

PARKS & RECREATION BOARD MEETING

November 4, 2014

The Parks and Recreation Board held its monthly meeting on Tuesday, November 4, 2014 at 8:30 a.m. in the Community Services Board Room. Board members present were Gail Russey, Leroy King, Julie Napier, Leigh Black, Robyn Wertheim, and Gary Grubbs. Members not present were Jeff Goodin. Community Services staff present were James Childers, Director, Lesli Andrews, Assistant Director, Richard Rodgers, Parks Division Manager, Jeff White, Recreation/Senior Administrator, Bill Gersonde, Zoo Division Manager, Stanley Smith, Legal Department, and Tammie Morton, Secretary.

Gail Russey called the meeting to order at 8:32 a.m.

Invocation was given by Leroy King.

Leroy King moved that the minutes be approved for the October 7, 2014 meeting. Robyn Wertheim seconded the motion. With all in favor, the motion carried.

Parks Master Plan Update: James Childers informed the board that on November 6, 2014, Jim Carillo would make a presentation to City Council over the Parks Master Plan. It is hopeful after this presentation that the plan will be adopted by the City.

Bond Update: James Childers informed the board that there were no tours made to any of the Parks and Recreation facilities during the previous bond meeting. At the November 5, 2014 meeting, the committee will begin to weed out the projects that will not be voted on.

Standards of Care: Jeff White stated that a group had come in from Midland to review the recreation and senior facilities. Abilene passed all aspects of the review. Robyn Wertheim moved that the Standards of Care be approved. Leroy King seconded the motion. With all in favor, the motion carried.

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

Recreation: The youth volleyball and men's flag football games will end in November. There are 80 6-7 youth basketball participants registered thus far, and games will begin in December. Daniels Recreation Center had a very successful Fall Festival that was open to the public. A group from recreation met on November 3, 2014 to discuss the TRAPS event that Abilene is hosting. At the December Parks and Recreation Board Meeting, an itinerary will be provided.

Seniors: The 40th Anniversary party for Senior will be held the week of November 17, 2014. Each center will host a different party to honor the seniors. In October the seniors had a Superhero themed party.

Parks: On October 23, 2014 11 parks workers competed in El Paso at the West Regional Maintenance Rodeo and placed 1st and 5th. Nelson Wilson playground will be replaced in the coming year with a possible ropes playground. The next big project will be to replace one backstop at both Redbud Park and Lake Kirby.

Zoo: The zoo came up with a species survival plan on how to handle the new ocelot kitten, and so far the mother has accepted the routine. The bull giraffe has settled in nicely, and will be introduced to the females soon. Boo at the Zoo was very successful with 10,000 people attending; however brainstorming has begun for next year so that the zoo does not become overwhelmed with that many people at once again.

Executive Session at 9:02 a.m.

Meeting adjourned at 9:19 a.m.