

**Minutes**  
**Cheney Park Board Commission**  
**Regular Meeting**

**May 10, 2023**

Commissioners Attending: Chris Hoppe, Ron Valencia, Jackie Randall, Savannah Youmans, Ryan Delaney.

Commissioners Absent: Kelley Cullen, Christine Babcock.

Staff Attending: Kelly McGinley Ashe, Ethan Olson, Leslie Bridges.

Councilmembers Attending: None.

Councilmembers Absent: Paul Schmidt.

Call to Order: Commissioner Hoppe called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

Minutes: Minutes of the April 12, 2023 regular meeting were approved Commissioner Randall and Commissioner Valencia.

Information Items:

- A. Mayfest – Ms. Kelly McGinley Ashe stated that she along with Park Board members Randall, Cullen, and Valencia will be tending a table at Mayfest. They will be covering different shifts and handing out pool information. The table will be located in front of the West Plains Karate studio and will be tended from 10am to 4pm.
- B. 50 Acre Park Update – Ms. McGinley Ashe stated that she does not have a lot of information regarding the park other than the letter we sent to RCO and the attached map of the potential property replacements. As of today, we have not had a response from RCO. Commissioner Hoppe stated that he contacted the RCO office to get more of a direct perspective. He mainly received policy information regarding RCO grants. Ms. McGinley Ashe stated that if any of the Board members have questions, she can relay them to Mr. Schuller. Commissioner Hoppe inquired if the Park Board could have a voice regarding the future of this park. Ms. McGinley Ashe stated that Commissioner Cullen has been selected to be on the 50 acre park committee so she can be the voice of the Park Board.
- C. Swim Team – Mr. Olson stated that he has been tracking the revenues and expenditures for our swim team program and has come to the realization that it is no longer financially feasible to run this program unless we partner with another swim team like Spokane Waves. Our participants have been decreasing over time. Mr. Olson stated he is working with Cheney Outreach to see if they could help cover the cost of registrations if our swim team was absorbed by Spokane Waves.

Citizen Participation: None.

Action Items: None.

Tree Board Business: None.

Commissioner Reports: Commissioner Randall reported that the driveway entrance is in at the dog park however there is no signage indicating that the park is not officially open yet and people are using the park. There are still gaps under the fencing where dogs can escape. Ms. McGinley Ashe stated that she would mention the lack of signage to Mr. Schuller. Commissioner Hoppe noted that the Director of Parks, Recreation and Community Engagement has been posted and will close on May 22<sup>nd</sup>. Commissioner Hoppe inquired if we have had very many applicants. Ms. McGinley Ashe stated that we have had several from all over the United States.

Staff Reports: Ms. McGinley Ashe reported that she and Mr. Olson will be attending the annual WRPA conference in Spokane from May 16 through the 18<sup>th</sup>. They will both be speaking at the conference. Ms. McGinley Ashe stated that there will be 14 EWU students in attendance at the conference as well.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:33 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Approved By:

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Leslie Bridges, Administrative Clerk

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Chris Hoppe, Chairman