

STATE OF TEXAS :
COUNTIES OF POTTER :
AND RANDALL :

On this the 8th day of February 2011, the Parks and Recreation Commission of Amarillo, Texas convened at 1:30 PM in regular session in Room 306, City Hall at 509 E. 7th Avenue, with the following members present:

ATTENDANCE

	PRESENT TODAY	NO. REGULAR MEETINGS HELD SINCE APPOINTMENT	NO. REGULAR MEETINGS ATTENDED SINCE APPOINTMENT	SPECIAL MEETINGS HELD	SPECIAL MEETINGS ATTENDED
Mr. Daniel Martinez	Yes	56	52	0	0
Mr. Hal Leedy	Yes	36	24	0	0
Mr. Cameron Monroe	Yes	26	20	0	0
Mr. Clint Norton	No	17	14	0	0
Ms. Joyce Cunningham	Yes	36	34	0	0
Ms. Jackie Payne	Yes	36	30	0	0
Mr. Brian Scott	Yes	54	45	0	0

and the following staff members:

Mr. Larry Offerdahl	Director of Parks & Recreation
Mr. Rod Tweet	Assistant Director of Parks & Recreation
Mr. Clint Stoddard	Park Superintendent
Ms. Sherylene Morris	Recording Secretary

There being a quorum established, the meeting was called to order by Vice Chairman, Mr. Brian Scott, and the following business was conducted.

ITEM 1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM JANUARY 11, 2010 MEETING

Ms. Joyce Cunningham made a MOTION to approve the January 11th minutes as amended. Mr. Brian Scott seconded the MOTION. MOTION passed by a vote of 6-0.

ITEM 2. MONTHLY REPORTS

Larry stated that the new Ross Rogers Golf Superintendent, James Stow, started February 7, 2011. Opening bids for the Renovation of the "Old Course" at Ross Rogers began on February 8, 2011 with eight (8) bidders. Bids ranged from \$3,443,908 to \$3,836,731.19.

The project architects are currently revising construction cost estimates for the Zoo Education Center. The current cost estimate is approximately \$700,000. Parks Administration has requested a revision of plans in order to reduce the estimated cost down to \$600,000.

Parks Administration is pleased to announce that AATA received a \$50,000 matching grant from the United States Tennis Association. This grant will be matched with \$25,000 from the Texas Chapter of USTA and \$25,000 from AATA. These grant funds will fund a multi-year youth tennis program. Our Tennis Center along with the Tennis Centers at Amarillo Country Club, Tascosa Country Club, and AISD Tennis Center will all participate in this new program.

Larry mentioned that Parks Administration was reconstructing Ross Roger's management contract and the monthly golf reports are being revised in order to track golf revenues.

Spring Volleyball deadline was January 21, 2011 with a total of 239 teams registered. This was an increase of 23 teams compared to last year. Softball deadline will be February 25, 2011.

Clint stated that 198 new or replaced trees have been planted in the parks & around the City of Amarillo. Clint also stated that due to the cooler weather, the vandalism has been down.

Construction has been completed on the new Tiger Exhibit to house two (2) tigers. The Amarillo Zoo recently purchased two tigers and one black leopard from the Wild Animal Orphanage in San Antonio TX on January 6, 2011.

ITEM 3. REVIEW OF PARKS & RECREATION OBJECTIVES & POLICIES

Larry stated that the Annual Parks & Recreation Staff Retreat was held on January 19, 2011. He stated that the staff had reviewed the current eleven (11) division objectives and twenty-three (23) division policies, and identified achievements and key actions that helped to accomplish our goals. Larry also stated that these same objectives were included in the 2010 City of Amarillo Comprehensive Plan.

ITEM 4. REPORT ON STAFF RECOMMENDED PARKS & RECREATION CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS

Larry stated that the Parks staff submitted their top priority capital improvement projects at the staff retreat that they would like to see completed within the next five (5) years. Some of the top priorities included: 1) renovating the existing softball complexes at SW, SE, Martin Road, and River Road to include new field lighting, irrigation systems, fencing, scoreboards, & restroom/concession buildings, 2) removing all drain & fill wading pools and replace with Splash Pads, 3) additional parking at JSM Park, Ellwood Park, & Rick Klein Sports Complex, 4) Ross Rogers perimeter fence, 5) new restrooms & tournament pavilion at Comanche Trail Golf Complex, 6) plan & host year-round recreation programs with the construction of a recreation center, & 7) install UV water treatment systems in the swimming pools.

ITEM 5 DISCUSS ARBOR DAY TREE PLANTING PROGRAM

Larry stated that this year our Park crews will organize an Arbor Day Tree Planting Programs at the two (2) new city/school parks; City View & Hillside Parks. This will involve the children at these schools to help in planting approximately forty (40) new trees in each park area. This event will take place on Friday, April 29, 2011.

Matt Griffin with Rockrose Development has donated \$2,500 for new trees at City View Park for this event.

ITEM 6. PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION COMMENTS

There being no further discussion, Ms. Jackie Payne made a MOTION to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Joyce Cunningham seconded the MOTION. Meeting adjourned at 2:51PM.

Larry Offerdahl,
Director of Parks and Recreation