

PARKS & RECREATION BOARD MEETING

November 9, 2010

The Parks and Recreation Board held its monthly meeting on Tuesday, November 9, 2010, at 8:30 a.m. in the Community Services Board room. Board members present were Amber Cree, Gail Russey, Julie Napier, Terry Johnson, James Smith and Leroy King. Absent was Toney Gutierrez. Community Services staff present were Tony Neitzler, Assistant Director, Lesli Andrews Recreation/Senior Citizens Administrator, Kelly Messer, Legal Department; and Linda Hansen, Executive Secretary.

Chair, Amber Cree called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m..

Invocation was given by Leroy King.

Gail Russey moved that the minutes of the September 14, 2010, meeting be approved. James Smith seconded the motion. With all in favor, the motion carried.

Presentation of Service Award: Lesli Andrews presented Teresa Vickery a 5 year service award. Teresa works for the Senior Citizens Division.

Consider 2011 Youth Standards of Care: Lesli stated that the Standards of Care that the State allows Municipalities to adopt in place of the state regulations for child care must be approved each year. There are several levels of inspections that are done at each location by the coordinators, Fire Marshall, and the Administrator with a certified leisure professional. Ben Telesca, the Superintendent of Recreation with the City of Midland made the inspections and stated that we are in compliance with the Standards of Care. There were a few recommendations that will be considered.

Gail Russey made a motion to adopt the Standards of Care as presented. Terry Johnson seconded the motion. With all in favor the motion passed.

Participation Report: Lesli Andrews stated that there are a few categories that have been changed in the way they are being tracked on Senior Citizens and Recreation. Most numbers are running about the same.

Operational Report (Recreation/Senior Citizens): Lesli stated that there were several Halloween Carnivals. All of the Seniors dressed up at the centers. A Community dinner is scheduled for November 18th at Daniels Recreation Center and South Parks Christmas dinner is scheduled for December 15th, Dyess will be co-sponsoring the event again this year. Jim Bryant has been helping sign seniors up for Code Red. The Punt Pass and Kick competition had 89 participants with 4 people qualifying for the competition in Dallas.

Operational Report (Parks): Bob stated that the trees for the Dog Park were delivered and ready to plant prior to the Grand Opening on November 20th. The crews are preparing for the winter projects; one will be painting at Cal Young and Carver Park when funds are available

Operational Report (Zoo): Bill Gersonde stated the there was an increase in attendance over last year. The new Elm creek exhibit opening helped in the extra attendance. Boo at the Zoo was a success again, even with the rain, had an attendance of nearly 5,000. Some of the current projects are the new roof on the Giraffe Building, moving of the Prairie Dogs, remodeling the old reptile for the frogs. The Zoo has received a permit to begin breeding the otter. The USDA has implemented some new guidelines that has required

required changing the feeding of the animals by the public. The Giraffe and the ducks will be the only animals allowed to be fed. A Zoo employee will be monitoring the sale and feeding of the animals. You will no longer be able to purchase crackers at the store. The Bison's will be moved to a local ranch and the new exhibit will house the South American animals.

Meeting adjourned at 9:10