

PARKS & RECREATION BOARD MEETING

September 18, 2018

The Parks and Recreation Board held its monthly meeting on Tuesday, September 18, 2018 at 8:30 a.m. in Council Chambers. Board members present were Gary Grubbs, Marc Orner, Jeff Goodin, Michael Homer Leigh Black and Robyn Wertheim. Board members not present were David Pittman. 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 8:30 a.m.

Invocation was given by Jeff Goodin.

Jeff Goodin moved the minutes be approved for the Regular Meeting on June 19, 2018. Leigh Black seconded the motion. With all in favor, the motion carried.

Service Awards: Chris Gibson presented Jazmyn Gindratt 5-year service award. Bill Gersonde presented John Black and Jonathan Sharp's 5-year service awards. Lesli Andrews presented Richard Rodgers 10-year service award.

Discussion of Minter Park and Possible Selection of a Committee: Gary Grubbs stated that the City Manager has asked the board to form a committee to identify future vision for Minter Park. Jeff Goodin moved to approve to establish a committee of 5 to 7 citizens. Michael Homer seconded the motion. With all in favor, the motion carried.

Approval of the request for a new sign for SeaBee Park from the Abilene Radio Control Society: Richard Rodgers stated the Radio Control Society Club was established in 1976 and they manage the facility, with exception of the mowing. The sign would state that for individuals to be able to fly their aircraft, they would need to be a member of the Academy of Model Aeronautics, which provides the liability insurance coverage required. This sign would be located at the facility as you enter. Jeff Goodin moved to approve the sign. Marc Orner seconded. With all in favor, the motion carried.

Executive Session: Gary Grubbs recessed the Parks and Recreation Board into Executive Session at 8:55 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 property.

Reconvene: The Parks and Recreation Board reconvened from Executive Session at 9:12 a.m. and reported no action to be taken at this time.

Discussion of potential lease of City Park: No action was taken.

Texas Parks and Wildlife Department Grant Application: Gary Grubbs informed the board that approval is needed for the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department grant application. The grant application will include dedicating approximately 131 acres around Lake Kirby as park land, contingent upon receiving the grant. Leigh Black moved to approve the grant application. Robyn Wertheim seconded the motion. Michael Homer abstained from this vote. With all in favor, the motion carried.

Operational Reports:

Seniors: Chris Gibson informed the board that Seniors has their upcoming Halloween Bash. Their upcoming classes include adult coloring, mug class, leather bracelet, and wind chimes. Senior Services also has an open Bus Driver position.

Recreation: Chris Gibson stated the youth basketball registration will open on October 2nd; the admissions and concessions totals for Adventure Cove; Doggie Splash Day will be September 22. Chris stated additional upcoming events include Half Marathon and Fall Festival. The Splash Pads will remain open through October 15. After school registration is still open.

Zoo: Bill Gersonde stated the Zoological Society funded a new concessions trailer titled "Zoo Eats". Zoo Teens has come to an end resulting in the kids donating over 7,600 hours of their time learning about wildlife and environmental conservation. One of the giraffes, Asha, is receiving laser therapy on her left foot. Staff trained Asha to put her foot on a box and stand for the procedure. The Zoo is currently getting caught up on a variety of items in each area during the colder seasons.

Parks: Richard Rodgers informed the board that Parks is catching up on mowing with the recent rainfall. Their division assisted with the LULAC softball tournament on Labor Day weekend. On August 22, a storm came through and caused significant tree damage in Cal Young and Nelson Park. The cleanup of this damage took two days to complete.

Meeting adjourned at 9:38 a.m.



Chair



Secretary