

STATE OF TEXAS  
COUNTIES OF POTTER & RANDALL  
CITY OF AMARILLO

MINUTES

On August 9, 2016, the Parks and Recreation Board met at 1:30 p.m. in City Hall at 509 SE. 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Room 306 for a Regular Meeting.

VOTING MEMBERS	PRESENT	NO. MEETINGS HELD SINCE APPOINTMENT	NO. OF MEETINGS ATTENDED
Ms. Renee McCown	No	45	27
Mr. Rob Chafin	Yes	32	28
Mr. David Hudson	No	32	23
Mr. Terry Easterling	Yes	26	22
Mr. George DeCoux	Yes	16	14

Also in attendance were:

ROD TWEET	DIRECTOR OF PARKS AND RECREATION
PAT WESTBROOK	ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF PARKS AND RECREATION
CLINT STODDARD	PARK SUPERINTENDENT
JESUS ROSSY	ATHLETIC SPECIALIST
SHELLEY GALLAGHER	RECREATION SUPERVISOR
SHERYLENE MORRIS	RECORDING SECRETARY

**ITEM 1:** Call to Order and Approval of Minutes from Meeting held April 12, 2016. Chairman, Mr. Rob Chafin, established a quorum and called the regularly scheduled meeting of the Parks and Recreation Board to order at 1:30 p.m. Motion was made by Mr. Terry Easterling, seconded by Mr. George DeCoux and unanimously carried to approve such minutes as written.

**ITEM 2:** Presentation and Discussion of the Monthly Reports for the Parks and Recreation Department. Rod Tweet, Director of Parks and Recreation, stated that the City Council accepted a \$250,000 Grant from the Amarillo Area Foundation in support of the renovation for the North Branch YMCA facility. An additional grant request has been submitted to the High Plains Christian Ministries Foundation for the same amount. A CDBG grant in the amount of \$300,000 has been awarded for the replacement of the play structure and swings at Gene Howe Park. The West Region TRAPS Equipment Rodeo and Conference will be held in Amarillo on October 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> and Rod encouraged board members to attend. Rod also announced that both Ross Rogers and Comanche Trail Golf Complexes received awards for the top 25 Economy Courses in the State of Texas by the Dallas Morning News. Copy of the report is on file with the City Parks and Recreation Department.

Clint Stoddard, Park Superintendent, reported on Park Maintenance repairs and improvements throughout the parks as well as zoo activities and revenues for the month of July. Copy of the report is on file with the City Parks and Recreation Department.

Shelley Gallagher, Recreation Supervisor, stated that revenues for the pools admissions and concessions are up 8% from last year and that the Summer Recreation programs are coming to a close for the summer. Copy of the report is on file with the City Parks and Recreation Department.

Andy Tarkington, Athletic Supervisor, reported on the summer volleyball league playoffs, fall softball leagues and upcoming adult softball tournaments. The local sports associations will start their fall leagues in September. Copy of the report is on file with the City Parks and Recreation Department.

**ITEM 3:** Presentation to Recognize Hall of Fame Inductee. Parks staff introduced Roosevelt Jackson as the inductee to the Texas USSSA Hall of Fame for his exemplary service of over 20 years as an Amarillo adult and youth softball umpire. Pictures of this presentation are on file with the City Parks and Recreation Department.

**ITEM 4:** Presentation and Discussion on the Planned RIRT Improvements. Pat Westbrook, Assistant Director of Parks and Recreation, presented a PowerPoint presentation on the solar powered safety crosswalk to be installed and located close to the Plains and Georgia Streets area on the Rock Island Rail Trail corridor. The PowerPoint presentation is on file with the City Parks and Recreation Department.

**ITEM 5:** Presentation and Discussion on the Proposed 2016-2017 Division Budget. Rod Tweet presented PowerPoint presentation overview of the recently submitted proposed budget for the Parks and Recreation Division. A copy of the PowerPoint presentation is on file with the City Parks and Recreation Department.

**ITEM 6:** Park Board Tour Discussion. It was suggested by Parks staff that the annual Park Tour be postponed until the November Parks Board Meeting due to upcoming events that will be held in September and October. MOTION was made by Mr. Terry Easterling and seconded by Mr. George DeCoux and unanimously carried to change the Park Tour from September 13<sup>th</sup> to November 8<sup>th</sup>.

ITEM 6: Public Comments. Ms. Jackie Payne, 2609 Henning, stated that the Amarillo Zoological Society has been changed to Zoo Friends of Amarillo and is looking forward to working with the city on future projects for the Zoo.

Ana Estevez, 501 S Fillmore, Ste 4C, asked if a capital project budgeted at \$1,000,000 that expands over a 5 year plan of \$250,000 per year, would it go back into the General Fund if not used within that year.

ITEM 7: Next Meeting Date. September 13, 2016

ITEM 8: Adjournment. There, being no further business, a Motion was made by Mr. Terry Easterling and seconded by Mr. George DeCoux to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 2:25 p.m. This meeting was recorded and all comments are on file with the City Parks and Recreation Department.

ATTEST:  
  
Sherylene Morris, Board Secretary

  
Rob Chafin, Chairman