



CITY OF NORMAN, OK STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: 09/04/2025

REQUESTER: Karla Sitton, Administrative Tech IV

PRESENTER: Jason Olsen, Director of Parks and Recreation

ITEM TITLE: CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL, REJECTION, AMENDMENT, AND/OR POSTPONEMENT OF PROPOSED CHANGES TO PARK HOURS OF OPERATION

DISCUSSION:

The City of Norman owns and operates 67 parks, and two (2) new parks will be constructed within the next year. Recently, the Norman Police Department requested the Parks and Recreation Department to set hours at Sutton Wilderness Nature Park. Generally, parks are closed at night. Community Park hours are 6:00 a.m. to 12:00 a.m., and Neighborhood Park hours are 6:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m.

After discussion, the Staff would like to propose changes to park hours in Community, Neighborhood, and Special Use Parks as follows:

- Community Parks: Daily 6:00 am to 11:00 pm
- Neighborhood Parks: Daily 6:00 am to 9:00 pm

- Special Use Parks:

❖	Creekside Bike Park	April-October	6:00 am - 9:00 pm
		November – March	8:00 am - 6:00 pm
❖	Edwards Park	Daily	6:00 am - 11:00 pm
❖	Sutton Wilderness Nature Park	April-October	6:00 am - 9:00 pm
		November – March	8:00 am - 6:00 pm
❖	Legacy Park	Daily	6:00 am - 11:00 pm
❖	Westwood Park	Seasonal Hours as Set by the Director	
❖	Bishop Creek Eco Park	April-October	6:00 am – 9:00 pm
		November – March	8:00 am – 6:00 pm

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the Park Board of Commissioners support the proposed changes to park hours of operation and recommends that the City Council approve this action.