

STATE OF TEXAS :
COUNTIES OF POTTER :
AND RANDALL :

On this the 12th day of March 2013, 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	TERM STARTED	TERM EXPIRES
Mr. Cameron Monroe	Yes	46	36	08/12/08	07/01/14
Ms. Joyce Cunningham	Yes	56	54	07/24/07	07/01/13
Ms. Jackie Payne	No	56	44	07/24/07	07/01/15
Mr. Mike Rivera	Yes	15	11	09/13/11	07/01/14
Ms. Renee McCown	No	15	11	09/13/11	07/01/14
Mr. David Hudson	Yes	2	2	01/02/13	07/01/16
Mr. Rob Chafin	Yes	2	1	01/02/13	07/01/15

and the following staff members:

Mr. Rod Tweet	Director of Parks & Recreation
Mr. Kevin Wilde	Assistant 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.

Mr. Cameron Monroe introduced Rob Chafin as the newest Board member to the Park Commission.

ITEM 1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM JANUARY 12, 2013 MEETING

Ms. Joyce Cunningham made a MOTION to approve the January 12, 2013 minutes as amended. Mr. Mike Rivera seconded the MOTION. MOTION passed by a vote of 5-0.

ITEM 2. MONTHLY REPORTS

Rod stated that Parks and Recreation will host two very important grand openings in April. The grand opening for the Zoo Education Building is scheduled for Saturday, April 20, 2013 at 11:00 AM. The dedication ceremony for the newly renovated Mustang Golf Course, formerly the Old Course at Ross Roger Golf Complex, is scheduled for April 24th with past, present dignitaries, city dignitaries, board members, commission members, media and course architects for the project playing the first round of golf. The grand opening will be held on the 25th with the PGA pros, tournament sponsors and past champions playing the second round of golf on the new course. The new golf course will be opened to the public for play on April 26th.

Rod stated that two Concessionaire vendor for the Rick Klein Baseball Complex responded to the request for proposal. Beef O’Brady’s was selected to provide concession services beginning in February 2013. “Beef’s at the Ballpark” will bring instant name recognition, proven product and creditability to our facility.

A \$5,000 grant was received from the Paul Engler Foundation to assist in the funding of the outdoor classroom at the new Zoo Education Building.

Kim Killian stated that the Spring/Summer Softball registration has been completed with a total of 333 teams registered. Play will begin on March 22nd. Amarillo will host five softball tournaments this year. Spring Volleyball season is halfway through their season with a total of 220 mixed and women’s teams that play at the Courts of Amarillo. Basketball season ended on January 28, 2013. West Texas Youth

Baseball will begin their league play on March 18, 2013. High Plains Fast Pitch will begin their season on April 15, 2013. ASA soccer is registering teams for their season that begins April 8, 2013. The new concessionaire for Rick Klein Sports Complex, Beef O'Brady's, was open for business during the first tournament of the year with a gross total of \$3,864. Amarillo National Bank donated a total of \$10,000 for scoreboard sponsorship.

Pam Cognasi, Recreation Supervisor, stated that her staff is currently working on hiring staff for the summer recreation programs. The new Aquatics Supervisor, Shelley Gallagher has started as of February 28, 2013. She will be attending classes in North Richland Hills in the Dallas/Ft. Worth area for lifeguard training. The Amarillo National Tennis Center staffs are working with AATA in selling sponsorship banners to help fund tennis programs and facility improvements. Pam also stated that the Park Guide is about 98% ready to go to print. Summer in the City publication is about 90% complete. Registrations for summer camps, special events and swim lessons will start on April 1, 2013. The website has added a video as a new feature update.

Kevin Wilde, Assistant Superintendent, stated that around 20 Park staff worked approximately 30 to 35 hours in helping with the snow removal during Amarillo's record snow storm. Approximately 82 trees have been planted and replaced in our park areas. A total of 293 trees have been removed to date at Ross Rogers Golf Complex. A total of 10 new horseshoe courts are being constructed at Southeast Park. The Zoo has received the Certificate of Occupancy from Building Safety for the new Zoo Education Building. Zoo revenue for the month of February was \$7,017.50 with total revenue of \$52,009.41 compared to last year's to date total of \$39,011.87. Joyce Cunningham asked about the care of the animals during the snow storm. Kevin stated that one of the animal attendants was able to get to the zoo and to make sure they were fed and watered.

ITEM 3. ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN

The floor was open to place a nomination for the name of an existing Park Commissioner to serve the remaining term as Vice Chairman due to the vacancy created with the departure of Park Commissioner Clint Norton in December. Joyce Cunningham made a MOTION to nominate Jackie Payne for Vice Chairman and Mike Rivera seconded the MOTION. MOTION passed by a vote of 5-0.

ITEM 4. 2013 ATHLETIC TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

Kim Killian briefly presented a list of the tournaments that are scheduled for the Amarillo athletic fields for the 2013 year. Parks & Recreation will host five softball tournaments to be played at Southeast Complex, Southwest Complex and Martin Road Complex. There will be a 5th Annual Bud Light Lime Volleyball Tournament to be held on September 7th at Memorial and Thompson Parks. ASA will host the annual Skip Ferrell 3 v 3 Memorial Soccer Tournament on June 22nd at John Stiff Memorial Park. High Plains Fastpitch will host five tournaments at Thompson Park, River Road, Southwest and possibly Martin Road. West Texas Youth Baseball will host 16 tournaments. Most of these will be played at the Rick Klein Baseball Complex.

ITEM 5. WESTOVER VILLAGE PARK SPLASH PAD

Rod presented a colored conceptual drawing of the Westover Village Park Splash Pad to the Park Commissioners. The Splash Pad project was approved by City Commission and awarded to Kraftsman Commercial Playgrounds & Water Parks on January 15, 2013 for a cost of \$175,400. This new splash pad will feature sixteen ground spray features, an upright water feature, a water cage in the center with a large sail type structure to provide shade with table seating underneath. This project will be completed and operational by Memorial Day.

ITEM 6. PUBLIC FORUM

There were no comments from the public.

ITEM 7. PARK COMMISSION COMMENTS

Rob Chafin mentioned about someone has questioned the problem of goose droppings at Ross Rogers and Rod explained that the problem is being looked into and several options are being tried to eliminate the problem.

ITEM 8. ANNOUNCEMENT – NEXT MEETING DATE

April 9 12, 2013

ITEM 8. ADJOURN

Cameron Monroe adjourned the meeting at 2:27 PM.

Rod Tweet,
Director of Parks and Recreation