



**Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Meeting Minutes**  
**Wednesday, April 10, 2019**  
**7:00 p.m.**

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

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**PRESENT:** Lonnie Cornwell, Dolores Henning, Diane Perkins, Mike DeLatte, Donna Ferguson, Nancy DeVelde, Bernadette Hagmeier, Alan Hogan, Robert Paroski

**ABSENT:** E.C. Umberger, Anthony Scott

**VISTORS:**

**STAFF:** Shelly Monroe, Sr. Administrative Assistant; Angela Smith, Parks & Recreation Director

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1. Vice Chairman Mike DeLatte called meeting to order at 7:00pm.
  2. Quorum present.
  3. Consider action to approve minutes from March 13, 2019.
    - A. Dolores Henning made a motion to approve the March 13, 2019 minutes as written.
    - B. Donna Ferguson seconded the motion.
    - C. Approved 6 - 0.
  4. Rowlett Soccer Association presentation  
Unable to be present therefore will be re-scheduled for next month.
  5. Urban Forestry Committee update. (Bernadette Hagmeier entered)  
Alan Hogan reported the committee met today and began the review of the draft Conservation and Landscape Ordinance. The committee will need to meet again to review the final draft before it is presented to Parks and Recreation Advisory Board then the document will be presented to the Planning and Zoning Board followed by presentation to City Council for approval.
  6. Plans for the day of the Cardboard Boat Regatta.  
The boat is finished. Three volunteers are needed to be in the boat on the day of the event. Dolores Henning and Alan Hogan volunteered to be one of the boat crew. One more person is still needed.
  7. Discuss parks located outside the City of Rowlett.  
Diane Perkins visited an exploration park in Katy, Tx and shared some photos of this nature-based park. The key benefits of a nature-based park were shared with members.
  8. Follow up on plans for Star Gazing event, Paddling event, and a booth at Kid Fish event on April 27, 2019.



- A. The flyer for the paddling event has been completed and shared with board members to help promote the event. Flyers will also be distributed at the Kid Fish event. Paddle with Parks Board will be held on May 4, 2019 from 9:00am to 11:00am.
  - B. Star Gazing event: Lonnie Cornwell reported the event will be held June 1, 2019. The event this year will be a night event and expansion of the event can be considered in the future. City Lights Astronomical Society for Students has an astronomer who is willing to come to the park with telescopes and will need to see the site ahead of time. The astronomer has power point presentation of The Tour of the Universe that can be shown if the weather isn't perfect for outdoor star gazing. Time will either start at 7pm or 8pm. Boy Scouts will not be needed to assist but encourage them to participate.
  - C. Booth at an event: The Kid Fish will be held on April 27, 2019 and begins at 9am. A separate space from the Parks and Recreation table is desired. Mike DeLatte will help set up the table and Donna Ferguson will help during the event.
9. Discuss activities at Herfurth Park.
- Angela Smith stated the department is aware there is some skateboarding happening at Herfurth Park and there has been no damage or unruly behavior reported. Lonnie Cornwell inquired about the design for Herfurth and if there be public input. Angela Smith reported the design phase will include public input and this goes in front of City Council on April 16, 2019 for approval.
10. Update from City Council liaison, Blake Margolis.
- Blake Margolis said the city council election is coming up on May 4, 2019. There was a council debate this past Monday and can be viewed on the city's Facebook page. The mayor candidate debate will be held May 15, 2019.
- B. Keep Rowlett Beautiful is hosting a free Electronic Recycling on April 27, 2019.
  - C. Applications for the Texas Smart Yard award are being accepted and applications can be found online.
  - D. Starting April 15, 2019 roadway panel construction will be taking place at Dalrock Road between Davis Street and Schrade Road so expect lane closures and minor traffic delays.
  - E. City Council approved renovations to Waterview Golf with green replacements and three retaining walls. The course will be closed June through possibly mid-September.
11. Director's Report
- A. The joint meeting with City Council will be held on July 2, 2019.
  - B. Jack Ingram has been secured for the Fireworks on Main spotlight entertainment.
  - C. Wet Zone opens on weekends starting May 11<sup>th</sup> and open daily starting June 1<sup>st</sup>. Construction is underway with a new slide addition. There is a new camera system, new shade structures.
  - D. Rowlett Community Centre is conducting a membership survey from March 15<sup>th</sup> through April 12<sup>th</sup>. The survey can be located on Survey Monkey or can be completed in person.
  - E. Reminder shared about the Easter Eggstravaganza event on April 12<sup>th</sup> and the Pup-A-Palooza event on April 14<sup>th</sup>. Due to weather it is possible the events may have to be re-scheduled to the following weekend.
  - F. Shared the experience of the Roughriders event on April 8, 2019.



12. Public Input.  
No public input.

13. Public announcements by members of the Board and/or staff were made.  
A. Angela Smith relayed information that the Rowlett RC Club will be hosting an event for the Rockwall Civil Air Patrol in aviation specialization and bringing aerodynamics lessons to life through hand-on education and demonstration to help solidify aviation concepts. The event will be May 18, 2019 from 8:00am to 1:00pm at Springfield Park.

14. Members of the Board may request topics for future agenda meetings.  
RCC Flyers Club either in May or June.

15. Adjournment.  
Lonnie Cornwell made a motion to adjourn at 8:00 pm.  
Nancy DeVelde seconded the motion.  
Unanimous by all those present to adjourn.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mike DeLatta".

Mike DeLatta, Vice Chairman

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Angela Smith".

Angela Smith, Director of Parks and Recreation