



## **Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Meeting Minutes**

**Wednesday, May 8, 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, Mike DeLatte, Donna Ferguson, E.C. Umberger, Anthony Scott

**ABSENT:** Bernadette Hagmeier, Diane Perkins, Nancy DeVelde, Robert Paroski, Alan Hogan

**VISTORS:**

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

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1. Chairman EC Umberger called meeting to order at 7:04pm.
  2. Quorum present.
  3. Consider action to approve minutes from April 10, 2019.
    - A. Dolores Henning made a motion to approve the April 10, 2019 minutes as corrected.
    - B. Lonnie Cornwell seconded the motion.
    - C. Approved 5 - 0.
  4. Rowlett Youth Soccer Association presentation  
Jason Hagmeier, President of RYSA, shared compliments he received from membership about the soccer fields, although they can use more space. He is in conversations with Solar regarding the fence replacement. A treasurer's report from Sept 1, 2018 to April 24, 2019 was presented. Memberships are paid through 2018 and numbers for spring 2019 were provided. They have a mentor program involving new referees and 217 youth. A chart with Fall Season 2019 dates was shown including that registration opens this month and the last game is at the end of August. Appreciation was expressed regarding the new bathroom being installed at Community Park. Angela Smith expressed thanks to Jason Hagmeier for assisting the department with getting power to the new bathroom.
  5. Rowlett RC Flyer's Club presentation.  
Re-scheduled to July 2019.
  6. Update on the Eco-tourism events.
    - A. Cardboard Boat: Dolores Henning announced the Parks Board won 2<sup>nd</sup> place. She mentioned there weren't as many participants this year but it appeared the boats used were built better than previous years.
    - B. Booth at Kid Fish: Donna Ferguson shared the experience.
    - C. Paddling Event: Anthony Scott stated the event was on May 4, 2019 although the one participant who rented a canoe didn't show. The weather may have contributed to no one showing. Next year the event should be held in June and with knowing in advance the information could be included in the Lakeside Leisure. The idea of getting persons to register for this event would help to prepare for it.
    - D. Star Gazing: The flyer is ready and members were asked to help promote the event. City Lights Society for Students has an astronomer who will present a presentation of



The Tour of the Universe followed by star gazing outdoors. The date changed as changed from June 1<sup>st</sup> to May 31<sup>st</sup>.

7. Begin preparations for the joint meeting with City Council to be held July 2, 2019.  
Angela Smith presented a draft presentation covering information on this board, the accomplishments, plans, and future concerns. Members will send us information for any updates or questions. Members are encouraged to be present for this meeting. Next month they will come up with a plan for the presenters.
8. Update from City Council liaison, Blake Margolis.
  - A. Animal Shelter adopt-a-thon will be on May 18, 2019. This is to help raise money for renovations including dog runs, inside the building, etc.
  - B. Memorial Day Celebration at Veterans Park is on May 25, 2019 from 10:00am - 11:00am followed by Touch-A-Truck from 11:00am to 1:00pm.
  - C. Farmers Market downtown will begin weekly on Thursdays starting May 16, 2019.
9. Director's Report
  - A. On April 16, 2019 City Council approved la terra studio for the design services to redevelop Herfurth Park which will be Phase One. The first step will be a work session with Council to outline the major scope for the park development. Next steps will include work sessions with Parks Advisory Board and public input sessions.
  - B. Wet Zone opens on weekends starting May 11<sup>th</sup> and open daily starting June 1<sup>st</sup>. Opening preparations have been in progress to get in ready for approximately 40,000 visitors over a 90-day period.
  - C. Lindsay Prasifka has recently been promoted to Recreation Supervisor. Over the next 30 days she will focus on becoming familiar with the operations of the Rowlett Community Centre while still overseeing special events and marketing until there is new staff.
  - D. Dolores Henning inquired about the work started on the property for the Dan Roberts Environmental Learning Center. Angela Smith supplied a short answer but right now there are issues with a gas line.
10. Public Input.  
No public input.
11. Public announcements by members of the Board and/or staff were made.  
None
12. Members of the Board may request topics for future agenda meetings.  
Mike DeLatte requested for an update on the development of a 501 c 3.
13. Adjournment.  
Mike DeLatte made a motion to adjourn at 8:15 pm.  
Donna Ferguson seconded the motion.  
Unanimous by all those present to adjourn.

EC Umberger, Chairman

Angela Smith, Director of Parks and Recreation