

PARKS & RECREATION BOARD MEETING

July 1, 2014

The Parks and Recreation Board held its monthly meeting on Tuesday, July 1, 2014 at 8:30 a.m. in the Community Services Board Room. Board members present were Gail Russey, Robyn Wertheim, Leroy King, and Gary Grubbs. Members not present were Leigh Black, Julie Napier, and Jeff Goodin. Community Services staff present were James Childers, Director, Lesli Andrews, Assistant Director, Richard Rodgers, Parks Superintendent, Jeff White, Recreation/Senior Administrator, Daniel Santee, Legal Department, and Tammie Morton, Secretary. Community Services staff not present was Bill Gersonde, Zoo.

Gail Russey called the meeting to order at 8:35 a.m.

Invocation was given by Leroy King.

Robyn Wertheim moved that the minutes be approved for the May 6, 2014 meeting. Leroy King seconded the motion. With all in favor, the motion carried.

Employee Award Presentation: Richard Rogers presented John Lewis with a five year service award. John is a parks worker that has worked his way from a temporary hire to a crew chief for the City of Abilene.

Request for permit to serve beer and wine at fund raiser event: Lesli Andrews presented a letter from Betty Hukill, Zoobilation Chair, for a request of approval to serve alcohol at the Zoobilation event on Thursday September 18, 2014 from 7-11pm. This is the fifth year that the City of Abilene has done this event. Gary Grubbs made a motion for approval and Robyn Wertheim seconded the motion. With all in favor, the motion carried.

Request to charge admission for Tournaments: Richard Rogers stated that the first team request is with the League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC Council 605) would like to charge a \$2 per person entry for their annual tournament on August 29-31, 2014 at Nelson Park. This is a fundraiser for scholarships for this organization. This is what has traditionally been done. Robyn Wertheim made a motion to approve and Leroy King seconded the motion. With all in favor, the motion carried.

The second league, Abilene North Softball Association, will have an all-night tournament on August 8-10, 2014 at Nelson Park. They will be raising money to help those who cannot make their dues and payments to play. They will be charging \$5 per day or \$10 per weekend. Gary Grubbs made a motion to approve and Robyn Wertheim seconded the motion. With all in favor, the motion carried.

Rose Park 100th Anniversary: Jeff stated that Rose Park is celebrating 100 years in existence. He challenged the staff to come up with some unique ways to honor the park for its service. Facility tours, demonstrations at the Skate Park and Tennis Center will be available. Remarks and dedications will be made as well as having live entertainment. A lunch consisting of hot dogs will be handed out as well as an aerial view cake and cupcakes. It is a come and go event that will showcase the park and how important it has been to the community. Rose Park received a Legacy Park Award in 2011 which at the time was 1 out of 10 in Texas.

Parks Master Plan Update: James Childers introduced Jim Carrillo, with Halff Associates, who did a presentation of the draft Parks Master Plan and discussed the draft Action Plan. He passed out copies of the draft Parks Master Plan and Action Plan to board members for review. The final is expected to go to the Parks Board for vote at the August meeting.

Operational Report (Recreation/Seniors)(Parks)(Zoo): James Childers stated that a copy of the Operational Reports were in member folders for review.

Meeting adjourned at 10:05 a.m.