equipment
- Volleyball Court relocation

The Board discussed a qualifying priority system for the Parks and Recreation master plan development.

- Multiple uses
- Cost
- Potential Outside Funding

9. NEW BUSINESS

10. FUTURE AGENDA SUGGESTIONS

11. ADJOURNMENT

George Cooper moved, seconded by Bruce Thomas to adjourn and passed at 5:45 P.M.

Submitted this 4th day of June, 2014

By: *Liz Hart, Town Clerk Assistant*