

PARKS & RECREATION BOARD MEETING

November 5, 2013

The Parks and Recreation Board held its monthly meeting on Tuesday, November 5, 2013 at 8:30 a.m. in the Community Services Board Room. Board members present were Gail Russey, Leroy King, Gary Grubbs, Jeff Goodin and Robyn Wertheim. Absent were Julie Napier and Leigh Black. Community Services staff present were, James W. Childers, Director, Lesli Andrews, Assistant Director, Richard Rodgers, Interim Parks Superintendent, Jeff White Recreation/Senior Administrator, Bill Gersonde, Zoo 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 October 1, 2013 meeting. Gary Grubbs seconded the motion. With all in favor, the motion carried.

Service Awards: Jeff White presented a 15 year service award to Al Flores who is the Recreation Coordinator at Rose Park. The Abilene Zoological Society presented a \$150 check to the Parks Department in appreciation for their assistance in events.

Consider 2014 Standards of Care: Jeff stated that there were just a few changes; one being the inspection being done by a Professional; more detail job descriptions for each position. Gary Grubbs moved that the Standards of Care would be accepted as written. Jeff Goodin seconded the motion, with all in favor the motion passed.

Operational Report (Recreation/Senior Citizens): Jeff White stated that the new event "Mingle with your Muttt" this event is co-sponsored by Animal Services was a success. They offered free microchips and lessons from our instructor that offers classes. Adaptive Recreation Center was painted downstairs, sidewalk repairs and Rose Recreation bathrooms were painted and the lockers are being removed; Cobb Recreation received new doors for the Senior Center entrance; Sears Park racquet balls court were re-serviced; Daniels has sidewalk repairs. Seniors had a large Halloween party and dance. A Veterans Day appreciation Party is planned with Downing Bolls being the guest speaker. A Sponsors appreciation party was given to all sponsors. Lesli stated that the tennis center will be hosting the 3A State tennis tournament before becoming a UIL event next year. USTA Program of the Year was awarded to Abilene and Rose Park.

Operational Report (Parks): Richard Rodgers stated that they are transitioning from mowing to winter maintenance projects. Will be starting the project at Sears Concession; replace playground at Redbud Park, replacing the bowl on Everman Fountain and the lights are being replaced at Cal Young Park.

Operational Report (Zoo): Zoo staff continues work on a variety of projects in preparation for our AZA Accreditation inspection. Staff is currently working on the Zoo Master Plan and strategic planning. Over 5,500 individuals enjoyed trick or treating, costume contests and Halloween decorations at Boo at the Zoo. Bids on the Giraffe Exhibit came in higher than expected.

Meeting adjourned at 9:10 a.m.