



Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, May 11, 2016
7:00 p.m.

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

PRESENT: Wayne Baxter, Rhetta Bowers, Lonnie Cornwell, Kaitlyn Freeborn, Bruce Hargrave, Blake Margolis, Dolores Henning, Josh Kramer, Zabrina Martinson, Ken Romaine, E.C. Umberger III

ABSENT: Matt Grubisich, Linda Fugitt, Mike DeLatte

VISTORS:

STAFF: Robbert Bloemendaal, City Council liaison; Al Krajc, Interim Parks Manager; Shelly Monroe, Sr. Administrative Assistant; Angela Smith, Director of Parks and Recreation

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1. Wayne Baxter, Chairman called meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
 2. Quorum present.
 3. Consider action to approve the April 13, 2016 minutes.
 - a. Bruce Hargrave motioned to approve.
 - b. Lonnie Cornwell seconded the motion.
 - c. Approved 6 - 0.
 4. Parks Inventory discussion

Scenic Point Park will be completed through phases therefore Phase 1 is complete and presently in Phase 2. The goal is to keep it as natural as possible. Discussions will continue with Lake Point Hospital regarding Phase 3. Inquiries about Environmental Learning Center (ELC) being located at Scenic Point Park were made. The location of the ELC and the possibility of having two small ELC locations were discussed. Angie Smith will seek information on this matter and bring it back to the board
 5. Status of Kids Kingdom Rebuild.
 - a. Site Preparations continue such as erosion control and grading although inclement weather is causing delays.
 - b. Pour in Play will begin after the site preparations are complete. This process will take approximately 3 to 4 weeks.
 - c. A Playground Committee meeting will be scheduled to plan for the Grand Opening once the surfacing begins.
 - d. Signage has been ordered and in the design stage, picnic tables have arrived. Brief discussion held regarding the stainless steel slide on the playground and how to explain if members are approached with questions.
 6. Plan for the City Council joint meeting with Parks and Recreation Board scheduled for July 5, 2016.
 - a. Information to include in the presentation for City Council was discussed such as accomplishments, board description including the primary function, goals and any budget requests.



- b. W. Baxter relayed the importance of members to be present for this meeting.
- c. Briefly discussed ways the board could partner with other boards such as the Senior Advisory Board and Arts & Humanities Commission on projects and/or obtaining ideas to entice spending time in parks. Members would like this idea explored more.

7. Director's Report - Angie Smith

- a. Two new Parks Maintenance Specialists hired.
- b. The Annual Senior Health Fair, produced by the Senior Advisory Board of Rowlett, took place Tuesday, April 12. There were 42 vendors and more than 100 attendees.
- c. Eagle Scout Troop #1062 planted 8 Cypress trees this past weekend on Merritt Road to beautify the area by the Pump Station. Park Maintenance crew member Damian Garza took the lead on the project. Rhett Lundell Eagle Project planner, and Damian were assisted by additional scouts Aaron Grant, Daniel Grant, Chandler Smith and Adam Leon, along with Scout Masters Bryan Lundell and James Springer and his family Emma Springer.
- d. Rowlett Community Centre once again hosted the Free AARP Tax preparation program for 2016. Assisted 280 tax payers with an average of 25 each Wednesday.
- e. Fifty four seniors took a trip to Winstar Casino on Wednesday, April 20, 2015. Roadrunner Charters transported the "precious cargo" and everyone had a great time. The big winner won \$168.
- f. The Rowlett Youth Baseball League celebrated its first All-Star event on April 16th. Reid of the 6U Jets placed first in the MLB pitching competition, Conner of the 6U Jets placed first in the MLB hitting competition, and Malachi of the 6U Cubs placed first in the MLB running competition. In our 8U skills, the Red Hawks dominated winning every event including the road runner competition, around the horn competition and the home run derby. The T-Ball All-Star game ended in a score of 15-13 and the coach pitch All-Star game ended with a score of 17-10.
- g. Memorial Day Celebration featuring Touch a Truck will be held Saturday, May 28th from 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. located at Rowlett Community Centre. This year the keynote speaker will be retired United States Air Force veteran, Gary Steele. Gary has over 40 medals and decorations and served in the Vietnam War. After the ceremony concludes, the day will transition into the Touch-A-Truck portion of the event.
- h. CIP Project updates: Wet Zone (plaster is complete for the pool bottom resurfacing; new hippo, logs and turtle are installed; restroom dividers are complete; handrail project complete; new signage is in progress; new slide feature to be in place for July 4th). Rowlett Community Centre (technology complete for Room A; preliminary design complete for the downstairs renovations). Parks (signage for Pecan Grove, Paddle Point and Lakeside Parks are in bidding process; lighting for Pecan Grove Park was bid and work will start in next 30 days; Katy Park Soccer design is complete and construction will go to bid in the next 30 days)

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

- a. B. Hargrave has been elected as a City Council member therefore presented his resignation from this board. During the June meeting a new Vice-Chair will be appointed. Some closing words were shared by B. Hargrave.
- b. The Chair announced Linda Fugitt is resigning.
- c. Alternate members may be appointed as a voting members in future meetings for member Hargrave and member Fugitt regular board seats.

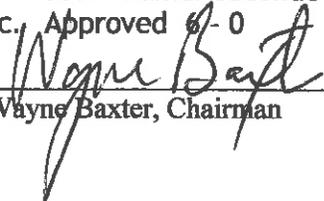


- d. Robbert Bloemendaal mentioned there is a Pet Adoption to be held on the same date as the Memorial Day/Touch-A-Truck event and inquired if these programs could be held at one location for consumer convenience.
- e. If members have any volunteers wanting to participate on the Special Events Committee please provide names to Dolores Henning.

9. Members of the Board may request topics for future agenda meetings.
Dan Roberts Environmental Learning Center.

10. Adjournment

- a. Rhetta Bowers motioned to adjourn 8:23 pm
- b. Josh Kramer seconded motion
- c. Approved 6-0



Wayne Baxter, Chairman



Angela Smith, Director of Parks and Recreation