

STATE OF TEXAS :
COUNTIES OF POTTER :
AND RANDALL :

On this the 11th day of September 2012, the Parks and Recreation Commission of Amarillo, Texas convened at 8:30 AM 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	No	52	34	0	0
Mr. Cameron Monroe	Yes	42	32	0	0
Mr. Clint Norton	Yes	33	27	0	0
Ms. Joyce Cunningham	Yes	52	50	0	0
Ms. Jackie Payne	Yes	52	41	0	0
Mr. Mike Rivera	Yes	11	9	0	0
Ms. Renee McCown	Yes	11	9	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. Pam Cognasi	Recreation Supervisor
Ms. Sherylene Morris	Recording Secretary

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

ITEM 1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM AUGUST 14, 2012 MEETING

Ms. Joyce Cunningham made a MOTION to approve the August 14, 2012 minutes as amended. Mr. Clint Norton seconded the MOTION. MOTION passed by a vote of 6-0.

ITEM 2. MONTHLY REPORTS

Rod Tweet stated that the 35th Annual Mayor's Half Marathon will be held on September 22, 2012. Pre-registration numbers are up this year from last year. Xcel Energy will be the sponsor for this year's event as well as volunteers from the West Rotary Club. This event will be held at Medi Park. Rod stated that the Mayor is going to start the race by shooting the starting pistol. Rod also stated that the Mayor had stated last year that he and Larry Offerdahl would be running in the 2 mile race but not sure yet of their participation this year.

Boo at the Zoo will be held over a three day period at the Amarillo Zoo on Friday – Sunday, October 26, 27 & 28, 2012. This year zoo staff will be asking for Treat Station Sponsors in the amount of \$300 which would purchase candy for a particular station for a business to promote their business by giving out coupons or other promotional items.

Rod announced that Rene'e Stovall, formerly a part-time Special Event Coordinator, has been promoted to a full-time position within the department. She will assume the Administrative Assistant V position under Pam Cognasi.

Total rounds of golf for Ross Rogers are down slightly for this year at 36,790 as compared to last year's at 38,652. Total rounds of golf for Comanche Trail are up at 45,180 as compared to last year's at 40,940.

Clint Stoddard stated that Park crews have been working on completing reseeding projects throughout the parks. Crews have continued to renovate the irrigation systems on traffic islands. Crews also

removed the old playground equipment at South Georgia Park and will install new picnic tables, benches and trees this fall. Metal frames have been fabricated and signs have been installed at Ellwood and Sanborn Parks in junction with the new ordinance in the expansion of the downtown business district area that was passed regarding no open alcohol containers in these parks.

Clint Norton asked about Dave Lister's request at last month's Park Commission meeting regarding requirements on the playground equipment at Sam Houston Park. Rod Tweet stated that he followed up on the request and is waiting for a report from the Family Protective Services as related to their criteria as to the measurement requirements on the playground equipment.

Clint also stated that a curb has been poured by the flag pole at the Civic Center to serve two purposes as an anchor base for the Christmas tree during the Christmas season and a flower bed the rest of the year.

Total revenue for the month of August at the zoo was \$20,277.85. The total revenue for the year to date is \$233,166.22 as compared to last year's year to date at \$198,588.41.

Pam Cognasi, Recreation Supervisor, stated that aquatics and recreation are in the planning stages for the upcoming year. The indoor courts at the Amarillo Tennis Center have been resurfaced and will be completed as soon as the nets are installed. The annual Punt Pass & Kick Event will be held on September 22, 2012 at the Dick Bivins Stadium. The Marketing Coordinator is currently working on a theme idea for the 2013 Park Guide.

Kim Killian, Athletic Supervisor, stated that the softball and volleyball leagues are still playing for the fall season. The West Texas Youth Baseball and High Plains Fast Pitch season started on September 8, 2012. Flag Football and Soccer fields have been allocated for the Kids Inc. fall season. Athletics is still trying to secure sponsorships for the scoreboards at the Rick Klein Sports Complex. The Bud Light Lime Volleyball Tournament will be held on Saturday, September 15, 2012. The 35th Annual Mayor's Half Marathon will be held on Saturday, September 22, 2012. Xcel Energy has agreed to sponsor this year's event for \$1,500.

ITEM 3. PUBLIC FORUM

No public comments

ITEM 4. PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION COMMENTS

Jackie Payne presented a proposal for the naming of the Ross Rogers Old Course. Rod asked each Park Commissioner to review and submit their two top names for this golf course via email by the following Friday, September 14, 2012.

ITEM 5. ANNOUNCEMENT – NEXT MEETING DATE

The next meeting date will be held on October 9, 2012, at 1:30 PM at City Hall in room 306.

ITEM 6. ADJOURN

There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 9:03 AM for the Park Tour.

ITEM 7. ADJOURN FOR PARK TOUR

Those riding the tour bus were the following:

Mayor Paul Harpole

Park Commissioners:

Cameron Monroe

Clint Norton

Joyce Cunningham

Jackie Payne

Renee McCowen

Mike Rivera

City Staff Administration:

Rod Tweet

Sherylene Morris

Stephanie Baucom

City Staff Recreation:

Pam Cognasi

Rene'e Stovall
Rachel Cunningham

City Staff Athletics:

Kim Killian
Diane Price

City Staff Park Maintenance Administration/Supervisors:

Clint Stoddard
Kevin Wilde
Vicky Snelson
Miranda Bible
Brent Beam
Victor Cardenas
Robert Vogt
Cary Younger

The Bus Driver

Joining all for lunch:

Comanche Trail Golf Complex

George Priolo

Ross Rogers Golf Complex

Sherwin Cox

James Stow

The following Park sites were visited on the Park Tour:

Amarillo National Tennis Center

Amarillo Athletic Complex

Oakdale Park

Hamlet Park

River Road Park/Fields

Amarillo Zoo

Ross Rogers Golf Complex

Lunch was catered by Cattle Call (Joe Daddy's).

Rod Tweet,
Interim Director of Parks and Recreation