

PARKS & RECREATION BOARD MEETING

August 2, 2016

The Parks and Recreation Board held its monthly meeting on Tuesday, August 2, 2016 at 8:30 a.m. in the Community Services Board Room. Board members present were Gary Grubbs, Terry Johnson, Leroy King, Robyn Wertheim, and Marc Orner. Board members not present were Jeff Goodin, and Leigh Black. Community Services staff present were Lesli Andrews, Director, Miranda Walden, Assistant Director, Richard Rodgers, Parks Division Manager, Jeff White, Recreation/Senior Administrator, John Black, Zoo Division Supervisor, Stanley Smith, Legal and Kaitlin Richardson, Secretary.

Gary Grubbs called the meeting to order at 8:36 a.m.

Invocation was given by Leroy King.

Robyn Wertheim moved that the minutes be approved for the May 17, 2016 meeting. Terry Johnson seconded the motion. With all in favor, the motion carried.

Renewal of lease agreement with the Abilene Community Theatre: This line item was tabled.

Request from Abilene Christian High School Football team to charge admission to their home games for the 2016 season: Richard Rodgers provided the board a copy of Abilene Christian High Schools football team request and stated this same request was approved last year. The field at Abilene Christian University is under construction, so they are unable to utilize their field. Marc Orner moved to approve this request. Roby Wertheim seconded the motion. With all in favor the motion carried.

Review of Parks and Recreation fees proposed to City Council: Lesli Andrews provided a spreadsheet of all the items that were presented to City Council. The approved Festival Gardens rental fee has increased along with the Vending in the Parks and Bounce House permits were approved.

Review of Parks and Recreation budget proposed to City Council: Lesli Andrews informed the board that this budget Recreation, and Parks had one position that was in the budget that was not approved. The position that was not approved for Recreation was the Aquatics Coordinator and with the new aquatics facility coming on board this will be very difficult. Training has been frozen for the remaining of the fiscal year.

Update on Nelson Park master plan: This plan was taken to the Zoo Society and TXDOT. Lesli Andrews presented the final draft of the master plan. The Zoo would rather lose more parking spaces than land. The Zoo will have 200 parking spaces instead of 400. Terry Johnson moved to approve the final draft. Robyn Wertheim seconded the motion. With all in favor the motion carried.

Discussion of Parks and Recreation workshop: The Parks and Recreation workshop is on August 23rd, and the board is encouraged to attend. The purpose for this workshop is to get a good understanding of the future for Parks and Recreation.

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

Zoo: John Black stated the Zoo is still waiting for the new giraffe to be born. The Senior Citizens day will on August 22nd.

Parks: Richard Rodgers informed the board that his staff will now start emptying out the trash receptacles at Everman Park on weekends with the new Pokemon game that has taken over. The Redbud workout system is well underway and it is almost completed.

Recreation: Doggie Splash Day had 140 dogs who attended this event. The groundbreaking for the new Aquatic facility will be August 4th at 10:00 a.m. The new splash pad at Scarborough is just about completed and looks good.

Seniors: Jeff White informed the board that the Senior Talent Show is on August 20th.