



Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, April 14, 2021
6:30 p.m.
Rowlett Community Centre
5300 Main Street, Rowlett TX 75088

PRESENT (remotely): Chair: Mike DeLatte, Vice Chair: Dolores Henning, Richard Kull, Eve Johnson, Donna Ferguson Anthony Scott, Lonnie Cornwell, Bernadette Hagmeier, Derrick Culpepper; Alternates: Michael Schupp, Rebecca Day, Kristy Andrade

ABSENT: N/A

VISITORS: N/A

STAFF: Shelly Monroe, Sr. Administrative Assistant; Kari Pacheco, Parks & Recreation Operations Manager; Blake Margolis, City Council Liaison

Due to the public health emergency and to conform with the social distancing requirements, the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board meeting was held via teleconferencing. The public was provided an opportunity to submit comments for a specific agenda item or general comment through citizen email address.

1. Chairman Mike DeLatte called meeting to order at 6:33pm.
2. Consider approving minutes from the regular meeting held March 10, 2021.
 - A. Eve Johnson made a motion to approve the minutes as written.
 - B. Richard Kull seconded the motion.
 - C. Approved 5 - 0.
3. Citizen Input.
No input.
4. Rowlett Soccer Association (RYSA) annual presentation.
Bernadette Hagmeier, the U7-U8 Age Group Director, reported that the Interim President wasn't available to present therefore she explained who RYSA is and their mission statement, team metrics, treasury report. Their wish list in conditions of other cities such as Fairview Soccer Park in McKinney, Russell Creek Soccer Fields in Plano, Harold Patterson Soccer Complex in Arlington, University of Texas at Dallas, MoneyGram Soccer because this could lead to big tournaments. Members asked questions and B. Hagmeier provided answers.
5. Lakeview Highland Trail project update.
Kari Pacheco shared history information on this project. This project is included in the 2018 Trail Master Plan. Photos, descriptions, and design concept were shown to members. Status update of the design is finalized, construction Bid was awarded to North Rock and the preconstruction meeting should be held by end of the month with the goal to begin in May. Next steps for other trails depend if the bond gets approved. Members asked questions about safety and signage, parking, etc.



6. Update from City Council liaison, Blake Margolis.
 - A. Blake Margolis stated the bond election will be held May 1st, as well as the Charter Amendment. Briefly discussed how Park Board members can respond to social media or if a member needs information to contact Parks & Recreation Department.
 - B. Keep Rowlett Clean Up will be held from 9am to 1pm April 24, 2021. The Recycle & Shred program will be held May 8, 2021 from 8am to 1pm in the Rowlett High School parking lot.
 - C. The FCC contract is good through 2024. There have been some issues of topic discussed which can be heard or watched on the April 6, 2021 work session .

7. Parks Board event updates.
 - A. Cardboard Boat Regatta will be held on April 24, 2021 and start at 1pm. This year due to COVID precautions only 2 persons to a boat rather than 3 persons. Board members decided to participate, and Richard Kull and Eve Johnson will be the riders. The boat needs some minor repairs to the bottom of the boat, therefore M. DeLatte, D. Henning and R. Kull will plan.
 - B. Kid Fish will be held on April 24, 2021 from 9am - 12pm. An inquiry was made if there is an interest in a member to MC for this event. Eve Johnson volunteered. Rebecca Day volunteered to MC for Cardboard Boat Regatta since E. Johnson is a boat rider.
 - C. Original plans are to hold a paddling event in June. As soon as city staff decide on events S. Monroe will notify the specific board members and then the board can further discuss at the next meeting.
 - D. As a reminder the Scavenger Hunt is scheduled for July but will discuss later.

8. Social Media subcommittee update.

Derrick Culpepper reported the subcommittee met on April 12, 2021. The video on Twin Star was released. The next park of focus will be Katy Railroad Park. Members were asked if anyone was interested in helping present information for filming of the parks, although no board member volunteered. A list of the next three parks is being made.

9. Operations Manager's Report
 - A. The Arbor Day event will be held on National Arbor Day in November rather than the Texas Arbor Day in April that was discussed last month. Michael Schupp mentioned he is interested in helping with this project. Possibly the Tree Committee will want to be involved with this event.
 - B. Upcoming Events: Lunch on the Lawn has one more event this upcoming Monday; Memorial Day Ceremony will be recorded for an online event. Staff is anticipating Barks, Brews, Brats will be held on June 5, 2021.
 - C. Matthew Harned will start his position of Parks & Facilities Superintendent tomorrow. A new programmer for Seniors will begin May 3, 2021.
 - D. Briefly spoke about the various programs that are starting back such as reservations, exercise classes, etc. Looking for seasonal employees for Wet Zone.
 - E. Projects: 1) Rowlett Community Centre: new flooring, kitchen counters, LED lighting in the parking lot; and there is a replacement plan for fitness equipment. 2) Coyle House will soon have some painting done to help renovate then other tasks of removing the carpet to see if the flooring can be preserved will be done. 3) Looking at replacing plants along Dalrock Road. 4) Wet Zone repairs from the winter storm are being worked on such as the restrooms and walls; and the slides are finished; the UV system is being installed now; shade structures are being replaced. 5) Community Park sports field improvements; 6) Soil samples were done at Pecan Grove lakefront, but still waiting to hear back about the grant monies; 7) Kenwood Park



- basketball court is still included in the plans, but waiting on soil testing results; 8) Lakeside Park bathroom location plans are moved out of the Dallas take line now, but the sewer lines need to be set in; 9) Nature Trail repairs are being planned.
- F. In the mid-season of youth baseball and there are not as many participants as prior to COVID19 but trying to get athletic programs back into action. There is hope to hold youth basketball.
 - G. Easter Egg yard event was a huge success and K. Pacheco thanked the board members who helped with this event. Pup-pa-looza had about 40 to 50 participants.

10. Public announcements by members of the Board and/or staff can be made.
No announcements.

11. Members of the Board may request topics for future agenda meetings.
No new topics requested.

12. Adjournment.
- A. Eve Johnson made a motion to adjourn at 8:08pm.
 - B. Kristy Andrade seconded the motion.
 - C. Unanimous by all those present to adjourn.


Mike DeLatta, Chairman


Kari Pacheco, Parks and Recreation Assistant Director