

PARKS & RECREATION BOARD MEETING

April 5, 2016

The Parks and Recreation Board held its monthly meeting on Tuesday, April 5, 2016 at 8:30 a.m. in the Community Services Board Room. Board members present were Gary Grubbs, Jeff Goodin, Leigh Black, Terry Johnson, Leroy King, and Marc Orner. Board members not present were Robyn Wertheim. Community Services staff present were Lesli Andrews, Director, Mirinda Walden, Interim Assistant Director, Richard Rodgers, Parks Division Manager, Jeff White, Recreation/Senior Administrator, Bill Gersonde, Zoo Division Manager, Stanley Smith, Legal and Kaitlin Richardson, Secretary.

Gary Grubbs called the meeting to order at 8:32 a.m.

Invocation was given by Leroy King.

Jeff Goodin moved that the minutes be approved for the March 8th, 2016 meeting. Leroy King seconded the motion. With all in favor, the motion carried.

Employee Service Award: Lesli Andrews presented Kaitlin Richardson's 5 year service award. Kaitlin Richardson has been with Community Services Administrative Office for 1 year, and 4 years with the Health Department. Richard Rodgers presented Michael England's 5 year service award with the Parks Department.

Update and Discussion on current bond projects:

Splash Pads: The restrooms for the Splash Pad have been approved. The restrooms and splash pads have been ordered. We are anticipating 30% of the design phase to be completed by June 1st 2016. Construction for the Splash Pads is on schedule to start this summer.

Aquatic Center: Demolition will begin by August 1st, and the construction phase is on schedule to start this summer. Lesli Andrews explained the items that are included in the design for the Aquatic Center.

Zoo Projects: The Flamingo Exhibit pre bid will be April 14th, with the opening bid scheduled for April 20th. We are anticipating for this item to be presented at the Council meeting on April 28th.

Update on Community Service Fees: Lesli Andrews stated that part of the budget process this year will be an ordinance to adopt all fees under Community Services. We are looking at changing some rental fees.

Future Budget Request: Lesli Andrews asked the board for ideas for future projects. For example, the parks department installed 4 covered picnic tables with the \$25 tournament fee.

Update for Abilene Youth Sports Authority Improvements to Nelson Park: Gary Grubbs explained to the board that the recommendation for the AYSA improvement was approved, 6-1 at Council. AYSA has entered an agreement that states they have 30 months to raise the funds to build this facility.

Operational Report (Zoo) (Parks) (Recreation/Senior Citizens) (Bond Status):

Parks: Parks has hit the peak of mowing season. Richard Rodgers informed the board that all of the Parks employees have moved into the Armory at Rose Park. Gill Park playground demolition has been completed. The Redbud workout facility is still in process.

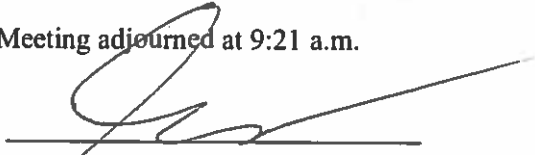
Recreation: Jeff White stated the spring classes are well underway. The Kickball and Volleyball Leagues are very popular. The Volleyball League has 27 teams this year, the highest amount of teams they have seen in a while.

Seniors: A new leather making class is being offered to our seniors. The Wellness Jamboree is scheduled for May 4th.

Zoo: Bill Gersonde informed the board that the 2 new jaguars have come in from Fort Worth. We are receiving a new red river hog from Disney, and Howler monkeys from South America. All 6 giraffes have made it into their

exhibit. April 23rd will be the official ribbon cutting for the new giraffe exhibit.

Meeting adjourned at 9:21 a.m.



Chair



Secretary