

STATE OF TEXAS :
COUNTIES OF POTTER :
AND RANDALL :

On this the 10th day of July 2012, 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. Hal Leedy	Yes	50	33	0	0
Mr. Cameron Monroe	No	40	30	0	0
Mr. Clint Norton	Yes	31	25	0	0
Ms. Joyce Cunningham	Yes	50	48	0	0
Ms. Jackie Payne	Yes	50	39	0	0
Mr. Mike Rivera	Yes	9	8	0	0
Ms. Renee McCown	Yes	9	7	0	0

and the following staff members:

Mr. Rod Tweet	Interim Director of Parks & Recreation
Mr. Clint Stoddard	Park Superintendent
Mr. Kim Killian	Athletic Supervisor
Ms. Sherylene Morris	Recording Secretary

There being a quorum established, the meeting was called to order by Co-Chairman, Mr. Clint Norton, and the following business was conducted.

ITEM 1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM JUNE 12, 2012 MEETING

Ms. Jackie Payne made a MOTION to approve the June 12, 2012 minutes as amended. Ms. Joyce Cunningham seconded the MOTION. MOTION passed by a vote of 6-0.

ITEM 2. MONTHLY REPORTS

Rod informed the Park Commissioners that last month they reviewed and approved the Park Master Plan which is now being reviewed by the city manager. It will then be presented to the City Commission for adoption and approval if accepted. Once approved, there will be a resolution as the adoption from the 2008 Plan to the 2012 Parks Master Plan.

Rod stated that the Amarillo Tennis Center has gone out for bids to resurface the indoor courts and it should be awarded within the next few weeks. There has been a green light to go ahead with the striping of the tennis courts at the Tennis Center to support the youth program.

The Summer Recreation Program is currently active at (17) park sites. A total of 3,819 children are participating in the 2012 recreation program for the first week in the month of June which is up from last year's totals at 3,361 in the first week of June.

Pool attendance is down slightly to date for Southeast and Southwest pools due to more inclement or threatening weather. Thompson Pool's attendance is up this year.

Zoo revenue for the month of May was \$41,405.92. Year to date total is \$148,235.79 as compared to last year's year to date at \$128,664.53.

Clint Stoddard stated that as of this date, a total of 541 trees have been planted throughout our parks system.

Graffiti continues to be a problem in the parks as well as the public areas. After the volunteer public

graffiti cleanup day, the parks were hit hard with more graffiti.

Clint also stated that a couple of red foxes were donated to the zoo by a private individual through Texas Parks & Wildlife.

"If I Drew the Zoo" event at the zoo was held on June 9, 2012. The "Red, White and Zoo" event was held on June 30, 2012 for the 4th of July. Both events were a success.

Zoo revenues for the month of June 2012 were \$32,306.90. Total year to date revenues are \$180,542.69 as compared to last year's totals of \$156,025.71.

Kim Killian, Athletic Supervisor, reported that a total of 326 teams registered for the fall Softball season. Hosted "Fun in the Sun Coors Light Classic" Tournament for the 4th of July weekend with 19 Class "E" teams entered. Fall Volleyball season will begin on August 13th. Athletics continue to work with Rob Woods at West Texas Youth Baseball on tournaments.

Kim also stated that he is trying to secure sponsorships for the scoreboards at Rick Klein Sports Complex. Happy State Bank and Amarillo National Bank are sponsoring scoreboards for \$1,200 per year. Athletics is also looking for a title sponsorship for the 35th Annual Mayors Half Marathon to be title sponsor of this event for a price of \$1,500. This event is scheduled for September 22, 2012.

Golf revenues for the month of June were up at both golf courses compared to last year in June. Rounds at Comanche Trails in June were up from last year's totals by 736 rounds with Ross's June total rounds being 252 up from last year's June totals.

ITEM 3. REVIEW CONCEPTUAL MASTER PLAN OF ATHLETIC COMPLEX

A conceptual drawing of the Athletic Complex Master Plan was presented to the Park Commissioners that consisted of a proposed design for new soccer fields, expansion of the youth baseball complex and new girls fast pitch softball fields, with expanded parking. The conceptual drawing includes three (3) entrances and a Natatorium.

Future phases could consist of in-line hockey, BMX, Skate Park, RV camping, hike & bike trails, disc golf, etc.

Meetings will be scheduled with ASA, WT Youth Baseball, High Plains Fast Pitch and YMCA in order to get their input on how to utilize this Athletic Complex.

Rob Woods, of PO Box 20559 in Amarillo, suggested that more fields be built closer together making it easier for people to get to their games easier.

Tony Freeman, 3916 Linda Dr., suggested building a disc golf course at the complex.

Alan Finegold, 2601 N. Grand Street Apt 158, asked if Parks has a total cost to develop the complex for the future as it has been planned and if there was a breakdown cost for each field. Rod explained the importance of getting feedback from Associations on their needs for this complex in order to meet the public's needs. Rod explained that the Park Master Plan is a five year plan that is currently under review and if accepted will go before the City Commission for approval. The Athletic Complex is in as a capital improvement perspective as individual components with amenities such as baseball, softball and the number of fields that Parks is recommending. Rod stressed the importance of having the Association's input in order for Parks to decide how many fields will be needed for this Athletic Complex. A general public meeting will be scheduled in order to get public input on developing this Athletic Complex after meeting with the Associations.

ITEM 4. REPORT ON PHASE II DEVELOPMENT OF ATHLETIC COMPLEX MULTI-USE FIELDS

Rod stated that Phase II of the Athletic Complex would consist of adding a 200 car parking lot, (4) regulation fields, plaza, restrooms and a pavilion shade structure. This project will cost approximately \$1,074,000.

ITEM 5. REPORT ON STATUS OF THE ZOO EDUCATION CENTER PROJECT

Bryan Shelhamer, Project Manager, showed and explained each photo of the updated progress on the Zoo Education Center Project. He explained that the brick work around the building was in an irregular

wavy pattern to give it an earthy look with the rock around it giving it more mass. He also explained that the brickwork was supposed to be higher but because of the cost alteration it is only at 3' around the building. The plumbing and electrical work on the inside is completed. This building is close to being 50% finished. Estimated completion for this project is scheduled for the spring of 2013.

Rod announced that the Amarillo Zoological Society (AZS) has postponed the annual Zoo-la-Palooza event until spring of 2013. There will be a soft opening for the Zoo Education Center to promote and renew AZS memberships to be held on October 13, 2012.

ITEM 6. ANNUAL PARK TOUR

The Annual Park Tour date was decided and agreed upon to be Tuesday, September 11, 2012 with a brief meeting at 8:30 AM and the tour following at 9:00 AM. This tour will consist of touring current or recently finished park projects and ending at Ross Rogers for lunch.

ITEM 7. PUBLIC FORUM

Rob Woods, WT Youth Baseball, stated that he would help to bring money to the table by trying to get private funds if funding was factor in holding up the building of the four baseball fields at Rick Klein.

Tony Freeman complemented Park achievements throughout the years. He voiced his concern about having more fields for the young kids to play on and is looking for private funding in order to help bring more quality fields to Amarillo youth.

ITEM 8. PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION COMMENTS

No comments.

ITEM 9. ANNOUNCEMENT

Next meeting date will be August 14, 2011 at 1:30 PM, room 306 in City Hall.

ITEM 10. ADJOURN

There being no further discussion, MOTION was made by Mr. Clint Norton to adjourn the meeting. MOTION was seconded by Ms. Jackie Payne. Meeting adjourned at 2:40PM.

Rod Tweet,
Interim Director of Parks and Recreation