



Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, April 13, 2016
7:00 p.m.

Rowlett Community Centre, Room D
5300 Main Street, Rowlett TX 75088

PRESENT: Lonnie Cornwell, Mike DeLatte, Kaitlyn Freeborn, Matt Grubisich, Bruce Hargrave, Blake Margolis, Dolores Henning, Zabrina Martinson, Ken Romaine, E.C. Umberger III

ABSENT: Wayne Baxter, Josh Kramer, Rhetta Bowers, Linda Fugitt

VISTORS: Bernadette Hagmeier, Elise Bowers

STAFF: Robbert Bloemendaal, City Council liaison; Al Krajc, Interim Parks Manager; Shelly Monroe, Sr. Administrative Assistant; Robert Searle, Special Events & Marketing Coordinator; Angela Smith, Director of Parks and Recreation

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1. Bruce Hargrave, Vice-Chairman called meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.
 2. Quorum present. Dolores Henning appointed as a voting member.
 3. Consider action to approve the March 9, 2016 minutes.
 - a. Mike Delatte motioned to approve.
 - b. Matt Grubisich seconded the motion.
 - c. Approved 8 - 0.
 4. Rowlett Softball Association - Mike Delatte
 - a. League team information by seasons and yearly totals presented.
 - b. Covered 2015 income statement and 2015 highlights such as they had the largest year of participants, Adult Kickball Leagues continue, 2nd largest active USSSA Park in North Texas, largest sports organization in Rowlett and 9 teams were sent to World Tournaments.
 - c. Partnership made with City of Rowlett Baseball and with USSSA Baseball, have vendor agreements and have two new scoreboards.
 - d. Future challenges introduced such as dugouts, asset deterioration, keeping players and fans in the park, promoting Rowlett Leagues via Community Centre and RTN 16, concession sales altered equipment and increased cost of doing business.
 - e. Questions asked and answers provided regarding funds and maintenance.
 5. Parks Inventory Update - Angela Smith and Al Krajc
 - a. Community Parks - Pecan Grove, Herfurth, Community, Lakeside, Springfield, Scenic Point
 - b. Neighborhood Parks - Isaac Scruggs, Katy Railroad, Twin Star, Shorewood, Kenwood
 - c. Specialty Parks - Veteran's, Paddle Point, Dan Roberts Environmental Learning, Nature Trail
 - d. Undeveloped Parks - Muddy Creek, Mayor's Park, Cedar Bridge, Lakeside North, Columbia, R Arnold Edwards, Schrade Bluebonnet, Sunset
 - e. Questions asked and answers provided.
 6. Fireworks on Main to be held July 4, 2016 - Robert Searle
The location for this event will be at Pecan Grove Park. The layout of the event was reviewed. Shuttles will be available to assist attendees with transportation from the parking areas. Vendors and entertainment were discussed as well as the schedule of events. Marketing



strategies were presented.

7. Status of Kids Kingdom Rebuild.

- a. Extensive site prep continues and the preparation was more than anticipated to ensure surface is prepared correctly. Pour in place rubber has been re-scheduled to early to mid-May.
- b. Playground Committee meeting will be scheduled as soon as Pour in Place starts in order to plan the Grand Opening Ceremony.
- c. Staff has been working on signage and mural wall, landscaping, etc.
- d. Pickets can still be sold.

8. Plan for the City Council joint meeting with Parks and Recreation Board scheduled for July 5, 2016.

- a. Members were reminded of this meeting and encouraged to attend.
- b. Information to include in the presentation for City Council was discussed.
- c. This topic will remain on the agenda each month until the time of the meeting to prepare information to present.

9. Isaac Scruggs Park dedication to be held April 30, 2016.

Members were reminded this event is from 10:00am - 12:00pm and include the basketball court dedication for Devin Oliver, King of the Court Basketball Tournament, hot dog meals, and Texas A & M Commerce and Rowlett High School basketball teams will be in attendance.

10. Directors Report - Angela Smith.

- a. The picnic tables, benches and playground equipment at Scruggs Park received a facelift. New paint to match the sail shades was applied and additional sod was laid around the playground.
- b. Landscaping has been added to the new side walk at Isaac Scruggs Park. The sail shades have been installed so this neighborhood park is ready to be enjoyed by all of the local neighbors. The dedication of the basketball court will be held on April 30, 2016.
- c. Update on the projects at Wet Zone Waterpark was provided.
- d. Tony Morrison, one of the excellent photographers in the Rowlett Photography Club, has a beautiful metal print of the Coyle House that he graciously donated to the Rowlett Recreation Centre and on display for the public.
- e. Rowlett Youth Baseball League will celebrate its first All-Star Event on April 16th at the Rowlett Community Park. The 6U T Ball players will participate in the MLB's Pitch, Hit, and Run competition. The 8U Coach Pitch division will participate in several team skill challenges. Both age divisions will have an All-Star game featuring the best of best from each team. There will be a live DJ, inflatable bounce house and an inflatable speed pitch machine.
- f. Thirty two seniors enjoyed at St. Patrick's Day luncheon on Thursday, March 17, 2016. Entertainment was provided by Jill Beam, Senior Services Programmer, who played Irish tunes on her piccolo. On March 23, the Get Energized with Jill class, at the RCC, did the Bunny Hop to celebrate Easter. The class has approximately 25-30 participants and has had to move to the gym.
- g. Questions asked if any parks were damaged from the bad weather this week. A. Smith provided information that Community Park sustained significant damage and in recovery process for repairs. The front playground is temporarily closed until repairs are completed.



Upcoming Events/Programs

- Saturday, April 23rd Community Park is where you will want to be for some family fun. Kid Fish will get the festivities started at 9:00am. Immediately following Kid Fish will be the third annual Cardboard Boat Regatta beginning at 1:30pm.
- Wet Zone opens May 14, 2016.

11. Public announcements by members of the Board and/or staff.

- a. Lonnie Cornwell shared there will be an Electronics Round-up, shredding and hazardous waste pickup located at the Rowlett High School parking lot April 16, 2016 from 9:00am - 1:00pm
- b. Robbert Bloemendaal announced Angela Smith has been appointed as the Director for Parks and Recreation Department.

12. No members of the Board requested topics for future agenda meetings.

13. Adjournment at 8:50 pm


Bruce Hargrave, Vice-Chairman


Angela Smith, Director of Parks and Recreation