

PARKS & RECREATION BOARD MEETING

October 3, 2017

The Parks and Recreation Board held its monthly meeting on Tuesday, October 3, 2017 at 8:30 a.m. in the Community Services Board Room. Board members present were Gary Grubbs, Leigh Black, Michael Homer, Robyn Wertheim, and Jeff Goodin. Board members not present were Marc Orner. Community Services staff present were Lesli Andrews, Director, Chris Gibson, Assistant Director, Stanley Smith, Legal, Kaitlin Richardson, Secretary.

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

Robyn Wertheim moved that the minutes be approved for the Regular Meeting on August 1, 2017. Jeff Goodin seconded the motion. With all in favor, the motion carried.

Service Award Presentation: Richard Rodgers presented Michael Hill his five-year service award. Jeff White presented Ann Hall with Cobb Recreation Center her five-year service award, John Martinez and Kay Cooper with Adaptive Recreation their ten-year service awards.

Discussion of LULAC gate fee: Lesli Andrews presented the request from LULAC to charge admission to their tournament over Labor Day weekend. Jeff Goodin moved to approve the request. Michael Homer seconded the motion. With all in favor, the motion carried.

Discussion of USSSA Showcase gate fee: Lesli Andrews presented the request from USSSA Showcase to charge admission to their tournament. This tournament is for high school age kids. Robyn Wertheim moved to approve the request. Leigh Black seconded the motion. With all in favor, the motion carried.

Grover Nelson Park Small Pond Creek Study: Lesli Andrews stated Texas Parks and Wildlife has requested to place a sign in Nelson Park. Michael Homer presented the board with a copy of the design of the sign, which will include quick response codes and will install cameras that will help conduct their study. This study will include various information regarding the anglers, such as demographics, the time of day they are fishing and how long. They are hoping to get this study started at the end of November and will be completed by the end of the fishing season. Jeff Goodin moved to approve the installation of the signs. Robyn Wertheim seconded the motion. With all in favor, the motion carried.

Update of Kirby Lake Nature Park: Lesli Andrews informed the board that this project is moving right along. The next meeting will be with city representatives and other organizations that have a helping hand in improving the area. On October 7 is the Kirby Lake cleanup and during this cleanup the first draft of the play area will be presented. Sharon's Barbeque will be providing lunch.

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

Recreation: Jeff White informed the board that we have been awarded the TRAPS Gold Medal this year. Adventure Cove is now closed for the season and had about 37,000 visitors this first season.

Seniors: Jeff White stated the Senior Division would be hosting the 2017 Senior Games this week.


Parks: Richard Rodgers stated that MasterScapes has offered to maintain the Adam Spalding Garden for a year. There is a shortage of fields available for little leagues to practice since AISD has closed off most of their fields. Richard Rodgers stated we are going to replace the pavilion at Festival Gardens.

Zoo: Bill Gersonde stated the attendance is down about 2,000 from last year, but that revenue is above what we had projected. The Bond projects are moving right along and they are about 60 percent completed. The Zoological Society will be donating a bench in Joe and Gail Russey's name honoring their 50 years of service on the board.

Meeting adjourned at 9:02 a.m.



Chair



Secretary