

Arcadia Lake Commission
April 9, 2026

1. **Meeting called to order** by Jennifer Fields at 4:00 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 April 6, 2026, at 1:14 p.m. Commissioners present: Jennifer Fields, Catherine Sharp, Sakina Sharp, and Lamar Miller. Lake staff present: Nicole Offutt and Theresa Morris. Edmond Police Lt. Kendall Miller present. Parks and Recreation staff present: Brad Raney, Frank Hale and Cheryl Tettleton.
Absent: David Greenfield
2. **Consideration of Approval of Meeting Minutes for March 12, 2026.** Sakina Sharp motioned to approve the minutes; Lamar Miller seconded the motion. **Motion carried as follows:**
AYES: Jennifer Fields, Catherine Sharp, Sakina Sharp, and Lamar Miller
NAYS: None
3. **Discussion of Ordinance 9.22.480 – Remote Controlled Device.** Brad Raney introduced the topic, saying a lake user had approached the City with the request to allow the use of remote foil assist devices at Arcadia Lake. Daniel Nicholson presented. Foiling is currently allowed at the lake, facilitated by using sails or being towed by another watercraft. The requested device uses a small propeller mounted to the board and controlled by the rider to provide the speed needed for use of the board without other external assistance. Mr. Nicholson suggested that foiling is expensive and hard to learn and would therefore limit the number of users. He stated that foil assist would meet the goals of Title 9, Chapter 9.22 to provide for the safety of users, others and the environment, and be enforceable. The remote foil assist vessel is lighter weight than other watercraft (including eFoils) and typically travels at a lower speed of about 12 mph. He provided suggestions and comments to counter common safety concerns about visibility, collision, loss of control, overuse, and the foil's possibility of encountering shallow depth in areas of the lake. Police Lt. Miller has been the lake patrol supervisor for three years. In advance of this meeting, he talked with the city's attorney to get her input and guidance. Concerns about water levels (which are controlled by the Corps), liability issues, danger when combined with other, approved lake activities (like jug line fishing), and low visibility of the foil assist riders were cited as some of the reasons not to revise existing ordinances. Mr. Nicholson encouraged requiring riders to wear high-visibility clothing and to use a leash to prevent them from being separated from their board. If ordinances were updated to allow these craft, they would be counted in the boat count & charged boat fees, just like kayaks are. Consideration of ordinance changes surrounding this craft presents a good opportunity to review rules about all the smaller watercraft that utilize the lake. It was suggested that allowing the foil assist only during non-peak days, times, and locations could improve safety. The difficulty of distinguishing between types of electric bikes when enforcing their use on trails was mentioned as a comparison to the challenges that would be encountered when attempting to enforce allowed foil craft types. The commission would like to continue discussing this matter at their next meeting.
4. **Discussion Regarding Enforcement of Restrictions on Marijuana Use on Federal Land.** Presented by Nicole Offutt and Edmond Police Lt. Kendall Miller, lake patrol supervisor. This item was brought to the commission by a concerned citizen at the last meeting. Nicole said she is receiving a lot of complaints about marijuana use at the lake. The indoor fishing dock is particularly problematic, even though No Smoking signs are posted. Trouble has also been reported at campgrounds, where the smell can be pungent enough to disturb other nearby campers.

Nicole stated that the gate staff are in “safety sensitive” positions but are impacted by the secondhand smoke from entering vehicles. The state did not put good, proactive guidelines in place when implementing medical marijuana laws and are now having to be reactive to the problems. Federal law prohibits use on federal lands. However, to enforce it, you must catch them in the act, and if they have a medical marijuana card, they must also be violating some other law, like no smoking or no open containers. Local officers can issue a citation but can’t arrest them. All drug possession in Oklahoma is a misdemeanor unless they have too much in their possession - with marijuana, that is measured in pounds. Commission members suggested adding restrictions within the Title 9 ordinances. Jennifer also suggested adding language to the camping contracts. Providing warnings and then evicting, revoking passes, and/or banning entry for subsequent violations was suggested. Nicole said new signs have been ordered for areas like the restrooms and the fishing dock to state No Smoking, Vaping, or Marijuana. Park Ranger Theresa Morris can only write citations for violations against the Title 9 ordinances. City ordinances (Title 8) can be enforced at the lake by city police officers. Marijuana use at the lake has become a big enough issue that it is impacting lake use by other people and preventing them from visiting. Commissioners suggested lake and city ordinances be changed to provide better enforcement opportunities.

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

- **Trails** – No update.
- **Master Plan Projects** – No update.
- **Deep Fork Trash** – Frank is working with Derek Johnson of the City of Oklahoma City on next steps.
- **Beach Sprint Row** – Item was well-received by Council, who approved a “Quality Event” designation and Visit Edmond’s expenditure of \$100,000 in support of the event (\$50K from this year/FY26 budget and \$50K from next year/FY27).
- **Liaison Reports** – Jennifer mentioned Visit Edmond’s focus on the 100 years of Route 66 activities.
- **Other updates:**
 - Revenues remain good.
 - All parks are ready and open for the season.
 - All playgrounds have been updated with rubber mulch.
 - Citizen Rita Miller has donated an additional 15 Bald Cypress trees for installation to help with erosion control.

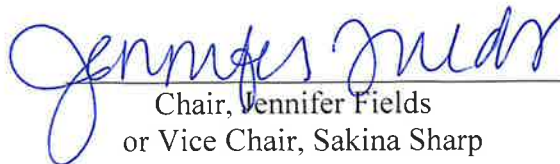
6. Citizen Comments. None.

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

8. Adjournment: Lamar Miller motioned for adjournment at 5:31 p.m.; Catherine Sharp seconded the motion. **Motion carried as follows:**

AYES: Jennifer Fields, Catherine Sharp, Sakina Sharp, and Lamar Miller

NAYS: None


Chair, Jennifer Fields
or Vice Chair, Sakina Sharp