

MINUTES

On November 14, 2017, the Parks and Recreation Board met at 8:30 a.m. in City Hall at 509 SE. 7th Avenue, Room 306 for a Regular Meeting.

VOTING MEMBERS	PRESENT	NO. MEETINGS HELD SINCE APPOINTMENT	NO. OF MEETINGS ATTENDED
Mr. Rob Chafin	No	40	34
Mr. Terry Easterling	Yes	34	28
Mr. George DeCoux	Yes	24	21
Mr. John Ingerson	No	8	6
Ms. Terry Price	Yes	8	6

Also in attendance were:

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

ITEM 1: Call to Order and Approval of Minutes from Meeting held September 12, 2017. Chairman, Mr. George DeCoux, established a quorum and called the regularly scheduled meeting of the Parks and Recreation Board to order at 8:40 a.m. Motion was made by Mr. Terry Easterling, seconded by Ms. Terry Price 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, announced new staff changes for the Parks Department. Sherwin Cox, Golf Pro at Ross Rogers Golf Complex has announced his retirement after 36 years, Wendy Lara has repositioned from Recreation Specialist to the Director of the Warford Center, Pedro Saucedo has repositioned from Event Coordinator to fulltime Assistant at the Warford Center, Charles Hudson has promoted from Athletic Specialist for Athletic Supervisor and Matt Cruz will be coming on board as the new Athletic Specialist. Rod also reminded the board of the Annual Parks and Recreation Employee Awards Banquet to be held December 13th at the Heritage Room in the Civic Center. Electric Light Parade and lighting of the Christmas tree will be held December 1st in downtown Amarillo. Copy of this report is on file with the City Parks and Recreation Department.

Clint Stoddard, Park Superintendent, reported on Park Maintenance setting up for the Electric Light Parade as well as Zoo Lights at the Amarillo Zoo. Boo at the Zoo was a great success with approximately 9,000 people attending. Copy of this report is on file with the City Parks and Recreation Department.

Shelley Gallagher, Recreation Supervisor, stated that full time positions for the Warford Center have been opened. Tennis Scholarship student, Leslie Omeire at the Amarillo National Tennis Center for the past 5 years, has signed a tennis scholarship to attend Dallas Baptist University. Copy of this report is on file with the City Parks and Recreation Department.

Charles Hudson, Athletic Supervisor, stated that the Halloween Howl Softball Warm-up Tournament was held on October 7 & 8th with a total of 40 teams registered. These teams raised over 500 canned food items to be donated to the High Plains Food Bank and over 20 toys to be donated to Toy for Tots. Copy of this report is on file with the City Parks and Recreation Department.

Linda Pitner, Senior Services Coordinator thanked the board members for coming to the special meeting held on October 5th to hear from consultants as they presented the final draft of the programming needs assessment completing Phase 1 of the study process. She also stated that she will be facilitating at a November meeting of various senior food service providers at the request of the Amarillo Area Foundation who is studying senior hunger in Amarillo and the Texas Panhandle. Copy of this report is on file with the City Parks and Recreation Department.

ITEM 3: Public Comments. No public comments.

ITEM 4: Park Tour. Parks and Recreation Board members and Parks staff, visited areas such as Mesa Verde Park, Gene Howe Park, Rails to Trails, Charles E. Warford Activity Center and the Amarillo Zoo. These areas are current and past year Parks and Recreation projects. Lunch was provided by Joe Taco for everyone on the Tour at the Bill and Alice O'Brien Education Center at the Amarillo Zoo. Copy of the tour route and tour attendees is on file with the City Parks and Recreation Department.

ITEM 5: Next Meeting Date. December 13, 2017 – Parks and Recreation Employee Awards Banquet – Civic Center Heritage Room 11:30 a.m.

ITEM 6: Adjournment. There, being no further business, Motion was made by Mr. Terry Easterling and seconded by Ms. Terry Price to adjourn the meeting at 9:01 a.m. This meeting was recorded and all comments are on file with the City Parks and Recreation Department.

ATTEST: Sherylene Morris
Sherylene Morris, Board Secretary

George DeCoux
George DeCoux, Chairman