

## **PARKS & RECREATION BOARD MEETING**

**August 16, 2022**

The Parks and Recreation Board held its monthly meeting on Tuesday, August 16, 2022 at 8:30 a.m. in Council Chambers at City Hall, 555 Walnut Street, Abilene, TX. Board members present were David Pittman, Gary Grubbs, Jeff Goodin, Robyn Wertheim, Tony Pallarez 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:** Jeff Goodin gave the invocation.

**Public Comment:** None

**Acceptance of Minutes from July 19, 2022:** Jeff Goodin moved the minutes to be approved. Robyn Wertheim seconded. With all in favor, the motion carried.

**Request to Charge Spectator Fee for Movie In The Park:** Chris Gibson reviewed the Movie in the Park event wanting to charge \$3 to enter. Chris informed the board that this is the first event for this company and all proceeds will go to the company to offset costs to host the event. Robyn Wertheim moved this fee to be approved. Jeff Goodin seconded. With all in favor, the motion carried.

**Parks and Recreation Special Recognition Policy:** Chris Gibson discussed the new policy for individuals, groups or organizations to follow for special recognition in the Parks & Recreation department. Chris noted a couple of corrections in the Special Recognition Application in the Guidelines paragraph. The last sentence will remove "naming request" and replace it with Special Recognition. Also, in the procedures section 2. the last sentence will remove "park, park area or park facility name" and replace it with Special Recognition.

**Public Comment:** None

Robyn Wertheim moved that the policy be approved with the noted changes. Jeff Goodin seconded. With all in favor, the motion carried.

**Aquatics Report:** Bobby Brown gave the update on aquatics. Bobby wanted to congratulate the four new lifeguards who transitioned from concession workers to being certified mid season. Bobby reviewed the swim lessons offered throughout the summer with a total of 139 participants. Bobby informed the board that the last day for

Adventure Cove to be open for swimmers will be September 5th, with the Doggie Splash Day on September 10th to close out the season.

**Seniors Report:** Bobby Brown gave the seniors report. Bobby gave out the information for the Food Bank being distributed the first and third Thursday of every month. Last week there was a high turnout of 265 people showing up. Bobby discussed the upcoming Talent Show on August 27th at 2pm, with 24 acts. Bobby mentioned Square Dancing classes to start every Friday from September 2nd-September 30th. The Senior Day at the West Texas Fair & Rodeo will be on Wednesday, September 14, 2022 and will be free for all seniors.

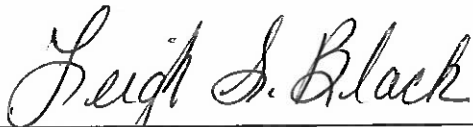
**Parks Report:** Jesus Coronado gave the parks report. Jesus stated that the parks crew removed a damaged slide from Redbud park and installed a new one. Jesus gave a report on the total hours spent working in ground maintenance, flower bed maintenance and litter/restroom maintenance. Total hours of labor hours and work orders were 8853 staff labor, 862 work orders with a 3.5 average days to complete work orders.

**Recreation Report:** Ann Hall gave the recreation report. Ann talked about the upcoming Adult Men's Flag Football and Coed Volleyball leagues that are starting soon, with signups online now. Ann mentioned that the After School Program has started with 225 students already enrolled. The after school program is Monday through Friday from 3-6pm for children 6-13.

**Zoo:** Jesse Pottebaum gave the zoo report. Jesse informed the board about the discontinuation of the swan boats until further notice. Jesse discussed the influx of birds in rehabilitation and asking the community to give grasshoppers, with a great donation amount. There is also a new addition with the arrival of a baby flamingo. Jesse stated that the prairie dogs have been rehomed to the Chehaw Park and Zoo, in Albany Georgia for the new exhibit renovations.

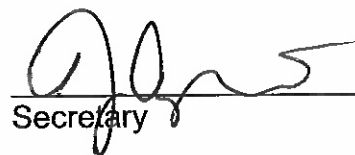
**Public Comment:** None

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 9:00am



David Pittman, Parks Board Chairman

Leigh Black for David Pittman

  
Secretary