

PARKS & RECREATION BOARD MEETING

October 7, 2014

The Parks and Recreation Board held its monthly meeting on Tuesday, October 7, 2014 at 8:30 a.m. in the Community Services Board Room. Board members present were Gail Russey, Leroy King, Julie Napier, Leigh Black, and Gary Grubbs. Members not present were Robyn Wertheim and Jeff Goodin. Community Services staff present were James Childers, Director, Lesli Andrews, Assistant Director, Jeff White, Recreation/Senior Administrator, Bill Gersonde, Zoo Division Manager, Stanley Smith, Legal Department, and Tammie Morton, Secretary. Community Services staff not present were Richard Rodgers, Parks Division Manager.

Gail Russey called the meeting to order at 8:33 a.m.

Invocation was given by Leroy King.

Leroy King moved that the minutes be approved for the September 9, 2014 meeting. Julie Napier seconded the motion. With all in favor, the motion carried.

Friends of Kirby Lake: James Childers introduced Mitch Wright, who gave a presentation to the Parks and Recreation Board about a project at Kirby Lake. The Friends of Kirby Lake group is making efforts to preserve Kirby Lake.

Parks Master Plan Update: James Childers informed the board that on September 25, 2014, Jim Carillo made a presentation at the Planning and Zoning Meeting. The plan was approved and will be on the agenda for a presentation at the November 6, 2014 City Council Meeting.

Recommend the City Council Approve a Letter of Intent to Negotiate the Acceptance of Donated Land to be Developed for Park Purposes: James Childers introduced Mike Murry, legal counsel for the donating party, who discussed the land being donated, the water rights that come with that donation, and possible neighborhood park that can come from the donated land. Gary Grubbs moved for the approval by City Council of the donated land. Leroy King seconded the motion. With all in favor, the motion carried.

Bond Update: James Childers discussed that a bond meeting was scheduled for October 8, 2014. Presentations would be made by Cedar Creek, Friends of Kirby Lake, and Fort Phantom Lake Association.

Operational Report (Recreation/Seniors)(Parks)(Zoo):

Seniors: The October menu for the Senior lunches was included and announced that the Halloween Party theme would be Superhero. The 40th Anniversary Party will be held the week of November 17, 2014 with each center doing something different every day of the week. On December 12, 2014 the Family Holiday that is hosted at Rose Senior will occur, and will include entertainment, food, and a silent auction.

Recreation: Mingle with your Mutt will be on October 11, 2014 this is a partnered event with Animal Services. The Duathlon had 50 participants and was a great success. From this, the Recreation Department would like to faze into a "Get Fit Abilene" mentality, this will include a Half Marathon in the spring. The Fall Festival will be at Daniels Recreation Center on October 31, 2014, and the youth basketball and flag football leagues are underway.

Parks: The parks operational report was in the folder to be reviewed.

Zoo: The bull giraffe has been loaded and is being transported from Louisiana to Abilene today, and the new barn has been completed. The new phase of the renovation will start soon. The zoo broke attendance in 2014, and the annual Boo at the Zoo will be on October 25, 2014.

Meeting adjourned at 9:56 a.m.