

PARKS & RECREATION BOARD MEETING

March 19, 2019

The Parks and Recreation Board held its monthly meeting on Tuesday, March 19, 2019 at 8:30 a.m. in Council Chambers. Board members present were Gary Grubbs, David Pittman, Jeff Goodin, Marc Orner and Leigh Black. Board members not present were Michael Homer and 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 8:30 a.m.

Invocation was given by Jeff Goodin.

David Pittman moved the minutes be approved for the Regular Meeting on February 19, 2019. Jeff Goodin seconded the motion. With all in favor, the motion carried.

Service Awards: Richard Rodgers presented Mike McBride's 5 year service award. Chris Gibson presented TJ Yates 5 year service award.

Executive Session: Gary Grubbs recessed the Parks and Recreation Board into Executive Session at 8:35 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 consultation and discussion regarding purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property between City of Abilene and the YMCA and update on the Zoo Director position.

Reconvene: The Parks and Recreation Board reconvened from Executive Session at 8:59 a.m. and reported no action to be taken at this time.

Discussion of possible lease agreement between the City of Abilene and the YMCA: No action was taken.

Discussion of the Zoo Director position: No action was taken.

Request from Wylie Girls' Softball league to expand the equipment building at Lake Kirby Softball Complex: Richard Rodgers stated Wylie Girls' Softball league is requesting to expand the current equipment building 15 feet, so that they can store more equipment. Marc Orner moved to approve the request. Jeff Goodin seconded the motion. With all in favor, the motion carried.

Operational Reports:

Recreation: Jeff White stated registration for the Mayor's race is underway. Summer camp is open and spots will fill up quickly. We are now accepting Adventure Cove rentals. The Mother & Son Dance is scheduled for May 4, 2019.

Senior: Jeff White stated that the Drumba class is so popular that they have had to start a second class. Senior Jamboree is coming up on May 22nd.

Parks: Richard Rodgers stated that mowing season has kicked back up. Gill Park pavilion's roof has collapsed, so improvements are underway. Staff is currently installing two new shade structures at Adventure Cove.

Zoo: Chris Gibson stated that the new Gator vehicles have been approved, so we are moving forward with purchasing these vehicles. Asha the giraffe is currently in hospice as her health has been declining.

Meeting adjourned at 9:23 a.m.


Chair


Secretary