

**MINUTES**

On September 12, 2017, 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.

<b>VOTING MEMBERS</b>	<b>PRESENT</b>	<b>NO. MEETINGS HELD SINCE APPOINTMENT</b>	<b>NO. OF MEETINGS ATTENDED</b>
Mr. Rob Chafin	Yes	39	34
Mr. Terry Easterling	Yes	33	27
Mr. George DeCoux	Yes	23	20
Mr. John Ingerson	Yes	7	6
Ms. Terry Price	Yes	7	5

Also in attendance were:

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| ROD TWEET         | DIRECTOR OF PARKS AND RECREATION           |
| PAT WESTBROOK     | ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF PARKS AND RECREATION |
| CLINT STODDARD    | PARK SUPERINTENDENT                        |
| LINDA PITNER      | SENIOR SERVICES COORDINATOR                |
| CHARLES HUDSON    | ATHLETIC SUPERVISOR                        |
| SHELLEY GALLAGHER | RECREATION SUPERVISOR                      |
| WENDY LARA        | RECREATION COORDINATOR                     |
| SHERYLENE MORRIS  | RECORDING SECRETARY                        |

**ITEM 1: Call to Order and Approval of Minutes from Meeting held August 8, 2017.** Chairman, Mr. George DeCoux, 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. Rob Chafin 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 classes for the Amarillo 101 (City of Amarillo’s Citizens Academy) began Thursday, September 7, 2017 and will continue with 8 more Thursday classes and 3 field days on Saturdays. These classes offer introductions to the general insight of municipal government, its services and the history behind city operations. Each city department provides information to educate the general public pertaining to their daily operations. JazZoo will be held at the Amarillo Zoo on Saturday, September 16<sup>th</sup> from 7pm to 9pm with live music, refreshments and a silent auction. This event is hosted by the Friends of the Amarillo Zoo and all proceeds raised will be used for the renovation of the Amarillo Zoo’s children’s area. The 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Tree Care and Safety Workshop will be held October 17<sup>th</sup> at the Amarillo College Business and Industry Center. Copy of this report is on file with the City Parks and Recreation Department.

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

Shelley Gallagher, Recreation Supervisor, stated that all pools and recreation programs are closed for the 2017 summer season. The Amarillo National Tennis Center hosted Tri State Open Tournament September 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>. The final Starlight Theater free concert at Sam Houston Park was August 22<sup>nd</sup> with the music of Insufficient Funds. Copy of this report is on file with the City Parks and Recreation Department.

Charles Hudson, Athletic Supervisor, stated that the adult summer volleyball league will end on October 5<sup>th</sup>. The End of Summer Volleyball Tournament was held August 26<sup>th</sup>. The fall adult softball season is scheduled to close around October 9<sup>th</sup>. The Sports Associations continue to run their programs at our Athletic facilities with tournaments and league play. Copy of this report is on file with the City Parks and Recreation Department.

Linda Pitner, Senior Services Coordinator stated that two Active Adult 50+ Programming Assessment Open Houses were held in Amarillo on September 7<sup>th</sup> by the Lifespan Design Studio Consultants with 40 people in attendance. Information presented included national trends in active adult/senior programming and the results of the recent community survey and focus groups. Copy of this report is on file with the City Parks and Recreation Department.

**ITEM 3: Presentation Recognizing the 2017 Summer Recreation Program Community Partners.** Wendy Lara, Recreation Coordinator, presented a PowerPoint presentation on the Summer Lunch Program, its operations and the sponsorships/donations that help to provide food and assistance for the kids in the park summer program. She also recognized several sponsors and presented them with a plaque to thank them for their contributions for the 2017 year. Copy of this PowerPoint report is on file with the City Parks and Recreation Department.

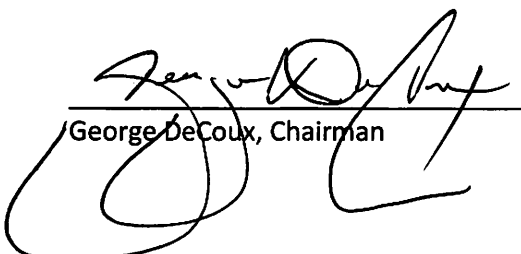
**ITEM 4: Presentation and Discussion on the Proposed Golf Fees.** Kevin Starbucks, Assistant City Manager, presented a PowerPoint presentation in order to provide input for the Park Board members and Amarillo citizens on the new proposed golf fees incorporated in the 2017-2018 City Budget. City Manager, Jared Miller, also provided information and listened to the citizen's comments and concerns about these fee changes. Copy of this PowerPoint report is on file with the City Parks and Recreation Department.

**ITEM 5: Public Comments.** Reg Armstrong, 3413 Tripp Ave, commented that he is encouraged about the forming of the Golf Task Force in order to move forward and thanked the council and staff for hosting a public forum for them to ask questions regarding the proposed golf fees.

**ITEM 6: Next Meeting Date.** October 10, 2017

**ITEM 7: Adjournment.** There, being no further business, Motion was made by Mr. George DeCoux to adjourn the meeting at 3:29 p.m. This meeting was recorded and all comments are on file with the City Parks and Recreation Department.

ATTEST  
  
Sherylene Morris, Board Secretary

  
George DeCoux, Chairman