

PARKS & RECREATION BOARD MEETING

November 1, 2005

The Parks and Recreation Board held its monthly meeting on Tuesday, November 1, 2005, at 8:30 a.m. in the Community Services conference room. Board members present were Amber Cree, Gail Russey, Mike Schwiekhard, and John Goode. Board members absent were Susan Arrington, and Toney Gutierrez. Community Services staff present were Mike Hall, Director; Tony Neitzler, Assistant Director; Carl Scott, Senior Citizens/Recreation Administrator, Susan Gerred, Recreation Supervisor; Bob Cheatham, Parks Superintendent; Jeff Bullock, Zoo Administrator; and Sondra Cox, Executive Secretary.

Chair, Amber Cree called the meeting to order.

Invocation was given by Mike Schwiekhard.

Gail Russey moved that the minutes of the October 4, 2005, meeting be approved. Mike Schwiekhard seconded the motion. With all in favor, the motion carried.

Mike Hall presented Jeff Bullock with a five-year service award. Mr. Bullock is the Administrator at the Zoo.

Request from Abilene Youth Basketball to Charge Admission: Carl Scott reported that this was Abilene Youth Basketball Association's annual request to charge admission to their pre- and post-season tournaments. The fees collected will be used to pay officials. Mike Schwiekhard made a motion to approve the request. John Goode seconded the motion. With all in favor, the motion carried.

Consider Standards of Care: Carl Scott informed the Board of the requirement that annually the Parks and Recreation Board and City Council review and approve the Youth Program's Standards of Care. Robert Armistead, a certified recreation professional from the City of Austin inspected our recreation centers on October 27. The Board was provided a copy of Mr. Armistead's findings, as they were very complementary of our program. Gail Russey moved that the Board approve the standards of care as submitted and recommend approval to the City Council. John Goode seconded the motion. With all in favor, the motion carried.

Bond Committee Update: Mike Hall informed the Board that the Bond Committee would be meeting on November 9 at 7:30 a.m. to establish a priority list. The Committee will also take a tour of the parks, golf course, Zoo, and Fort Phantom area.

Operational Report: (Recreation/Senior Citizens) Carl Scott reported that 73 seniors received their flu vaccination at Rose Park on October 31. The Holiday Family Festival will be held on December 2nd at Rose Senior Activity Center. This will be a fundraiser for the Center. On December 10th a group of seniors will be taking a bus to Granbury to a dinner and show. The Recreation Division held the Punt, Pass & Kick sectional competition in October. 117 competed in

this competition at McMurry University. There were 300 kids that attended the Monster Mash Bash at the Rose Recreation Center. Adaptive Recreation had 160 attend their Halloween dance and Daniels Recreation had 400 attend their holiday festival. Mr. Scott also informed the Board that at the recent T.A.A.F. annual conference Susan Gerred received a service award for her years of dedicated service to recreation.

Operational Report: (Parks) Bob Cheatham informed the Board that the Parks Division was progressing to winter projects. The Parks Division has several asphalt projects that are to be funded by the certificate of obligation. The projects went out to bid and since the estimates were completed the price of asphalt has doubled. Therefore these projects will be put on hold, until the price reduces and more contractors are available to bid.

Operational Report: (Zoo) Jeff Bullock reported that Boo at the Zoo was held on Saturday, October 22, with 4,448 in attendance. Just like the Parks bid on asphalt, the Zoo's bids for resurfacing the walkways came in twice as high as expected. The areas to be resurfaced will be prioritized and rebid in smaller areas. It is hoped that additional contractors will bid on the smaller projects. The architects feel that they can have construction documents for the education building by mid-December with the hopes of getting the project out to bid by January. Today, Zoo staff will be introducing the new female African lion to the male lion.

Amber recommended that a tour of the parks and recreation facilities be set up once the new member is appointed.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:07 a.m.