

PARKS & RECREATION BOARD MEETING

March 6, 2018

The Parks and Recreation Board held its monthly meeting on Tuesday, March 6, 2018 at 8:30 a.m. in the Community Services Board Room. Board members present were Gary Grubbs, Leigh Black, Michael Homer, Jeff Goodin, David Pittman, and Marc Orner. Board members not present were Robyn Wertheim. Community Services staff present were Lesli Andrews, Director, Chris Gibson, Assistant Director, Stanley Smith, Legal, and Kaitlin Richardson, Secretary.

Gary Grubbs called the meeting to order at 8:31 a.m.

Leigh Black moved that the minutes be approved for the Regular Meeting on January 8, 2018. Michael Homer seconded the motion. With all in favor, the motion carried.

Service Award: Jeff White presented Julie Sartor's twenty-five year service award. Julie Sartor started working in the Community Services office and in 2001 transferred to the Rose Senior Center where she is currently working.

Presentation of Texas Parks and Recreation Society awards: Jeff White and Richard Rodgers presented the Texas Parks and Recreation Society awards. One of the awards received was the Outstanding Individual Service Award, which was dedicated to Gail Russey. Jeff White stated Gail Russey was a Parks and Recreation Board member 25 years and is on the Zoo Society board. Gail Russey has been with the Zoo Society board for 50 years and has volunteered countless hours toward these departments. The next award is for the Lone Star Legacy award. Everman Park was the third park in Abilene to receive this award. In order to qualify for this award the park must be 50 years old and hold historic value. Richard Rodgers stated it is our oldest park.

Long range planning and vision for Parks and Recreation: Lesli Andrews stated that each board received a packet from the Parks board workshop. This document includes everything that was discussed during the workshop such as the SWOT analysis and suggestions on where we should go from here. Lesli Andrews asked the board if there are any additions or deletions that need to be made to the list. Gary Grubbs made the suggestion for the board to think about what decisions need to be made and bring the final ideas back to Parks board for possible action next month.

Bond update for the Zoo: Bill Gersonde informed the board of the status on the Zoo projects. The flamingos are moving into the new flamingo exhibit today. The fishing pier should be completed by this weekend. The bird rehab hospital is near completion.

Operational Reports:

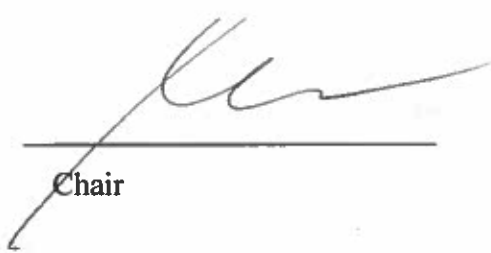
Parks: Richard Rodgers stated that mowing season is well underway. The Festival Garden pavilion has been replaced and new lighting and paint is in process. Richard Rodgers informed the board that 7-11 Convenience Store would like to donate and help plant new trees at Lake Kirby.

Zoo: Bill Gersonde informed the board that the new baby giraffe is doing great. The Zoo is getting prepared for Spring Break next week and the carousel is down as they are waiting for new parts to get it up and running again.

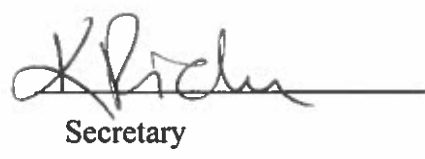
Recreation: Jeff White stated that Laura Holbrook has transferred from Rose Senior Center to Rose Recreation Center as the new Coordinator. The Easter Egg Hunt event will be on March 24 at Lee Complex and it is a free event. Recreation is gearing up for Summer Camp registrations, which will begin soon.

Seniors: Jeff White stated that Rose Brewster who has been employed with the city for over 25 years has retired and we have promoted internally. Janet Whisenhunt, the Food and Nutrition Supervisor will be celebrating 30 years.

Meeting adjourned at 9:10 a.m.



Chair



Secretary
