

PARKS & RECREATION BOARD MEETING

January 10, 2017

The Parks and Recreation Board held its monthly meeting on Tuesday, January 10, 2017 at 8:30 a.m. in the Community Services Board Room. Board members present were Gary Grubbs, Michael Homer, Terry Johnson, Leigh Black, and Jeff Goodin. Board members not present were Marc Orner, and Robyn Wertheim. Community Services staff present were Lesli Andrews, Director, Richard Rodgers, Parks Division Manager, John Black, Zoo Manager, Donnie Hart, Recreation Supervisor, Stanley Smith, Legal and Kaitlin Richardson, Secretary.

Gary Grubbs called the meeting to order at 8:33 a.m.

Invocation was given by Jeff Goodin.

Leigh Black moved that the minutes be approved for the December 6, 2016 meeting. Michael Homer seconded the motion. With all in favor, the motion carried.

Abilene Youth Sports Authority Partnership: Lesli Andrews stated she met with John Smith about starting a board training for league non-profits, so that they can understand how to manage the funds coming through their organization. According to State law all revenue that is generated in the park, must go back into the park. Terry Johnson moved the recommendation to partner with Abilene Youth Sports Authority in forming a Sports Advisory Committee Board. Jeff Goodin seconds. With all in favor, the motion carried.

City Council Budget Workshop: The City Council Budget Workshop is scheduled for January 31st. The City Council wants to know more of what is coming forward into the budget. Lesli Andrews stated that after school care, and mowing right of ways may come up during the discussion.

Bond Status Update: All of the Zoo projects are out to bid, and January 12th will be the opening bid. The Aquatic Center is progressing, we are in budget and on time. The lazy river and the pools are expected to be poured by January 31st. One of the items that have been discussed is a company has come forward wanting to sponsor a shade structure with naming rights.

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

Parks: Richard Rodgers informed the board that the Parks Division is in the process of winterizing the restrooms in all the parks. Cal Young and Will Hair will undergo repairs on leveling the potholes.

Recreation: Jeff White informed the board that Daddy Daughter Dance Night tickets are now available to purchase. Spring Volleyball registration opens on January 17th.

Seniors: The Seniors had a fundraiser and were able to purchase 2 new treadmills.

Zoo: John Black stated the Zoo is in the process of hiring seasonal employees. The year to date attendance is up. On February 11th the Zoo will be holding a Chocolate Safari event for families, and not only couples.

Meeting adjourned at 9:26 a.m.



Chair



Secretary