

**Minutes of the Regular Session
Medicine Park Board of Trustees
Thursday, August 17, 2023**

After being posted in accordance with the *Open Meetings Act of Oklahoma*, the Regular Session of the
Medicine Park Board of Trustees was called to order at 6:23 p.m. by Mayor John Branch.

Members Present: John Branch, Dwight Cope, Stephanie New, Chad Everett

Members Absent:

Town Attorney: Jordan Cabelka, Taren Cabelka

1. CITIZEN'S COMMENTS

Dan Davis asks if Cobblestones were still a requirement for new builds.

2. CONSENT AGENDA.

- a) Approve minutes from July 20th, 2023, Regular Session.
- b) Approve minutes from July 25th, 2023, Special Session.
- c) Approve minutes from August 3rd, 2023, Special Session.
- d) Approve minutes from August 10, 2023, Special Session.
- e) Receive Court Report.
- f) Acknowledge Police Department Report.
- g) Committee/Authority/Commission Reports.
 - (1) Medicine Park Economic Development Authority.
 - (2) Planning and Preservation Commission.
 - (3) Strategic Planning Committee.
 - (4) Event Center - Shirley Bridgers

Motion by Cope to approve 2a-2d. Second by Everett.

Branch- Yes Everett- Yes Cope- Yes New- Yes

Motion Carried.

3. Discuss and take action for any item(s) removed from the Consent Agenda, if necessary.

2f. Chief Crawford would like to thank the MPVFD and Wichita Mt Estates for assisting with the fatality wreck. He also stated the MPPD was awarded Gold Level with Lexipol and OMAG.

No Action

4. Receive report from fire chief.

7 EMR's, 1 traffic accident, 3 outside fire, and 1 boat fire, 1 structure fire.

No Action

5. Discuss, consider, and take possible action to accept resignation from Candy Hanza.

Motion by New to accept resignation from Candy Hanza. Second by Cope.

Branch- Yes Everett- Yes Cope- Yes New- Yes

Motion Carried

6. Discuss, consider, and take possible action to remove Candy Hanza as signer on all bank accounts for the Town of Medicine Park and PWA.

Motion by Cope to remove Candy Hanza as signer on all bank accounts for the Town of Medicine Park and PWA. Second by Everett.

Branch- Yes Everett- Yes Cope- Yes New- Yes

Motion Carried

7. **Discuss, consider, and take possible action on the speed limit at East Lake Dr. coming into town to the 20 MPH sign.**
Jordan Cabelka suggested putting this back on the agenda to read 25 MPH at the town limits to the 20 MPH sign.

No Action
8. **Discuss, consider, and take possible action to assign a new police liaison.**
Motion by Cope to assign John Branch as the police liaison. Second by Everett.
Branch- Abstain Everett- Yes Cope- Yes New- Yes

Motion Carried
9. **Discuss, consider, and take possible action to get two more town dumpsters and decide locations.**

No Action
10. **Discuss, consider, and take possible action to add an authorized signer to bank accounts for online banking.**
Motion by Cope to add KaLee McMahan as authorized signer to bank accounts at Liberty National Bank for online banking. Second by Everett.
Branch- Yes Everett- Yes Cope- Yes New- Yes

Motion Carried
11. **Discuss, consider, and take possible action on bids for redoing the floor in town hall.**

No Action
12. **Discuss, consider, and take possible action on fixing the broken door on Town Hall.**
Motion by Everett to table. Second by Cope.
Branch- Yes Everett- Yes Cope- Yes New- Yes

Motion Carried
13. **Discuss, consider, and take possible action regarding the request for proposal for taking over City of Lawton Management of the school house slough, store, campsite and possible Robinsons Landing.**

No Action
14. **Update on affordable housing.**
Cope stated they have a full committee, and they are still brainstorming. Cope feels this is a positive thing for the town and the people that work throughout the town.

No Action
15. **Update on stairs at the Post Office.**
The stairs are done and everyone is happy with the work.

No Action
16. **Discuss, consider, and take possible action to fix East Lake Dr.**
Motion by Everett to table. Second by Cope.
Branch- Yes Everett- Yes Cope- Yes New- Yes

Motion Carried

17. **Update on drainage at East Lake Dr.**
Speed bumps are being installed to direct the water from Hitchin Post Park.
No Action
18. **Update on surveillance cameras.**
New said her and Chief Crawford have talked about locations. She needs to go to the locations and figure out what mounts they need.
No Action
19. **Update on creating exercise trails and gathering place at Rock Bottom Park.**
Nothing new.
No Action
23. **Discuss, consider, and take possible action on appointing a new member to the BOT/PWA for the remaining term and accept nominations from the floor. Swear in new board member.**
Jim Henson introduced himself and read off his resume. Tracy Owens introduced herself. The board would like to review resumes before going forward.
No Action
24. **Discuss, consider, and take possible action to assign new board member to all bank accounts for the Town of Medicine Park and PWA.**
No Action
25. **Discuss, consider, and take possible action to hire a grant writer.**
Motion by Cope to hire a grant writer. Second by New.
Branch- Yes Everett- Yes Cope- Yes New- Yes
Motion Carried
26. **Discuss, consider, and take possible action on engineer report for the driving bridge.**
Branch spoke with the county commissioner and the town doesn't need an engineer report for the driving bridge.
No Action
27. **Discuss, consider, and take possible action on tree sculpture in Jack Laughter Park.**
Branch stated the park has 4 dead trees and he would like to have two of them made into sculptures.
No Action
- Motion by Cope to enter executive session for items 20, 21, and 22. Second by Everett.
Branch- Yes Everett- Yes Cope- Yes New- Yes
Motion Carried
20. **Discussion, consideration and possible action to enter Executive Session for confidential communications between the Board and its attorney concerning possible lawsuit with Daniel Treadwell, Medicine Park Police Department, and Town of Medicine Park, Town Board of Trustees for the Town of Medicine Park, OK, under the provisions of 25 O.S. §307(B.4),, where the Board's Attorney has determined disclosure will seriously impair the ability of the Board to process the claim or conduct a pending investigation, litigation, or proceeding in the public interest.**

No Action

- 21. Discussion, consideration and possible action to enter Executive Session for confidential communications between the Board and its attorney concerning possible lawsuit with Mike Evans, Medicine Park Police Department, and Town of Medicine Park, Town Board of Trustees for the Town of Medicine Park, OK, under the provisions of 25 O.S. §307(B.4),, where the Board’s Attorney has determined disclosure will seriously impair the ability of the Board to process the claim or conduct a pending investigation, litigation, or proceeding in the public interest.

No Action

- 22. Discussion, consideration and possible action to enter Executive Session for confidential communications between the Board and its attorney concerning pending claim, Cobblestones Coffee & Pastry, LLC,, Medicine Park Cobblestone Row, LLC, Christa Michelle Callich, Charles Loyde Callich III, and Janis Holmes vs Town of Medicine Park, Town Board of Trustees for the Town of Medicine Park, OK, Medicine Park Properties, David L. McCoy and Candace L. McCoy under the provisions of 25 O.S. §307(B.4),, where the Board’s Attorney has determined disclosure will seriously impair the ability of the Board to process the claim or conduct a pending investigation, litigation, or proceeding in the public interest.


No Action

Board Comments - Cope stated the board will have a special for the audit. New stated she is proud of KaLee and Dani for getting stuff done.
Attorney Report - None

Meeting ended at 8:08

Motion by Cope to adjourn. Second by New.
 Branch- Yes Everett- Yes Cope- Yes New- Yes

Motion Carried



 Town Clerk

8-18-23

 Date

 Mayor

 Date