

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
SAND SPRINGS PARK ADVISORY BOARD
Monday, February 2, 2026
Case Community Center
1050 W Wekiwa Rd – Sand Springs, OK
Meeting Rooms A/B – 5:30pm
www.sandspringsok.gov**

January 2026 to December 2026

MEMBERS:

PJ Baker	1-0
Matt Barnett	1-0
Greg Cordell	1-0
Aaron Hopkins	1-0
Ari Montross	1-0
Emile Tucker	1-0

ALSO PRESENT:

Mike Carter, City Manager
Josh Quigley, Parks Director
Brian Talley, Golf Director
Joy McAfee, Parks Recreation Manager
Tyrel Rogers, Parks Project Manager
Richard Coe, Parks Foreman
Melissa Cartwright, Parks Admin Assistant

ABSENT:

Cathy Burdge	0-1
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The Sand Springs Park Advisory Board met in regular session on February 2, 2026, in conference rooms A/B of the Case Community Center pursuant to the regular meeting notice and agenda filed with the City Clerk's office and posted at 1:30 p.m. on January 29, 2026, on the display board located at the front entrance of the Sand Springs Municipal Building (City Hall), 100 East Broadway Street, Sand Springs, Oklahoma, 74063.

1. Call to Order

Vice Chair Ari Montross called the meeting to order at the noted time of 5:33 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Parks Admin Assistant Melissa Cartwright called for an individual roll call with members replying in the following manner:

Baker, here	Barnett, here	Burdge, no reply	Cordell, here
Hopkins, here	Montross, here	Tucker, here	

3. Invocation

Matt Barnett delivered the invocation.

4. Minutes of October 6, 2025 Park Advisory Board Meeting

A motion was made by Matt Barnett and seconded by Emile Tucker that the minutes of October 6, 2025, Park Advisory Board meeting, as presented, be approved.

Parks Admin Assistant Melissa Cartwright called for the vote, recorded as follows:

Baker, aye; Barnett, aye; Cordell, aye; Hopkins, aye; Montross, aye; Tucker, aye

The motion carried 6-0-0.

5. Minutes of November 5, 2025 Park Advisory Board Special Meeting

A motion was made by Matt Barnett and seconded by Emile Tucker that the minutes of November 5, 2025, Park Advisory Board special meeting, as presented, be approved.

Parks Admin Assistant Melissa Cartwright called for the vote, recorded as follows:

Baker, aye; Barnett, aye; Cordell, aye; Hopkins, aye; Montross, aye; Tucker, aye

The motion carried 6-0-0.

6. GO Bond Updates

Parks Director Josh Quigley provided a PowerPoint presentation of the General Obligation Bond projects, comparing their progression from when he joined the city in February 2024 to February 2025 to current day. Bid opening for the Sand Springs Dog Park – Phase 1 is at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, February 12th.

This item was for informational purposes only.

7. Special Events Updates

Case Community Center hosted Falloween on October 17th and Winter Blitz on January 2nd. Runners will return to the Keystone Ancient Forest for Ancient Trail Trek on February 21st. The Thunder Court in Case Community Park has been repainted and will be rededicated on March 21st. On April 18th Activate Oklahoma will hold a bike ride with Herbal Affair as its destination. The Veterans Chilln & Grilln Car Show will be held on October 9th and 10th at the baseball parking lot in Case Community Park.

This item was for informational purposes only.

8. Golf Course Updates

Brian Talley announced that rounds were up for November and December, adding a 10% increase in revenue. A water line break occurred overnight Saturday into Sunday causing erosion issues to cart paths and fairways (no greens) that are being corrected before reopening the course on Wednesday February 4th. Brian noted sixty events are booked between May and September 2026 alone. There has been no backlash to the new golf fee structure introduced on January 2nd.

This item was for informational purposes only.

9. Recreation Updates

Recreation Manager Joy McAfee shared the Case Community Center will be 18 years old in September. She shared Park staff celebrating their work anniversaries are Linda Pinkerton with 11 years, Gene Hartman with eight years and Melissa Cartwright with five years. We are four months into RecDesk and are closer to offering classes with fees. Both full-time Case Center Coordinators Linda Pinkerton and Kaia Forbes received a title change and are now Enrichment Program Coordinators. The seniors have requested a pool table through the CENA Grant three separate times, being declined each time. As a result, parks staff renewed the Senior Association agreement and are co-purchasing a pool table from One Billiard. Full time KAF Coordinator Rocky Kelley has shared humorous Facebook posts about the upcoming Ancient Trail Trek which have garnered over 25k views.

This item was for informational purposes only.

10. Park Project Updates

Park Project Manager Tyrel Rogers highlighted project updates. The Geotech Report confirmed Page Park is sitting on sand, nothing more. Interior work has begun at the museum, aiming for completion by Herbal Affair. The contractor will start in the West Gallery, move to the East Gallery then the center section. When preparing for the interior work, the upstairs curtains fell apart when taken down. Fortunately, the new UV film on the museum windows make curtains optional. Park Maintenance will perform demolition at the dog park to save money.

A prescribed burn is planned at the Keystone Ancient Forest, weather permitting. The Veteran's Center has received kitchen and exterior lock updates and is scheduled for pest control services beginning next week. Sand Springs Lake had vegetation cleared near the gazebo for better fishing access. Park Maintenance acquired a "new" used gator with a cab for trail work.

Parks Foreman Richard Coe reported the new maintenance building is complete and the crew now has direct access to Case Community Park on the south side of the yard. Baseball has a landing area for dirt / conditioner.

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11. Director's Report

Josh Quigley shared that artist Thomas Dambo will be visiting the Tulsa metro area to consider KAF as a site for his Troll artwork. If chosen, Oklahoma will be the fifth state to have these unique pieces of art. Legal is currently working on addenda to the BMX, soccer, baseball, and softball group agreements that will address costs for the portable restrooms and dirt work. Josh disclosed Kason Hughes, former part time Case Center Coordinator, is now the full-time Sports Coordinator. He will be the primary point of contact with the sports user groups even though Park staff are still available. Kason will maintain the master calendar for the user groups as well as work on new public sports opportunities like an adult basketball league, an outdoor volleyball or pickleball league, for example.

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12. Advisory Board Members Reports

No reports given.

13. City Manager's Report

City Manager Mike Carter stated Torchy Wolfe wants to sell the land between her residence, including a building ideal for storage, and the north side of the dog park for \$45k. Speed bumps will be added through Case Community Park after Hwy 97 opens. Work will begin on south 113th west avenue since all necessary property has been acquired. The new Animal Welfare shelter continues under construction.

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14. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at the noted time of 6:41 p.m.

Cathy Burdge
Cathy Burdge, Chairperson

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