

Arcadia Lake Commission
May 8, 2025

1. **Meeting called to order** by Rocky McElvany at 4:04 p.m. at the MAC, Parks and Recreation Administration, 2733 Marilyn Williams Drive, Edmond, Oklahoma. The agenda for this meeting was posted in the City First Administration Building on May 5, 2025, at 3:04 p.m. Commissioners present: Rocky McElvany, KC Williams, Derek Kern, and Jennifer Fields. Lake staff present: Nicole Offutt. Parks and Recreation staff present: Brad Raney, Frank Hale, and Cheryl Tettleton.
Absent: Catherine Sharp
2. **Consideration of Approval of Meeting Minutes for April 10, 2025.** Jennifer Fields motioned to approve the minutes; Derek Kern seconded the motion. **Motion carried as follows:**
AYES: Rocky McElvany, KC Williams, Derek Kern, and Jennifer Fields
NAYS: None
3. **Presentation and Discussion of Restroom Replacement Alternatives.** Presented by Frank Hale. Restroom replacements are a lake master plan item. We contracted with Gardner to create designs similar to the ones they designed for the state parks. Price estimates to implement the designs came in higher than expected, so we investigated the cost of installing comparable prefab styles created by CXT from precast concrete. The prefab units are 40-50% less expensive than the custom-built units. The pricing provided by CXT is guaranteed and they are on the Sourcewell list, so it should eliminate the need to bid them out each time. One of the desired benefits of purchasing the prefab units would be the consistency of fixture types used, making future repairs easier. Installation of the prefab units is less likely to be impacted by weather and construction delays. The precast concrete is likely to be more durable and hold up better under flood conditions. A prefab restroom was installed at Ted Anderson Park during that renovation last year. Order to delivery is approximately six months. Will need to work with the Corps with respect to the HUD requirements regarding disposition/reuse of the existing units. The commission reacted favorably to making a switch to prefab.
4. **Updates and Discussion of Arcadia Lake Activity Reports and Projects.** Provided by Brad Raney and Nicole Offutt.
 - **Trails** – ODOT is expected to bid out the Northwest Connector trail (Rt. 66 to Spring Creek) in August. This is the one with the low water crossing. The eminent domain process has been started to acquire the easement needed for the sewer intersect project. The Creek Bend Trail is built on/adjacent to the sewer line.
 - **Master Plan Projects** – See 3 above.
 - **Deep Fork Trash** – The agreement for a feasibility study for a trash intercept system will be on the May 27 Council agenda. Brad thinks a presentation at that meeting would be beneficial for the new council members.
 - Revenue numbers are within expectations. Day use is down due to the rain.
 - The annual Lake Sweep was cancelled due to wet conditions, but multiple volunteer groups signed up for other times and got quite a bit of cleanup done.

- Preparation for the flood waters included removing components from electrical panels and lift stations that usually go underwater. Some roads were submerged, but most are coming out today. Areas of the park remained unaffected and available throughout the flood event.
- The road at Bobcat was washed out and will need repair before this area can reopen.
- The Corps has been releasing water, so flood levels are falling quickly.
- The other trash truck is back on site and in use.
- Seasonal hiring is going well – the best it has been in years.
- The ranger position is with HR. They are entering it into the software system so it can post.
- Brad mentioned the city's hiring freeze due to revenues being down for the past two years. The hiring freeze will not impact seasonal staffing. Commission members asked if we were trying to hire two rangers and if we would be losing the regular lake patrol officers. It was determined that one full-time ranger and some seasonals would be the best use of funds. Ranger(s) would be in addition to the lake patrol.
- The master plan suggested earning additional revenue through rentable campers/cabins. Staff have started looking at implementing this, potentially using the Park Tax budget to fund it.
- Lake staff are still moving forward in working with ODWC to find a more permanent type of artificial fish habitat rather than dropping cedar trees with concrete blocks. Derek suggested there are Eagle Scouts who can build habitats out of PVC.

5. **Citizen Comments.** None.

6. **Comments from the Arcadia Lake Commission Chair and Members.** None.

7. **Adjournment:** KC Williams motioned for adjournment at 4:42 p.m.; Jennifer Fields seconded the motion. **Motion carried as follows:**

AYES: Rocky McElvany, KC Williams, Derek Kern, and Jennifer Fields

NAYS: None



 Chairperson, Rocky McElvany (or)
 Vice Chairman, K.C. Williams