

PARKS & RECREATION BOARD MEETING

September 20, 2022

The Parks and Recreation Board held its monthly meeting on Tuesday, September 20, 2022 at 8:30 a.m. in Council Chambers at City Hall, 555 Walnut Street, Abilene, TX. Board members present were Leigh Black, Jeff Goodin, Tony Pallarez and Tanell Blackmon. 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.

Leigh Black called the meeting to order at 8:33 a.m.

Invocation: Jeff Goodin gave the invocation.

Public Comment: None

Service Awards: Jesus Coronado presented an award to Michael Hill for his 10 years of service. Chris Gibson presented an award to Ann Hall for her 10 years of service. Ann Hall presented Jalen Johnson his award for 5 years of service.

Acceptance of Minutes from August 16, 2022: Jeff Goodin moved the minutes to be approved. Tony Pallarez seconded. With all in favor, the motion carried.

Request to Charge Spectator Fee for Toys for Tots Softball Tournament: Chris Gibson reviewed the Tournament Request for Toys for Tots Tournament on November 18th-20th at Kirby Softball complex. This request is an annual event hosted by USA Softball District 11. Tanell Blackmon made a motion to approve the request. Jeff Goodin seconded. With all in favor, the motion carried.

Aquatics Report: Chris Gibson gave the update on aquatics. Chris stated the last event of the season was on September 10th for Doggie Splash. Chris mentioned they had 57 dogs participate and it was a great success.

Seniors Report: Chris Gibson gave the Seniors Report. Chris discussed the Annual Wellness Fair will be held on September 27th from 9-1pm. Chris wanted to commend the senior center kitchen staff for all the hard work they do. Chris stated that as of September 12th, there have been 62,869 meals served. Chris mentioned the class time for the Stretch and Flex activity is every Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9:30am-10:30am.

Parks Report: Jesus Coronado gave the Parks Report. Jesus stated the Parks Department has been anxious to get the Rose Park playground open. Jesus mentioned the park has parallel play features, turf grass surface and is open for 5-12 year olds.

Jesus talked about the placement of a memorial bench for David, Linda and Annabel Zett. Jesus reviewed the updates at the Nelson complex restrooms including repainting the inside walls, epoxying the floor, repainting doors and new bathroom signs.

Recreation Report: Ann Hall gave the Recreation Report. Ann talked about the upcoming activity Girls Night Out, Fall edition, will be on October 22nd at the Rose Recreation Center at 6pm. Ann invited everyone out to the ribbon cutting at the new all inclusive playground at Rose Park, on September 23rd at 10am.

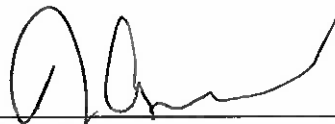
Zoo: Jesse Pottebaum gave the Zoo Report. Jesse mentioned that a giraffe calf was born on August 13th and a baby Angolan Colobus was born on August 15th. Jesse reviewed the AIRS study with Disney's Animal Kingdom and Macho the rhino. Jesse discussed the upcoming annual meeting and picnic for members on September 27th. Jesse informed the board of the Boo at the Zoo dates on October 15th, 22nd, 29th and the 30th.

Public Comment: None

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:51am



David Pittman, Parks Board Chairman



Secretary