

PARKS & RECREATION BOARD MEETING

October 18, 2011

The Parks and Recreation Board held its monthly meeting on Tuesday, October 18, at 8:30 a.m. in the Community Services Board Room. Board members present were Gail Russey, Julie Napier, Tony Gutierrez, Leigh Black, Jeff Goodin and Leroy King. Absent was Amber Cree. Community Services staff present were Mike Hall, Director, Tony Neitzler, Assistant Director, Lesli Andrews, Recreation and Senior Citizens Administrator, Bob Cheatham, Parks Superintendent, Bill Gersonde, Zoo Administrator, Kelly Messer, Legal Department; and Linda Hansen, Executive Secretary.

Gail Russey called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

Invocation was given by Leroy King.

Jeff Goodin moved that the minutes be approved for the July 12, 2011, meeting. Julie Napier seconded the motion. With all in favor, the motion carried.

Presentation of Service Award: Lesli Andrews presented Justin Whiteley a 10 year service award; Justin works as a Specialist in our Recreation Department at GV Daniels.

Presentation of Fall Leisure Guide: Lesli stated that there will be two different Golf Tournaments, one is a two person 18 hole hosted by Sears and the other is a Tin Cup 7 Iron Golf Tournament hosted by Rose. The annual Monster Mash will be held at Rose Recreation Center. The seniors will be having a costume party. We have begun taking credit cards for online registrations and office payments for all classes and reservations. Thanksgiving Dinner will be served at Rose Senior Center on November 18, 2011.

Participation Report (Recreation/Senior Citizens) Lesli stated that participation for seniors 2010 was 58,936 and 2011 was 67,804. Recreation after school participation is up with special events being down. Facility rentals are down; GV Daniels was closed for remodeling. Tennis numbers are up with several junior teen tournaments played. Flag football had twice as many teams registered this year.

Consider 2012 Youth Standards of Care: Lesli stated that this governs the after school and summer programs. An inspection of facilities was completed and recommendations were made by Carl White, the Parks and Recreation Director from San Angelo. Below are the recommended changes to the 2012 Standards of Care:

1. Add the City Council approval date to page one of the Standards of Care document.
2. Page 1; Section 1- B. change Superintendent to Administrator.
3. Page 3; Section 2 – M. remove Recreation Supervisor since that position no longer exists.
4. Page 3; Section 2 – N. change Superintendent to Administrator.
5. Page 11; Section 15 – A. change to kept on file at the center instead of with Recreation Supervisor.

6. Page 12; Section 16 – B. change to inspection by City of Abilene Fire Department instead of City Fire Marshall. Change forward to Administrator instead of Director.
7. Page 13; Section 16 – C. change to kept on file at the center instead of forward to Coordinator's supervisor.
8. Page 15; Section 17 – E. change to kept on file at the center instead of forward to the Director.

Julie Napier made a motion to adopt the Standards of Care as presented with the above changes. Leroy King seconded the motion. With all in favor the motion passed.

Operational Report (Recreation/Senior Citizens): Lesli stated that the swimming pools were a success this year with the YMCA managing the pools. The grant that is currently used to fund the Senior meals is requiring many new standards which include several changes that the City was not willing to make and keep up with the standard of meals that are currently being served and the City has decided to decline the acceptance of the grant.

Operational Report (Parks): Bob stated that the recent rain has helped save several plants and trees. The Carver Park Playground replacement will have the new handicap accessible equipment. The Rose Park maintenance shop will be moving to the old National Guard Armory Building. Crews have been working on pruning trees on Pine St.

Operational Report (Zoo): Bill stated that the end of year count was 207,000 for attendance; the new train has had over 22,000 attendees ride. Memberships are up to 21,500. The Giraffe building has had the roof replaced. Two of the lion cubs will be moved to another Zoo. We are expecting 10,000 in attendance for Boo at the Zoo.

Meeting adjourned at 9:15