

PARKS & RECREATION BOARD MEETING

June 19, 2012

The Parks and Recreation Board held its monthly meeting on Tuesday, June 19, 2012 at 8:30 a.m. in the Community Services Board Room. Board members present were Gail Russey, Julie Napier, Leigh Black, Jeff Goodin, and Toney Gutierrez and Leroy King. Community Services staff present were, Larry Johnson, Interim Director, Lesli Andrews, Assistant Director, Bob Cheatham, Parks Superintendent, Bill Gersonde, Zoo Administrator, Kelly Messer, Legal Department; and Linda Hansen, Executive Secretary; special guest Lynn Barnett

Gail Russey called the meeting to order at 8:34 a.m.

Invocation was given by Leroy King.

Leroy King moved that the minutes be approved for the May 8, 2012, meeting. Jeff Goodin seconded the motion. With all in favor, the motion carried.

Presentation of Service Award: Bill Gersonde presented Dawn Valfre with a 10 year service award. Dawn works the night crew at the Abilene Zoo.

Presentation of Cultural Affairs Council Temporary Art Display: Bob Cheatham introduced Lynn Barnett with the Cultural Affairs Council. Lynn presented pictures of the art that will be placed along N. 1st in September. These will replace the temporary art display that is currently on tour.

Recommend and approve Rules of Order for the Parks and Recreation Board: Lesli stated that the Board did not have Rules of Order and is working under Charter. Toney suggested that there be no term on Vice Chair. After further discussion on limit of terms, Toney Gutierrez made a motion to accept the no limitation on the term of the Vice Chair. Julie Napier seconded the motion. With all in favor, the motion carried. Julie Napier moved to accept the Rules of Order as written with the change on the term limit change on the Vice Chair. Leroy King seconded the motion, with all in favor the motion carried.

Elect new Officers: Lesli stated that we needed to elect officers. Leroy nominated Gail Russey as Chair, after no other nominations. Leroy King made a motion to accept Gail Russey as Chair. Leigh Black seconded the motion, with all in favor the motion carried. Julie Napier nominated Leroy King as Vice Chair, after no other nominations. Julie Napier made a motion to accept Leroy King as Vice Chair. Jeff Goodin seconded the motion, with all in favor the motion carried.

Approval of lease to Abilene Community Theatre: Lesli stated that all the buildings have been combined in one contract for 10 years. Julie Napier stated that she had gotten some inquires on the condition of the buildings. Kelly Messer stated that it is the responsibility of the ACT to maintain the building. 809 was the building of concern. After further discussion it was recommended to have a one year contract. Julie Napier made a motion to accept a one year contract. Jeff Goodin seconded the motion, with all in favor the motion passed.

Presentation of the Summer Leisure Guide: Lesli stated that the Summer Program is in full swing. There will be a Youth Golf Clinic in conjunction with Maxwell Golf Course. The Regional 8 Track meet

is scheduled for July 14, 2012.

Presentation of Participation Report: Lesli stated that classes were down, Zumba class was down. Sears did not have classes this quarter. Daddy Daughter had 581 participants; Adaptive Recreation numbers are up; after school numbers are up.

Operational Report (Recreation/Senior Citizens): Lesli stated that the summer program had over 500 kids registered. We had over 30 volunteers register for our summer program. Seniors arts and crafts numbers are up; overall numbers are down a little; dance class numbers are up.

Operational Report (Parks): Bob stated that the boat ramp was finished and opened to the public this past week. Regular summer maintenance is in progress.

Operational Report (Zoo): Bill stated that numbers are up and revenue is up. USDA inspection was last week. It was noted that there were no non-compliance items. The new flamingo chick has been doing well and very popular. In process of renovation of the concession stand; adding 12 picnic tables. The 27 year old python passed away today. On Thursday at 7:00 p.m. the Abilene Community Band will be playing for the Summer Concert Series.

Larry Johnson presented Toney Gutierrez a pen set for the 17 years of service on the Parks Board.

Meeting adjourned at 9:50.