

PARKS & RECREATION BOARD MEETING

April 10, 2012

The Parks and Recreation Board held its monthly meeting on Tuesday, April 10, 2012 at 8:30 a.m. in the Community Services Board Room. Board members present were Gail Russey, Julie Napier, Leigh Black, Jeff Goodin, Amber Cree and Toney Gutierrez and Leroy King. Community Services staff present were, Larry Johnson, Interim Director, Lesli Andrews, Interim Assistant Director, Bob Cheatham, Parks Superintendent, Kelly Messer, Legal Department; and Linda Hansen, Executive Secretary; special guests Mayor Norm Archibald; Larry Gilley, City Manager; Mike Hall and Tony Neitzler.

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 February 7, 2012, meeting. Julie Napier seconded the motion. With all in favor, the motion carried.

Update on Splash Pad: Lesli Andrews stated that the target date for the Splash Pad to open is still the end of July, 2012. May is the scheduled date for ground breaking. Lesli stated that Leigh Black was on the Together 2011 Committee and helped in the design. The theme will be “Creatures under the Sea” featuring sea creature water sprays.

Discuss time and locations for May tour: Gail Russey asked for suggestions for the tour. Julie Napier suggested Fort Phantom and then visit some of the Recreation Centers. Lesli stated that the tour will be May 8, 2012 starting at 8:30 am at Rose Park Senior Center and finishing around 11:30 am for lunch at the Senior Center.

Presentation of the Spring Leisure Guide: Lesli stated that the Regional 8 Track meet is scheduled for July 14, 2012. The Volunteer Program will be for ages 13 – 18 years for the Summer Program. Seniors will be hosting the National Domino Tournament in August.

Presentation of Participation Report: Lesli stated that most numbers are up in each category and that the good weather has helped.

Operational Report (Recreation/Senior Citizens): Lesli stated that Spring Break Camp was a success and that we had 272 participants in the Steam N Wheels Bike Race. Other events were the 3 Point Shoot Out and we began Summer Registration with our new system and online registration.

Operational Report (Parks): Bob stated that the boat ramp was finished and opened to the public this past week. Weeds are currently being treated in all of the Parks. The Railroad ties are being replaced at Rose Park and Sears Park.

Operational Report (Zoo): Bill stated that the Pampas exhibit opened on March 8, displaying animals from the South America region. The new concession stand was opened popular items were dipping dots and cotton candy; Spring Break was a success with over 17,000 attending. The Train Station is almost complete.

Reception for Amber Cree's 31 years of service: On behalf of the City of Abilene Mayor Norm Archibald presented Amber with a certificate of appreciation for the 31 years of service. On behalf of the Community Services Department Mike Hall presented Amber with a plaque and a plant. Refreshments were served.

Meeting adjourned at 9:35