

## PARKS & RECREATION BOARD MEETING

February 19, 2013

The Parks and Recreation Board held its monthly meeting on Tuesday, February 19, 2013 at 8:30 a.m. in the Community Services Board Room. Board members present were Gail Russey, Leroy King, Leigh Black, Jeff Goodin, and Julie Napier. Absent were Robyn Wertheim and Gary Grubbs. Community Services staff present were, James W. Childers, Director, Lesli Andrews, Assistant Director, Bob Cheatham, Parks, Jeff White, Recreation/Senior Administrator, Superintendent, Stan Smith, 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 November 6, 2012, meeting. Leigh Black seconded the motion. With all in favor, the motion carried.

**Request to charge admission for Texas Abilene Slow-pitch Softball Association:** Bob Cheatham stated that the Abilene Slow-pitch Softball Association has requested to charge admittance to the Baseball Tournaments on February 23-24, March 16-17, June 1-2 and July 13-14, 2013 to help cover the costs for field improvements and other expenses. Jeff Goodin moved to allow the charges for dates listed. Leigh Black seconded the motion. With all in favor, the motion carried.

**Presentation of Activity Guide:** Jeff presented the new activity guide which highlights some of the large events, Steam n Wheels Bike Race, and Easter Egg Hunt.

**Presentation of Participation Report:** Jeff stated that class participation numbers are down, special events numbers are up. Senior Citizens meals served numbers are down a little.

**Operational Report (Recreation/Senior Citizens):** Jeff stated that the Rose Park Seniors are planning a trip to Grapevine. 9,500 meals were served in December. Janet received an award for being outstanding in the aging field and the Corporate Award was given by Wisteria Place. The volunteer appreciation lunch will be in April and the Living Well Health Fair is scheduled for May. Adaptive Recreation Valentine Dance had 145 participants. There were 50 clients from the Adaptive Recreation Program that participated in the Special Olympics held in Bronte. The Daddy Daughter had 600 people; the Krew of Barkus had good participation. The Easter Egg Hunt will be held on March 16<sup>th</sup>. The Carver Youth Council will be holding "A Night at the Apollo" talent show to help raise money for the TML conference. Rose Park was nominated for the Lone Star award. Spotlight on excellence awards were given to Rose Park, Sears, Cobb, Daniels employees and Augustine Hill. The Sears racquetball courts are being resurfaced.

**Operational Report (Parks):** Bob stated that the crews are gearing up for spring with planting and tree trimming. Scheduling is being done to meet the requirements for temporary workers can only work

**Operational Report (Zoo):** Bill stated that they are working on the old barn for the holding facility; new shade for the Zebra walkways; sidewalk and shaded area around the monkey cages. An extra train has been rented to help alleviate the long lines.

**Executive Session:** Gail Russey recessed the Parks and Recreation Board into Executive Session at 9:06 a.m. pursuant to Sections 551.071, and 551.072 of the Open Meetings Act, to seek the advice of

the City Attorney with respect to pending and contemplated litigation, to consider the sale of park land.

**Reconvene:** The Parks and Recreation Board reconvened from Executive Session at 9:45 a.m. and reported no votes or action was taken in Executive Session in regards to Section 551.072 deliberation about the sale of real property and Section 551.071 discussion with attorney regarding sale of park land. Julie Napier made a motion to table the Recommendation to City Council for Special Election to sell Park land. Leroy King seconded the motion. With all in favor the motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 9:46.