

STATE OF TEXAS :
COUNTIES OF POTTER :
AND RANDALL :

On this the 12th day of July 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	59	54	0	0
Mr. Hal Leedy	Yes	39	26	0	0
Mr. Cameron Monroe	Yes	29	22	0	0
Mr. Clint Norton	Yes	20	17	0	0
Ms. Joyce Cunningham	Yes	39	37	0	0
Ms. Jackie Payne	Yes	39	31	0	0
Mr. Brian Scott	Yes	57	47	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 Chairman, Mr. Daniel Martinez, and the following business was conducted.

ITEM 1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM MAY 10, 2011 MEETING

Ms. Joyce Cunningham made a MOTION to approve the April 12th minutes as amended. Ms. Jackie Payne seconded the MOTION. MOTION passed by a vote of 7-0.

ITEM 2. MONTHLY REPORTS

Golf revenues for the month of June for Comanche Trail were \$81,798.00 compared to last years at \$60,580.42. Ross Roger's revenues were down \$88,507.10 as compared to last year's revenues at \$91,052.48 due to the renovation of the Old Course project.

Tennis Center revenues for July totaled \$6,529.20 as compared to \$6,733.60 in 2010. Year to date attendance totaled 26,083 as compared to 24,033 in 2010. The Quick Start Youth Tennis Program is currently underway and has impacted our 2011 participation numbers.

The hot summer temperatures this summer have positively impacted our overall attendance at our three (3) swimming pools. Year to date total attendance for Thompson Pool was 8,791, Southeast Pool was 28,972, and Southwest Pool was 18,462 for a total of 56,255 as compared to 47,594 in 2010.

Clint Stoddard stated that Park crews are continuing to daily clean-up the shorelines at Martin Road and Medical Center Park due to the large dead fish clean-up. The Amarillo Zoo was very active for the month of June. Two events, Safety Safari and If I Drew the Zoo were very successful and drew a lot of attendance. Revenues for the month of June were \$27,361.18. Year to date totals are \$156,025.71 as compared to last year's revenues at \$125,901.07.

ITEM 3. UPDATE FROM BOB MEDINA ON HIGH PLAINS GIRLS FASTPITCH

Bob Medina, High Plains Girls Fastpitch, stated the need for a girls fast pitch complex. The current organization, started in 1999, provides the only league play for this area. The girl's teams currently in this league are from Hereford, Dumas, Pampa, Borger, Guymon and Enid Oklahoma. The projected

total amount of players for this year is 1105. Currently there are a total of 700 participants for the spring season with 500 participants for the fall season. Currently, the field usage for girls Fastpitch is at Thompson Park and Rick Klein Sports Complex. Girls Fastpitch is growing rapidly each year which calls for the need to build more Fastpitch fields and to also accommodate the possibility of having a guaranteed all-star girls Fastpitch tournament here in Amarillo every five (5) years competing with Midland, Odessa, San Angelo and Lubbock.

ITEM 4. UPDATE ON THE PARKS WATER CONSERVATION PROGRAM

Clint Stoddard stated that since the water conservation program started in 2002 and identified water conservation long term plans, these plans are paying off now. Key goals were set to conserve water used by Parks & Recreation without hurting the overall health and appearance of our turf grass and plant material by efficiently designing our irrigation system to water more efficiently. Another goal was to convert cool season grass areas to warm season grasses such as Bermuda grass. The next goal was to develop more efficient watering practices with no day time watering, no watering with broken systems, heads, system lines, leaks etc, and no watering prior to or after any rains. A newer technology water central control system called the Toro Sentinel Program was installed that currently has twelve (12) parks on this system. Flow sensors were also installed to detect leaks that would automatically shut off the system.

ITEM 5 STATUS REPORT ON THE HAMLET PARK IMPROVEMENTS

Two grant applications have been submitted to Community Development by Parks Administration for a new lighting system to light the park walkways, two (2) new baseball backstops, five (5) trash receptacles, two (2) drinking fountains, security cameras, and a new SplashPad at Hamlet Park. The Community Development Advisory Committee has recommended approval for both of these grant applications.

ITEM 6. CONSTRUCTION ON THE "OLD COURSE" RENOVATION PROJECT

Construction continues on the renovation of the Old Course at Ross Rogers. The general contractor has completed 50 to 55% of the project elements as of July 8, 2011. The estimated completion date for this project is September 20, 2011.

ITEM 7. PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION COMMENTS

Mr. Cameron Monroe asked if the Park Commission was going to have relationship with the multi-purpose facilities affiliated with the downtown revitalization development.

Daniel Martinez was asked by Larry to open a discussion for a potential policy for a catch and release program at Greenways Lake.

Clint Norton stated that he has been approached by citizens wanting to know if the City has a dodge ball league.

Hal Leedy wanted to thank Clint Stoddard and Rod Tweet on helping with the Chick-fil-A triathlon. The benefits went to the kids who don't get to eat on the weekend's program.

Citizen comments:

Jimmy Pressley Hammons, of 1514 S Pierce, voiced his opinion on the lack of police protection in Ellwood Park. He stated that the homeless people are disrespecting people's property and that people are afraid to go to the park because of the lack of protection.

There being no further discussion, Ms. Jackie Payne made at MOTION to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Cameron Monroe seconded the MOTION. Meeting adjourned at 2:46 PM.

Larry Offerdahl,
Director of Parks and Recreation