

Arcadia Lake Commission
January 8, 2026

1. **Meeting called to order** by Jennifer Fields at 4:01 p.m. at the MAC, Parks and Recreation Administration, 2733 Marilyn Williams Drive, Edmond, Oklahoma. The agenda for this meeting was posted in City Hall on January 5, 2026, at 1:46 p.m. Commissioners present: Jennifer Fields, Catherine Sharp, Sakina Sharp, and David Greenfield. Parks and Recreation Advisory Board liaison present: Rick Smith. Lake staff present: Nicole Offutt, Nick Garrett and Theresa Morris. Parks and Recreation staff present: Frank Hale and Cheryl Tettleton.
Absent: Lamar Miller
2. **Introduction of New Arcadia Lake Commission Member.** David Greenfield told everyone a little about himself and listed some of the many ways he utilizes the lake. He also mentioned that former commission member KC Williams encouraged him to apply for the commission.
3. **Consideration of Approval of Meeting Minutes for November 13, 2025.** Sakina Sharp motioned to approve the minutes; Catherine Sharp seconded the motion. **Motion carried as follows:**
AYES: Jennifer Fields, Catherine Sharp, Sakina Sharp, and David Greenfield
NAYS: None
4. **Updates and Discussion of Arcadia Lake Activity Reports and Projects.** Provided by Frank Hale, Nicole Offutt, and Nick Garrett.
 - **Trails -**
 - Northwest Connector (Spring Creek to Rt. 66) – Ceremonial groundbreaking is Monday (1/12) at 1:30 just past the gatehouse at Edmond Park (2nd St & Midwest Blvd). Physical groundbreaking is scheduled for January 19. A trail alignment walkthrough is planned for next week. Grant funds are paying for most of this project.
 - Jennifer mentioned that the state Rt. 66 grants originally planned to be available for three years around the centennial are being made permanent. She would like to promote using those funds to put larger lake signage on Rt. 66.
 - A trail naming subcommittee is working on creating better trail names and updated maps for trail users.
 - **Master Plan Projects** – Currently waiting on final cost estimates to begin restroom replacements. Order to delivery of the prefab units is about 6 months. Site prep will take about 30 days. After the new units are placed, it will be fairly easy to hook up to plumbing and electric mains. Just prior to Christmas, the Corps approved the replacements at Scissortail. Replacement of the shower facility is first. Construction must take place within a year of Corps approval, so we couldn't get them to review all 19 sites at once. We will have to go back to them each time we are ready to replace more units. The current restrooms are original to the parks and have never been updated. They are also prefab units, but they are stick-built. The new units will be fully concrete.
 - **Deep Fork Trash** –The full feasibility study is expected at the end of this month. Three locations are in the final consideration - all located in Oklahoma City but within the Corps right-of-way. Oklahoma City is participating in the project and included funding for it on their most recent bond election.
 - **Liaison Reports** – Jennifer brought up the Beach Sprints sport event(s) where the lake was being considered as a location to hold competitions and maybe Olympic trials. It would be a

collaboration with Oklahoma River Sports, UCO, and the city. She reported that she heard UCO was pulling out of the event.

Other updates:

- Revenue was back on track last month, then down again this month. This is primarily due to no longer allowing resident campers.
- Two staff members attended a national conference for outdoor hospitality and camping.
- Edmond and Carl Reherman Parks closed for the season on November 1.
- Urban Forestry will be organizing Priority 1 pruning and tree removal along the Spring Creek Trail.
- Continuing work to replace mulch at playgrounds. Three have been completed so far.
- Eagle Watch was last weekend, with about 600 people in attendance. There were plenty of eagles and migratory birds. The warmer weather kept the eagles active rather than roosting in trees, so it was a little harder to spot them.
- Deer hunt finished with 24 antlerless and 16 antlered harvested. The number of hunters was down this year, but a lot of them were new participants
- In response to questions from the last meeting, it was noted that Storybook Forest and Eagle Watch fall under recreation in the budget and deer hunt fees fall under leasing. The only other thing under leasing is the ag lease, which is currently out for bid. The cycle for this multi-year lease will be based on the calendar year instead of fiscal going forward.
- Park Ranger Theresa Morris noted things were going well, and she is out talking to a lot of people. The ranger's vehicle is here but has not been fitted with lights and decals yet, so it is not currently available for use.

5. Citizen Comments. None.

- 6. Comments from the Arcadia Lake Commission Chair and Members.** The Beach Sprints sporting event was brought up again. There was discussion around what the sport is, how it relates to the Olympics, and the reason the lake was being considered as a possible venue. Nicole stated that UCO was going to be handling much of the planning and it could be difficult without them. It is also anticipated to cost about \$250,000 to hold the event. Jennifer brought up the state's Rt. 66 grant funding. It is too short of time to apply and receive funds this year but could possibly be used to help with the event in the future. She said the Beacon of Hope monument should be in one of the next couple of rounds of grants.

The pump track suggested in the lake master plan to be located by the substation and Beacon monument was brought up. Catherine said the mountain bike group met with Brad to discuss the potential project and their vision for it, using the one at Riversport as an example. The project will not be happening any time soon. Commission members expressed support for this future project. Catherine also mentioned NICA (Natl. Interscholastic Cycling Assn.), which is mountain biking in the schools, and said Edmond has a robust team.

- 7. Adjournment:** Catherine Sharp motioned for adjournment at 4:44 p.m.; Sakina Sharp seconded the motion. **Motion carried as follows:**

AYES: Jennifer Fields, Catherine Sharp, Sakina Sharp, and David Greenfield

NAYS: None


Chair, Jennifer Fields
or Vice Chair, Sakina Sharp