

## **PARKS & RECREATION BOARD MEETING**

**February 15, 2022**

**The Parks and Recreation Board held its monthly meeting on Tuesday, February 15, 2022 at 8:30 a.m. in the South Branch Library Meeting Room, 4310 Buffalo Gap Road #1246. Board members present were David Pittman, Jeff Goodin, Michael Homer, Marc Orner and Leigh Black. Parks & Recreation staff present were Lesli Andrews, Director, Chris Gibson, Assistant Director, Richard Rodgers, Assistant Director, Bobby Brown, Seniors/Aquatics Division Manager, Jesus Coronado, Parks Division Manager, Ann Hall, Recreation Division Manager, Jesse Pottebaum, Zoo Director, Stanley Smith, Legal and Janina Aguero, Secretary.**

David Pittman called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

**Invocation:** Leigh Black gave the invocation.

**Open forum for public comment:** No public comment.

**Acceptance of Minutes from January 18, 2022:** Jeff Goodin moved the minutes be approved. Michael Homer seconded. With all in favor, the motion carried.

**Executive Session:** The Parks and Recreation Board went into Executive session at 8:32am to discuss Section 551.071, Texas Government Code, Consultation with Attorney, and Section 551.072, Texas Government Code, Deliberations about Real Property.

### **1. Fort Phantom Lease**

The Parks and Recreation Board came out of Executive Session at 9:25am with no votes or other action taken during the Executive Session.

**Lease of Park Land at Fort Phantom Lake:** Hailey Jo addressed the board and the possibility of moving forward with the lease of park land at Fort Phantom Lake. Members of the board voiced their concerns about the economic and community concerns that needed to be addressed before any action can take place. No votes or action taken.

**Request to Charge Spectator Fee:** Lesli Andrews discussed the spectator fee for the Ice Breakers Tournament hosted by Cooper High School. The Ice Breakers Tournament is February 24<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup> at Redbud Park. Michael Homer moved the fee be approved. Leigh Black seconded, with all in favor the motion carried.

**Seniors Report:** Bobby Brown discussed the turnouts of the senior activities have been at least 90% full. The iPhone basics class was held on the 24<sup>th</sup> and was full with seniors waiting outside the room to learn the basic skills of using the iPhone. Bobby discussed the upcoming movie planned on March 26<sup>th</sup> and is expecting great participation.

**Parks Report:** Jesus Coronado gave the parks report and discussed the new back stops replaced at Wylie Softball Complex at Lake Kirby Park. Jesus discussed working with Keep Abilene Beautiful and the parks team helping to plant around 30 trees at the Vaughn Camp Park to help provide shade and aesthetics.


**Recreation Report:** Ann Hall gave the report for recreation. Ann discussed the Get Hooked event at Cal Young Park having around 140 participants and with the help of the Parks & Wildlife they were able to give out some great prizes. Ann discussed the upcoming spring break camp starting March 14<sup>th</sup>-March 18<sup>th</sup> from 7am-5:30pm. Ann discussed the Steam n Wheels event coming up on March 26<sup>th</sup> at Seabee Park.

**Zoo:** Jesse Pottebaum gave the report for the zoo. Jesse discussed with the winter storm there was two newborn animals that are already out with the parents. Jesse discussed the San Antonio Stock Show and the setup of two exhibits for soliciting Abilene travel. Jesse discussed Wild Days event coming up and the addition of 3-4 shows a day.

**Public Comment:** None

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 9:44am.

  
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David Pittman, Parks Board Chairman

  
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