

MINUTES

On August 8, 2017, the Parks and Recreation Board met at 1:30 p.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	Yes	38	33
Mr. Terry Easterling	Yes	32	26
Mr. George DeCoux	Yes	22	19
Mr. John Ingerson	Yes	6	5
Ms. Terry Price	No	6	4

Also in attendance were:

ROD TWEET	DIRECTOR OF PARKS AND RECREATION
PAT WESTBROOK	ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF PARKS AND RECREATION
KEVIN WILDE	ASSISTANT PARK SUPERINTENDENT
LINDA PITNER	SENIOR SERVICES COORDINATOR
CHARLES HUDSON	ATHLETIC SUPERVISOR
SHELLEY GALLAGHER	RECREATION SUPERVISOR
JOSH DOLEZAL	MARKETING COORDINATOR
SHERYLENE MORRIS	RECORDING SECRETARY

ITEM 1: Call to Order and Approval of Minutes from Meeting held May 9, 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. Rob Chafin, seconded by Mr. Terry Easterling 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, introduced Charles Hudson as the new Athletic Supervisor. Budget review to discuss the 2017-2018 operational budget and capital improvement projects with the City Council will begin August 8-10. City pool operations will close August 13th with the Splash Pads open through Labor Day Weekend. Copy of this report is on file with the City Parks and Recreation Department.

Kevin Wilde, Assistant Park Superintendent, reported on installing the new Pickle Ball courts at Memorial Park, Park Maintenance repairs and improvements, tree planting, pruning and tree removal throughout the parks as well as zoo activities and revenues for the month of July. Copy of this report is on file with the City Parks and Recreation Department.

Shelley Gallagher, Recreation Supervisor, introduced Josh Dolezal as the new Marketing Coordinator. She stated that all aquatics and recreation programs are coming to a close for the 2017 summer season. The Amarillo National Tennis Center will host an AATA 2 Day Challenge Tournament August 5-6. Starlight Theater at Sam Houston Park will continue on each Tuesday until August 22nd. The 2nd annual Healthy Park Healthy People will be held at Ellwood Park on August 30th. Copy of this report is on file with the City Parks and Recreation Department.

Charles Hudson, Athletic Supervisor, reported on the fall adult volleyball scheduled to start August 7th. The fall adult softball season is scheduled to close around October 1st. The second city softball tournament was held July 14-16. 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 research continues to work on the concept development of a Center Without Walls/Virtual Center. Continuing to work on the 3 areas of programming focus identified in the "Blueprint" to provide the foundation of a Center Without Walls/Virtual Center. Research continues on Marketing/Branding and Research and Strategies. Copy of this report is on file with the City Parks and Recreation Department.

ITEM 3: Presentation and Discussion on the C.E. Warford Activity Center Renovation. Rod Tweet presented a PowerPoint presentation on the updates pertaining to the C.E. Warford Activity Center Renovation that included before and after photos of the progress. He introduced Todd Stavenhagen as the Assistant Facilities Manager who is overseeing the renovation of the Warford Center. Copy of this PowerPoint report is on file with the City Parks and Recreation Department.

ITEM 4: Presentation and Discussion on the Active Adult Needs Assessment and Feasibility Study. Linda Pitner presented a PowerPoint presentation on the progress to date on the programming assessment and facility feasibility study for Senior Services led by Lifespan Design Studio consultants. Copy of this PowerPoint report is on file with the City Parks and Recreation Department.

ITEM 5: Presentation and Discussion on the Gene Howe Park Project. Pat Westbrook, Assistant Parks Director presented a PowerPoint presentation update on the Gene Howe Park Project. This project will include a Splash Pad, playground, exercise equipment, basketball court, existing lighted walking trails and restroom. Copy of this PowerPoint report is on file with the City Parks and Recreation Department.


ITEM 6: Park Board Tour Discussion. Park Board members along with Park staff will be invited to participate in an annual park tour that will enable them to see Park and Recreation Division projects currently in progress or just recently completed. The sites suggested are Gene Howe Park Renovation, Warford Activity Center, Mesa Verde Park Playground, Plains and Georgia for the street lighting crosswalk at the Rock Island Rail Trail and end up at the Amarillo Zoo to look at the plans for the upgrading of the children's petting zoo. Date set for this event will be November 14th with the Park Board meeting beginning at 8:30 a.m. and the tour starting at 9:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m.

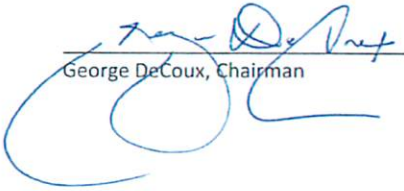
ITEM 7: Public Comments. No public comments.

ITEM 8: Next Meeting Date. September 12, 2017

ITEM 9: Adjournment. There, being no further business, Motion was made by Mr. George DeCoux to adjourn the meeting at 2:56 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