

PARKS & RECREATION BOARD MEETING

December 20, 2022

The Parks and Recreation Board held its monthly meeting on Tuesday, December 20, 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, Robyn Wertheim, Jeff Goodin, Leigh Black, Tony Pallarez and Tanell Blackwood. 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 8:31 a.m.

Invocation: Leigh Black gave the invocation.

Public Comment: None

Acceptance of Minutes from November 15, 2022: Robyn Wertheim moved the minutes to be approved. Gary Grubbs seconded. With all in favor, the motion carried.

Executive Session: The Parks and Recreation Board went into Executive session at 8:33am to discuss Section 551.071, Texas Government Code, Consultation with Attorney, and Section 551.072, Texas Government Code, Deliberations about Real Property.

1. Nelson Park

The Parks and Recreation Board came out of Executive Session at 9:12am with no votes or other action taken during the Executive Session.

Request to Charge Spectator Fee for AISD Cooper High Softball Tournament:

Chris Gibson reviewed the Request to charge a spectator fee of \$5 for adults and \$2 for students for a softball tournament February 23rd-25th. Chris said this tournament is taking place at Redbud Fields 1 & 2. Gary Grubbs moved this fee to be approved. Jeff Goodin seconded the motion, with all in favor the motion carried.

Parks Report: Jesus Coronado gave the Parks Report. Jesus talked about the completion of 1698 work orders and 11738 labor hours in grounds maintenance. Jesus also discussed the various hours that went into landscaping and irrigation, with 1136 hours for just one employee.

Recreation Report: Ann Hall gave the Recreation Report. Ann spoke about the upcoming WinterBreak Camp at Rose Recreation Center, beginning on December 27th

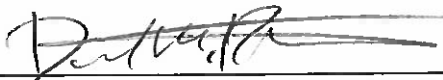
through January 6th. Ann reviewed Get Hooked Troutfest 2023 on January 11th-16th. Ann said Cal Young Park will be stocked 3 days prior to the event. Ann talked about the ASL class being sold out and opening a second class that is almost sold out as well.

Seniors Report: Bobby Brown gave the Seniors Report. Bobby talked about staying open until 7pm on Tuesdays to give the people who work the opportunity to enjoy the Senior Center. Bobby mentioned the Senior Coffee Social beginning every second Tuesday of the month to allow newcomers to get to know each other. Bobby discussed the competition of walking more than 50% of the days in January to be entered into a drawing for a prize. Bobby reviewed the Denim & Diamonds fundraiser, selling 133 dinner tickets, 200 bingo cards and 783 raffle tickets, raising more than \$1,600.

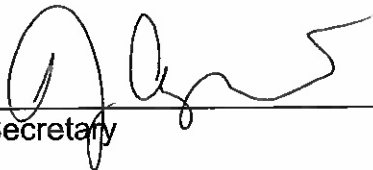
Zoo: Jesse Pottebaum gave the Zoo Report. Jesse talked about the celebration of life honoring Macho the Rhino. Jesse stated that this hasn't been done before and attracted a lot of support, giving a poster to those who attended. Jesse invited everyone to come out to visit the Christmas Celebration, running from December 16th-23rd.

Public Comment: None

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 9:30am



David Pittman, Parks Board Chairman



Secretary