

PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD MEETING

January 21, 2020

The Parks and Recreation Board held its monthly meeting on Tuesday, January 21, 2020 in the Council Chambers. Board members present were Jeff Goodin, Robyn Wertheim, Gary Grubbs, Marc Orner, Michael Homer, and Leigh Black. Board members not present were David Pittman. Community Services staff present were Lesli Andrews, Director, Chris Gibson, Assistant Director, Richard Rodgers, Assistant Director, Bobby Brown, Senior Services Manager, Stanley Smith, Legal and Kaitlin Richardson, Deputy City Secretary.

Gary Grubbs called the meeting to order at 8:29am.

Invocation was given by Gary Grubbs.

Robyn Wertheim moved the minutes to be approved for the Regular Meeting on November 19, 2019. Jeff Goodin seconded the motion. With all in favor, the motion carried.

Service Award: Chris Gibson presented Bobby Brown 5 year service award.

Discussion of Recreation Feasibility Study:

Request to Dedicate Redbud Softball Field 4: Richard Rodgers stated the Abilene Fastpitch Softball Association would like to rename field 4, Bob Smith Field. Bob Smith has been a volunteer since 1984 and has helped kids learn the fundamentals of softball. Long standing tradition in Abilene to name fields after volunteers. Jeff moved to approve the request. Michael Homer and Marc Orner seconded the motion. With all in favor, the motion carried.

Request to approve the USA Softball of Texas State Tournament to charge admission: Richard Rodgers stated this is USA Softball and this is one of their state tournaments. They would like to recoup the cost that is incurred since the tournament has gotten so big. At Lake Kirby Complex would not infringe on the park access. Robyn Wertheim moved to approve the request. Jeff Goodin seconded the motion. With all in favor, the motion carried.

Operational Reports:

Seniors: Bobby Brown provided participation numbers for Bunco, Christmas Sweater contest and Karaoke. Valentine's Day Bingo and Valentine's Dance are coming up. Senior trip 30 people enrolled with 20 seats still available.

Recreation: Lesli Andrews stated record number for Abilene Trout fest. Daddy Daughter dance is coming up.

Zoo: Chris Gibson stated the zoo had to euthanize female Jaguar. Male Jaguar proved to be a good candidate for the species program. Gives us opportunities in the future. Zoo special events have been successful the last few months. Spring Break event upcoming. Madagascar groundbreaking next four to six weeks. Invitation will be sent.

Parks: Richard Rodgers updated the progress of the winter projects being worked on by the Parks crews.


Chairman


City Secretary