

PARKS & RECREATION BOARD MEETING

Special Meeting

April 11, 2017

The Parks and Recreation Board held a special called meeting on Tuesday, April 11, 2017 at 8:30 a.m. in the Community Services Board Room. Board members present were Gary Grubbs, Leigh Black, Michael Homer, and Robyn Wertheim. Board members not present were Terry Johnson, Marc Orner, and Jeff Goodin. Community Services staff present were Lesli Andrews, Director, Chris Gibson, Assistant Director, Richard Rodgers, Parks Division Manager, Stanley Smith, Legal and Kaitlin Richardson, Secretary.

Gary Grubbs called the meeting to order at 8:34 a.m.

Invocation was given by Gary Grubbs

Amending Chapter 15 "Lakes", Article I "General", Article II "Lakes Fort Phantom Hill: and Article III "Lake Abilene and Lake Kirby" regarding Cal Young Park lake and Nelson Park lake: Lesli Andrews informed the board that City Council has asked we allow activities in our lakes such as swimming, motorized, and non-motorized craft. The draft of the ordinance we received from Parks prospective has a few conflicts. Objective is to make all the lakes the same, to allow or not allow boating and swimming. Each body of water is different; Cal Young allows swimming, paddleboat, and kayaking; while Nelson Park Lake is considered a boundary to the Zoo by the AZA and USDA and is restricted. If we start allowing people to boat and swim, then that would give access to the Zoo. To comply with regulations the Zoo would have to build an 8ft fence around the perimeter. The staff recommendation is to keep Cal Young Lake and Nelson Park Lake as is. We need the authority from the Parks board to allow staff the ability to make stand-alone decisions resulting in recommendations to City Council. Robyn Wertheim moved to approve this motion. Michael Homer seconded. With all in favor, the motion carried.

Designate City land around Lake Kirby as Park land: The Friends of Lake Kirby are requesting to make the area surrounding Lake Kirby designated park land. The main purpose for this request is so that The Friends of Lake Kirby could apply for grants to improve the surrounding area. This request would need to be presented to council by April 27. Eventually The Friends of Lake Kirby would like to add bird watching stations, as Lake Kirby is a popular area for this activity.

Discussion of agreement with Wylie Little League to place webcams with video cameras at the baseball fields at Lake Kirby Park baseball fields: Lesli Andrews informed the board that Wylie Little League is requesting to place webcams at the baseball fields located at Lake Kirby Park to record and stream games live. Robyn Wertheim moved to approve this request. Michael Homer seconded the motion. With all in favor, the motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 9:24 a.m.



Chair



Secretary