

MINUTES

On October 14, 2020, the Parks and Recreation Board met via video conference at 1:30 p.m. in City Hall at 601 S Buchanan Street, Room 201 for a Regular Meeting.

VOTING MEMBERS	PRESENT	NO. MEETINGS HELD SINCE APPOINTMENT	NO. OF MEETINGS ATTENDED
Mr. John Ingerson	Yes	33	27
Mr. Bob Altman	No	16	14
Ms. Terry Price	Yes	33	27
Mr. Matt Sanders	Yes	25	20
Mr. Gerald Malkuch	No	25	18
Mr. Mubashir Subhani	No	25	10
Mr. Luke Austin	Yes	25	17
Ms. Tiffany Podzemny	Yes	8	8
Ms. Angela Harney	Yes	8	7

Attendees:

MICHAEL KASHUBA	DIRECTOR OF PARKS AND RECREATION
DAVID WILSON	ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF PARKS AND RECREATION
KRISTEN WOLBACH	COORDINATOR OF PR AND PROGRAMMING
SHERYLENE MORRIS	RECORDING SECRETARY

ITEM 1: Public Comments. No Public comments.

ITEM 2: Call to Order and Approval of Amended Minutes from Meeting held September 9, 2020. Chairman, Mr. John Ingerson, established a quorum and called the regular scheduled meeting of the Parks and Recreation Board to order at 1:30 p.m. Motion was made by Mr. Luke Austin, seconded by Ms. Terry Price and unanimously carried to approve the minutes as written.

ITEM 3: The Parks and Recreation Board will Discuss or Receive Reports on the Following Current Matters or Projects.

A. Zoo Disposition Policy. The Assistant Director updated the Park Board on the changes to the Zoo Disposition Policy that will insure and clarify the decision making process. The Zoo Curator will make recommendations for these animals with the final signoff coming from the veterinarian. This information is on file in the Parks and Recreation Department.

B. Thompson Park Pool. The Director updated the board on the progress for the construction of the Thompson Park Swimming Pool such as digging the pit for the pumphouse and the large leisure pool, and site prep for the new building. The pool contractor will be on site next week to lay out the pool components of the project. Staff is currently working on the change order that would add the event space along with the grading and the site work that will be associated with that as well as the cost. Staff is trying to get this cost to the council for approval as soon as possible in order for it to be close to opening date of the entire project. This project will be updated every month to the board until completion. This information is on file in the Parks and Recreation Department.

C. Grant Applications. The Director, Coordinator of PR and Programing and the Assistant Director listed the grants that Parks and Recreation will be applying for.

1. EDA – Economic Grant – submitted and waiting on approval
2. Grant for 5,000 tree seedlings to be given away for beautifaction
3. Superior Health Grant - \$2,000 – incentives to encourage health and wellness within our department
4. Cataylist – (Amarillo Area Foundation) \$20,000 – for incoming qualifying applicants for scholarships through our programs/classes/events
5. COOP Grant (Community Outdoor Outreach Program) - Texas Parks and Wildlife - \$30,000 – for outdoor recreation, conservation and environmental educational activities
6. Trails Grant – Texas Parks and Wildlife

Ms. Podzemny asked about grant land aquisitions. David Wilson stated that we could use the grant to build a trail. Ms. Terry Price commented that Xcel Energy can provide books on tree planting and recommended that when applying for grants to be sure to include diversity and racial equity. This information is on file in the Parks and Recreation Department.

D. John Stiff Memorial Park Playground Surfacing. The Director stated that the new surfacing for the John Stiff Memorial Park Playground has been installed and is completed.

E. Upcoming Events. Virtual Oktoberfest, Glow in the Dark Volleyball, Glow in the Dark Dodgeball at Warford, Night of the Living Zoo, Tree and Turf Safety Conference

F. Future Agenda Items. COVID updates pertaining to Parks & Recreation, Park Master Plan

ITEM 4: Adjournment. There, being no further business, Motion was made by Ms. Tiffany Podzemny, seconded by Ms. Terry Price to adjourn the meeting at 2:20 p.m. This meeting was recorded and all comments are on file with the City Parks and Recreation Department.

Clarence John Ingerson

John Ingerson, Chairman

ATTEST:
Sherylene Morris

Sherylene Morris, Board Secretary