

Arcadia Lake Commission
March 12, 2026

1. **Meeting called to order** by Jennifer Fields at 4:02 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 March 9, 2026, at 12:17 p.m. Commissioners present: Jennifer Fields, Catherine Sharp, Sakina Sharp (in later), and Lamar Miller. Lake staff present: Nicole Offutt and Theresa Morris. Visit Edmond staff present: Jennifer Thornton. Parks and Recreation staff present: Brad Raney, Frank Hale and Cheryl Tettleton.
Absent: David Greenfield
2. **Consideration of Approval of Meeting Minutes for January 8, 2026.** Catherine Sharp motioned to approve the minutes; Lamar Miller seconded the motion. **Motion carried as follows:**
AYES: Jennifer Fields, Catherine Sharp and Lamar Miller
NAYS: None
3. **Presentation and Consideration of Support for a Beach Sprint Rowing Event at Arcadia Lake.** Presented by Jennifer Thornton of Visit Edmond and Mike Knopp of Riversport. (Sakina Sharp in at 4:03) This sport will have its Olympic debut in 2028. While Arcadia Lake wouldn't host the Olympic event, there is an opportunity to host a qualifying event here. The national team will be selected in August. The hope is to position Edmond as a hub for the sport in the central U.S. Visit Edmond would use \$100,000 in lodging tax funds to help support this inaugural event, to be held August 29 & 30 at Edmond Park. Beach Sprints combine a sporting event with a beach festival with music, food trucks, etc. The UCO Boathouse would host clinics for the public, athletes, and coaches in the days leading up to the event. City staff and volunteers will be needed to help run everything. Ticket cost is expected to be \$25, plus a \$10 parking fee per vehicle. It's estimated that 1,500 people will attend. There is space for about 450 vehicles in the grassy area near the beach, with shuttles to be available from other parking locations. In addition to the park ranger, Edmond police and lake patrol will be present. The Corps has been involved in the discussion. By ordinance, food trucks are not allowed in the park, but the Corps will permit them for this event. US Rowing provides the insurance. Catherine Sharp motioned to support the event; Lamar Miller seconded the motion. **Motion carried as follows:**
AYES: Jennifer Fields, Catherine Sharp, Sakina Sharp, and Lamar Miller
NAYS: None
4. **Presentation and Discussion of Information Related to the Arcadia Lake / Deep Fork River Trash Interception Feasibility Study.** Presented by Frank Hale. Managing trash at the lake is one of the top priorities in the lake master plan. A couple of years ago, a UCO student photo documented the trash found along the Deep Fork River, which feeds Arcadia Lake (www.DFRneedshep.org). Her presentations to this commission and the Parks board helped to activate city staff to coordinate with Oklahoma City, the Corps, and ODWC on a solution. CIP funds were used to fund a study by Freese and Nichols to develop trash interception solutions. Multiple sites and types of interception were considered. Three sites were ultimately recommended for consideration: 1) south of I-44/east of Sooner Rd; 2) south of Hefner Rd; and 3) east of I-35/south of 63rd St. Trash interception rates are estimated at 84%, 82%, and 43%, respectively. Closest to the lake would be our preference. Most sites are located on USACE, ODOT, or OTA property and within Oklahoma City so they will need to agree to the plan. There are no usable locations within Edmond proper. Three technologies were suggested for trash

capture: trash booms, trash traps, and litter fence booms that include subsurface netting. All would capture trash to be collected and hauled out. Trash traps would be the most expensive to install, but the least expensive to maintain. Technology will be selected based on the selected site(s). We don't want to interfere with wildlife or recreation (like kayaking/canoeing). Next steps are to coordinate with all stakeholders to select the preferred solution. Oklahoma City included funding for this project on their most recent bond election.

5. Updates and Discussion of Arcadia Lake Activity Reports and Projects. Provided by Brad Raney and Nicole Offutt.

- **Trails** - Northwest Connector (Spring Creek to Rt. 66) is progressing.
- **Master Plan Projects** – Brad will be going to the CIP board to get approval to fund the first two restroom replacements.
- **Other updates:**
 - Revenues are good this month.
 - Playgrounds have all been converted to rubber mulch.
 - Seasonal hiring opened this week.
 - Tree trimming is occurring along Spring Creek Trail, using staff and contractors.

(Jennifer Fields out at 5:00 p.m.)

6. Citizen Comments. KC Williams, former commission member, brought up concerns about marijuana use at the lake, stating it's getting to be a problem. He specifically mentioned the indoor dock, where it is signed as a no smoking area and should be family friendly. The lake is federal property and marijuana is illegal there. The park ranger has been doing more patrolling but can't enforce compliance. Commission members would like to add this to their next meeting agenda as a discussion item. Nicole said she would ask Police Lieutenant Kendall Miller to attend.

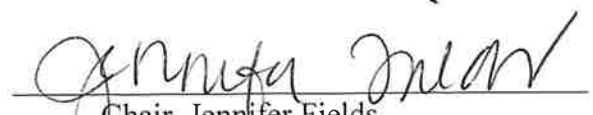
KC also said that boaters are crossing buoys and interfering with fish habitat structures. He is hoping lake patrol will increase their presence in the area to reduce this problem. He stated that damaging a regulatory buoy is illegal.

7. Comments from the Arcadia Lake Commission Chair and Members. None.

8. Adjournment: Catherine Sharp motioned for adjournment at 5:14 p.m.; Lamar Miller seconded the motion. **Motion carried as follows:**

AYES: Catherine Sharp, Sakina Sharp, and Lamar Miller

NAYS: None


Chair, Jennifer Fields
or Vice Chair, Sakina Sharp