

Rowlett

PARKS & RECREATION
MINUTES

**PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD
WET ZONE WATERPARK
5304 Main Street, Rowlett, TX
July 9, 2008 - 6:30 PM**

PRESENT: Wayne Baxter, Lonnie Cornwell, Debby Bobbitt, Robert Kittrell, Ken Romaine, Louis Lebel

ABSENT: Becky Tate (Excused Absence); Howard Marsellus (Alternate), Karen Scholtz, Norman Tsao, Norman Scown, Jeff Jenkins

VISITORS: Beth Rollow and Phillip Harris of Rowlett

STAFF: Katie Corder, Assistant City Manager; Dianne Zachary, Sr. Administrative Assistant, Sandy Beffa, Recreation Coordinator

1. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Baxter at 6:33 pm.
2. Louis Lebel moved to accept the minutes of the June 11, 2008 meeting as presented and the motion was seconded by Debby Bobbitt. The vote was 5 to 0 in favor.
3. Chairman selected voting alternates Ken Romaine, and Louis Lebel.
4. Visitors Beth Rollow and Phillip Harris of Rowlett were introduced. Beth attended the meeting to discuss possible scout projects.
5. Katie Corder introduced Sandy Beffa, the new Recreation Coordinator for Parks & Recreation who will be in charge of all programs for the department. The RCC is full staffed, the Wet Zone is having a great season and July is National Parks & Recreation Month. Rock Your Block events will take place at three neighborhoods over the next three Thursdays with movies, games and karaoke. All sports leagues are in play at this time throughout the city.
6. Debby Bobbitt made a motion to table discussion of single loading streets to parks and updating the Parks & Open Space Master Plan in the absence of Norman Scown who had requested this agenda item. The motion was seconded by Lonnie Cornwell and the vote was unanimous to table the item.
7. Chairman Baxter discussed placing a memorial plaque in Veterans Park in memory of the 21-year-old Rowlett soldier SPC. Thomas F. Duncan, III who fell in Iraq. Suggestions were made to involve the VFW, women's clubs the Historical Society and Keep Rowlett Beautiful (KRB). Staff will contact them. A ceremony for the family will be held at the dedication of the plaque.
8. Projects for Eagle Scouts identifying trees along the walking trails in our parks by placing markers was discussed by the Board. Beth Rollow was invited to address the Board, and is seeking a "Gold Award", which is the girls' equivalent to the Eagle Scout. She may be interested in this or other projects available through the Parks & Recreation Department and the Parks Advisory Board. Beth would have to handle a well-defined portion of the project herself, but can accept

help from small groups of her peers. Debby Bobbitt offered to contact a master naturalist to assist in identifying tree species. Katie Corder mentioned the city might fund the plaques, or perhaps the troop or KRB. Debby Bobbitt, who is also a member of KRB, will take the item to the next meeting.

9. A discussion goals and objectives for 2008-2009 was requested by Wayne Baxter with hopes of updating the Parks & Recreation Open Space Master Plan. An update will cost less than the original plan and involve hiring an independent expert to hold small hearings in neighborhoods followed by a large meeting with the Parks Advisory Board. This matter will be addressed when the new Director of Culture and Recreation has been hired.
10. Public Announcement. Members of the Board and/or staff may make announcements of local civic events. No member of the board or commission may discuss nor take any action with regard to the announcements.
 - Remember the Rock Your Block events over the next three Thursdays.
 - A get-well card will be sent to Howard Marcellus
 - A letter commending the Wet Zone staff was signed by all members present concerning the Flick N' Float night problem.
 - Louis Lebel will not reapply to the Parks Board, but Robert Kittrell will.
11. Members of the Board may request topics for future agenda meetings. No member of the board or commission may discuss any of the requested subjects until such matters have been properly placed on a posted agenda.
 - Lonnie Cornwell would like to address item 8 on this agenda again at the next meeting.
 - Discuss single loading streets to parks and updating the Parks & Open Space Master Plan (Norman Scown)
12. Adjournment was at 7:50 p.m.



Dianne Zachary
Sr. Administrative Assistant



Wayne Baxter
Chairman