

PARKS & RECREATION BOARD MEETING

July 16, 2019

The Parks and Recreation Board held its monthly meeting on Tuesday, June 18, 2019 at 8:30 a.m. in Council Chambers. Board members present were, Jeff Goodin, Marc Orner, Robyn Wertheim, Gary Grubbs and Leigh Black. Board members not present were Michael Homer and David Pittman. Community Services staff present were Lesli Andrews, Director, Chris Gibson, Assistant Director, Richard Rodgers, Parks Division Manager, Jesse Pottebaum, Zoo Director, Ann Hall, Recreation Division Manager, Bobby Brown, Senior Services Division Manager, Stanley Smith, Legal, and Kaitlin Richardson, Secretary.

Robyn Wertheim called the meeting to order at 8:31 a.m.

Invocation was given by Jeff Goodin.

Jeff Goodin moved the minutes be approved for the Regular Meeting on June 18, 2019. Marc Orner seconded the motion. With all in favor, the motion carried.

Introduction of New Staff Members: Lesli Andrews stated the division was split in half and we have promoted two internal employees. Ann Hall is the new Recreation Division Manager. Ann Hall will oversee the four recreation centers and adaptive recreation. Bobby Brown is the new Senior Services Division Manager. Bobby Brown will oversee Aquatics and Senior Services.

Approval of the Texas West Little League Tournament to Charge for Parking: Lesli Andrews presented a letter from Debbie Schultz with the Abilene Convention & Visitors Bureau to be able to charge a parking fee for the Texas West Little League Tournament for the next three years. We have been awarded an extension to the original contract to host the Texas West State Little League Baseball and Softball Tournament through July 2022. Marc Orner moved to approve the request. Jeff Goodin seconded the motion. With all in favor, the motion carried.

Parks and Recreation Month: Lesli Andrews stated July is Parks and Recreation month and this year's theme is Game On. Lesli Andrews introduced Alyssa Hartley, multimedia specialist. Alyssa Hartley created the new "Play, Learn, Grow" videos.

Operational Reports:

Parks: Richard Rodgers stated the Parks Division spent approximately 85 man hours on the preparation and clean-up for the firework show. The Dachshund Races were last week and we help with this event by providing the bleachers. The Parks Division cleaned up Lake Kirby Park from all the construction that is going on to help with the Texas West Little League Tournament. Richard Rodgers stated we are in the process of purchasing a mobile restroom approved by City Council to help elevate the high use on the existing restrooms during big events.

Seniors: Bobby Brown stated the Talent Show Auditions were held this past Friday and it went great. The Talent Show will be at the Convention Center on August 31". The Senior Services host Thursday night dances and every Thursday a different band comes out.

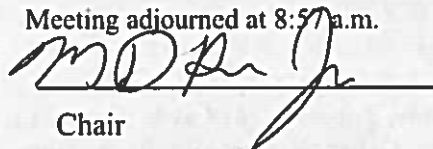
Aquatics: Adventure Cove is still open and welcomes everyone to come and join the fun. We are still accepting reservations and dates are limited. Jaws is the next Dive In movie.

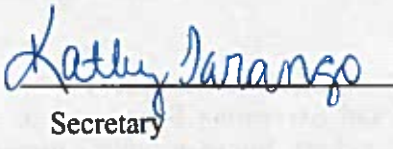
Recreation: Ann Hall presented a video on the Summer Camp Program. After School Registrations will open on July 17. Dog classes are held at Cobb and there are several different levels of dog training classes. Athletic Leagues are in full swing. The next movie in the park will be showing Bumble Bee at Nelson Park.

Zoo: Jesse Pottebaum stated the Rock and Roar Events are still taking place. The Zoo is still expecting their seventh millionth visitor this year. Zoobilation is scheduled for September 28 and this is typically a big event. On August 24, the Zoo is collaborating with the Abilene Public Library and hosting an end of the summer event at Festival Gardens. The Zoo is still looking for volunteers. Congo is a new bull giraffe the Zoo has

recently received and he is currently in quarantine and will soon be released with the others. There is a new baby flamingo chick.

Meeting adjourned at 8:57 a.m.


Chair


Secretary