

PARKS & RECREATION BOARD MEETING

April 3, 2018

The Parks and Recreation Board held its monthly meeting on Tuesday, April 3, 2018 at 8:30 a.m. in the Abilene Zoo. Board members present were Gary Grubbs, Leigh Black, Jeff Goodin, Robyn Wertheim, David Pittman, and Marc Orner. Board members not present were Michael Homer. 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 8:32 a.m.

Invocation was given by Gary Grubbs.

Jeff Goodin moved that the corrected minutes be approved for the Regular Meeting on December 5, 2017, the Workshop on February 15, 2018 and from the Regular meeting on March 6, 2018. Robyn Wertheim seconded the motion. With all in favor, the motion carried.

Recommendation to the City Council for the lease of park land to AEP: Gary Grubbs recessed the Parks and Recreation Board into Executive Session.

Executive Session: Gary Grubbs recessed the Parks and Recreation Board into Executive Session at 8:36 a.m. pursuant to Sections 551.071, and 551.072 of the Open Meetings Act, to seek the advice of the City Attorney with respect to the lease of park land.

Reconvene: The Parks and Recreation Board reconvened from Executive Session at 8:46 a.m. and reported to take action on this item. Jeff Goodin moved to recommend to City Council to enter into a lease agreement with AEP for the northeast corner of Grover Nelson Park with the twenty-year lease option of possible extension for an additional twenty years. David Pittman seconded the motion. With all in favor, the motion carried.

Approval of Dixie Little Leagues request to install a new pavilion in Jackson Park: Richard Rodgers stated that Dixie Little League would like to install a new pavilion on the other side of the ballfield to mirror the pavilion they installed last year. David Pittman recused himself as his spouse is on the Dixie Little League board. Robyn Wertheim moved to approve the request. Jeff Goodin seconded the motion. With all in favor, the motion carried.

Potential changes to Parks and Recreation Board Bylaws: Lesli Andrews informed the board that all Mayor appointed boards would be moving to areas in which they can live stream and record board meetings. The Parks and Recreation board will be moving to City Council Chambers. Jeff Goodin moved to change the board meeting to every third Tuesday of each month and the location to City Council Chambers. David Pittman seconded the motion. With all in favor, the motion carried.

Approval of the Lake Kirby Master Plan: Mitch Wright made a presentation of the updated progress of improvements and plan at Lake Kirby Nature Park. Leigh Black moved to approve the master plan. Robyn Wertheim seconded the motion. With all in favor, the motion carried.

Evaluation of current programs for Parks, Recreation, Seniors and Zoo: Lesli Andrews stated that if the street maintenance fund on the May ballot does not pass and if City Council asks staff to find money in the current budget, Parks board has been asked as to identify what we are willing to cut to fulfill this request. The Board has a spreadsheet of items they will rank in order of priority to identify reductions. Lesli Andrews went over the spreadsheet and explained the expenditures for each department under Community Services. There are 21 options that we are asking the board to list their priorities. Lesli has asked the board to submit the priority list by April 13.

Approval of parks, Recreation, Seniors and Zoo future priorities list for 2018-2022: The board reviewed the future priority list for 2018-2022. March Orner moved to approve the future priority list for 2018-2022. Jeff Goodin seconded the motion. With all in favor, the motion carried.

Discussion of ACU Recreation Survey: Lesli Andrews informed the board that ACU was not be able to give their presentation to City Council. The presentation will be made to City staff and then staff will present the information to the board.

Meeting adjourned at 10:24 a.m.



Chair



Secretary