

## PARKS & RECREATION BOARD MEETING

June 16, 2020

The Parks and Recreation Board held its monthly meeting on Tuesday, June 16, 2010 at 8:30 a.m. in Council Chambers. Board members present were Gary Grubbs, David Pittman, Robyn Wertheim and Leigh Black. Board members not present were Jeff Goodin, Michael Homer Jr. and Marc Orner. Community Services staff present were Lesli Andrews, Director, Chris Gibson, Assistant Director, Stanley Smith, Legal, and Chairyl Clark, Secretary.

Gary Grubbs called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

Invocation Gary Grubbs gave the invocation.

Open forum for public comment: No comments

Acceptance of Minutes from March 17, 2020: Robyn Wertheim moved the minutes be approved for the Regular Agenda Meeting on March 17, 2020. Leigh Black seconded the motion. With all in favor, the motion carried.

Service awards: Presented by Jesse Pottabaum for Zoo employees Kylie Donch for 5 years, Ryan King for 15 years, and Richard Rodgers for Parks employee Mike Soliz for 15 years.

Election of Chairman: David Pittman nominated by Robyn Wertheim. Leigh Black seconded the motion. With all in favor, the motion carried.

Election of Vice Chairman: Gary Grubbs nominated by Robyn Wertheim. Leigh Black seconded the motion. With all in favor, the motion carried.

Update Minter Park: Ribbon cutting Tuesday July 7, 2020 at 1:30 P.M.

YMCA Expansion: Presented by Executive Director David Hendricks and Architect Jim McCathem. Four million dollars have been raised for funding. Phase One is fully funded. Phase Two going out for bid. Timeline for completion is one year. Gary Grubbs moved to approve, second by Leigh Black. All in favor. Motion carried.

### Operational Reports:

Aquatics: Bobby Brown introduced Aquatics Manager Matthew Baird. Matthew discussed protocol for Covid-19 precautions, being chlorinated water and use of UV at Splash Pads.

Parks: New backstop at ball fields, new fishing dock at Johnson Park, remodel of Community Services patio, repair sidewalk at Nelson Park, paint park restrooms and trail bridges. The Board

commended the Parks crews on maintaining the parks so well during the pandemic with all the added outdoor activity.

Recreation: Mother and Son dance rescheduled for August 8, 2020. Informed the Board of the Covid Camp childcare, which provided child care to City of Abilene Employees during the spring. Recreation employees also assisted the Boys and Girls Club and the United Way with their childcare programs. Staff is now starting the regular summer programming.

Zoo: Lioness, Saba passed away at 16 years old. Discussed zoo enhancements in the bear exhibit and Turtle Cove Kids area. Spring Break Camp was a success. Zoo received \$50,190.00 in donations during Abilene Gives to help with the closure due to COVIDI 9. Upcoming, Painting with a Twist on June 20, 2020 proceeds to go to the Giraffe conservation fund. —


Senior Division: Currently providing approximately 400 drive through meals daily with themed activities for the Seniors.

Parks Board again commended all Parks and Recreation division employees for outstanding job during the pandemic.



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Chairman



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City Secretary