

## PARKS & RECREATION BOARD MEETING

May 21, 2024

The Parks and Recreation Board held its monthly meeting on Tuesday, May 21, 2024 at 8:30 a.m. in Council Chambers at City Hall, 555 Walnut Street, Abilene, TX. Board members present were Gary Grubbs, Robyn Wertheim, Leigh Black, Jack Hurd, Tanell Blackmon and Michael Homer. Parks & Recreation staff present were Lesli Andrews, Director, Chris Gibson, Assistant Director, Richard Rodgers, Assistant Director, Ann Hall, Recreation Division Manager, Jesus Coronado, Parks 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:** Tanell Blackmon gave the invocation.

**Public Comment:**None

**Service Awards:** Jesus Coronado presented service awards in the Parks Department for the below:

- Marc Elizondo- 5 Years
- Mike McBride- 10 Years

**Acceptance of Minutes from March 19, 2024:** Michael Homer moved the minutes to be approved. Leigh Black seconded. With all in favor, the motion carried.

**Vote for Chairperson:** Lesli Andrews discussed the Chairperson role for the Parks and Recreation Board, with David Pittman in this position currently.

Robyn Wertheim voted for David Pittman to continue in this position. Jack Hurd seconded. With all in favor, the motion carried.

**Vote for Vice Chairperson:** Lesli Andrews discussed the Vice Chairperson role for the Parks and Recreation Board, with Gary Grubbs in this position currently.

Robyn Wertheim voted for Gary Grubbs to continue this position. Tannell Blackmon seconded. With all in favor, the motion carried.

**Lake Fort Phantom Master Plan:** Lesli Andrews introduced Ryan Brown from LJA, to discuss the process for the Fort Phantom Master Plan. Ryan reviewed the timeline from the beginning process in December of 2023 to the current work session of 2024. Ryan discussed the project scopes, locations and community feedback for this master plan. Ryan talked about the next steps and taking the Lake Fort Phantom Hill Park Master Plan to the City Council for consideration on July 25, 2024.

**Carver Park Plat:** Lesli Andrews introduced Adam Holland, City Planner to discuss the Carver Park plat. Adam discussed the joining of Lot 1 and Lot 2 for planning purposes of the building of the updated GV Daniels Recreation center.

Michael Homer made a motion to approve the joining of the Carver Park plat. Leigh Black seconded, with all in favor the motion carried.

**Aquatics Report:** Chris Gibson gave the aquatics report. Chris informed the board of the opening of the splash pads on May 4th and the opening of Adventure Cove set for a weekend only opening on May 18th, with the official season starting on May 25th. Chris talked about the swim lessons being offered at Adventure Cove, beginning on June 4th-August 2nd.

**Parks Report:** Jesus Coronado gave the Parks Report. Jesus talked about the addition of 9 shade structures at the splash pads. Jesus discussed the landscaping crew's work at the Police Station, Everman Park and City Hall.

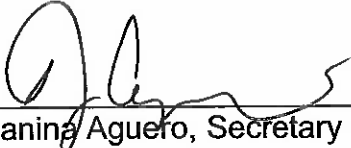
**Recreation Report:** Ann Hall gave the Recreation Report. Ann mentioned the start of the Summer Camp starting on June 3rd through August 9th. Ann talked about the Mother/Son Dance being successful with lots of dress up for the event. Ann invited everyone to check out the Anime & Manga art classes and Coed Volleyball league coming up.

**Seniors Report:** Chris Gibson gave the Seniors Report. Chris talked about the new circuit training class, being led by a professional physical therapist, on Tuesdays. Chris mentioned there will also be Chair Yoga on Wednesdays at the Cobb Park Senior Center. Chris invited the seniors to visit the Cobb Park Senior Center on May 29th for a donut social from 10-11am.

**Zoo:** Jesse Pottebaum gave the Zoo Report. Jesse informed the board of the birth of the secretary bird chick and a red river hog piglet. Jesse discussed the new zoo upgrades of a new sidewalk and stone work around the trees throughout the zoo facility. Jesse invited everyone to purchase tickets for Rock & Roar on Friday June 14th.

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 9:24 am

  
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David Pittman, Parks Board Chairman

  
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Janina Aguero, Secretary