

PARKS & RECREATION BOARD MEETING

November 15, 2011

The Parks and Recreation Board held its monthly meeting on Tuesday, November 15, 2011 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, Tony Neitzler, Assistant Director, Lesli Andrews, Recreation and Senior Citizens Administrator, Bob Cheatham, Parks Superintendent, Kelly Messer, Legal Department; and Linda Hansen, Executive Secretary; special guest Doug Williamson.

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

Invocation was given by Jeff Goodin.

Leroy King moved that the minutes be approved for the October 18, 2011, meeting. Jeff Goodin seconded the motion. With all in favor, the motion carried.

Consider request to construct Splashpark in Nelson Park: Tony presented plans for a Splashpark which was a high priority item by the public in the Parks Master Plan. Together 2011 have proposed to do all of the fundraising for a Splashpark to be located at Nelson Park. The proposed park uses recirculated water to conserve, which is more expensive to build. Leroy asked if the water is shut off when not in use, Tony stated that it is motion detected and would be in operation about four months out of the year. Julie asked about traffic and parking, Tony stated that he does not anticipate that it will be an issue. Operation cost is estimated to be around \$11,000 per year which includes water and utilities. Doug Williamson stated that about half of the money has been raised and anticipates only a few months to raise the additional funds. Julie Napier made a motion to approve the Splashpark, Leroy King seconded the motion. With all in favor, the motion carried.

Operational Report (Recreation/Senior Citizens): Lesli stated that the Board was invited to the Thanksgiving dinner on November 18th at Rose Senior Center. Steam N Wheels is scheduled for March 24, TAAF track meet in July. Punt, Pass and Kick competition had four kids from our region to qualify for State with one of the youth winning State in their age group.

Operational Report (Parks): Bob stated that the crews were removing a lot of trees due to the drought. Playground equipment is being installed at Carver Park. Tony stated that the work on the boat ramp at Fort Phantom has begun.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00