



Sachse, Texas

Sachse City Hall
3815 Sachse Road
Building B
Sachse, Texas 75048

Minutes - Full Report Parks and Recreation Commission

Thursday, January 19, 2012

7:00 PM

Courtroom at City Hall

The Parks and Recreation Commission of the City of Sachse will hold a Special Meeting on Thursday, January 19, 2012, at 7:00 p.m. in the Courtroom at the Sachse City Hall, 3815 Sachse Road, Building B, Sachse, Texas to consider the following items of business:

Present 7 - Commission Member Kirsten Hill, Commission Member Brett Franks, Commission Member Diana Smith, Commission Member Spencer Hauenstein, Chairman Jeff Bickerstaff, Commission Member Juanita Miller, and Vice Chair Darlene Putman

Also present: City Council Liaison Jared Patterson, Parks Director Lance Whitworth and Activity Coordinator Cynthia Wiseman

1. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance to the U.S. and Texas Flags

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Chairman, Jeff Bickerstaff.

2. 12-0645

Consider approval of the December 8, 2011 regular meeting minutes.

Executive Summary

Approval of the December 8, 2011 meeting minutes.

A motion was made by Spencer Hauenstein and seconded by Brett Franks to approve the minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

3. Regular Agenda Items:

3a. 12-0661

Discuss and consider a recommendation to City Council on the naming of a ball field at Heritage Park in honor of Howard McMillan.

Executive Summary

This item is to discuss and consider a recommendation submitted to the Parks and Recreation Commission for the naming of a ball field at Heritage Park in honor of the late Howard McMillan.

Mr. Whitworth reported to the board that he had received a request to name one of the ball fields in honor of Howard McMillan. He presented to the board letters he had received regarding Mr. McMillan and his service in teaching girls fast pitch softball. Chuck Schaefer, 4811 Williford Road, stated that Mr.

McMillan was the primary source for starting girls fast pitch and feels that the City should name a field after him. Cindy Mitchell, 3128 Welch Lane, suggested that if a field is named after Mr. McMillan, that it be the green field at Heritage since that field is currently dedicated to girls softball. Dave Sanford, 3718 Trailridge Drive, felt that the City could maybe use the same criteria that was used when naming the Senior Center after Laurie Schwenk. Mr. Bickerstaff stated that at the time of the Senior Center naming, there was no policy in place. After discussion among the board, a motion was made by Diana Smith and seconded by Juanita Miller to table this item until the July 2012 meeting. The motion passed with 4 in favor: Juanita Miller, Darlene Putman, Diana Smith, and Brett Franks; and 3 opposed: Kirsten Hill, Spencer Hauenstein, and Jeff Bickerstaff.

3b. Discuss and consider charitable contributions from organizations to the Parks and Recreation Department.

Mr. Whitworth reported that he has spoken to the Baseball Association President, Charlie Purzinsky, and the board has decided to just make the field more presentable and help with providing funds for a clay infield and conditioner. We should be able to have this completed for the practice season.

3c. Discuss Veterans Day parade.

Mr. Whitworth reported that while this event is a worthy event and the City will be happy to assist any individuals wanting to organize this event with the parade route, it would be difficult to add another event with budget cuts that have already caused the departments to cut 2 of its events. Cindy Mitchell, 3128 Welch Lane, stated that she could get together with individuals from other organizations to help organize a parade. Darlene Putman suggested the Historical Society may want to help with a Veterans Parade. Mr. Sanford, 3718 Trailridge Dr., feels that not having a ceremony for veterans is inexcusable.

3d. Discuss Arbor Day / Spring Cleanup / City-wide Trash Collection event.

Ms. Wiseman reported that preparations are being made for the upcoming, April 14, Arbor Day/Spring Cleanup event, including 37 letters that have been sent out to organizations in Sachse. We have received one response and are moving forward with advertising the event online and in the brochure. Mr. Whitworth reported that the City is looking to have a Citywide Trash Collection Event on April 13 and April 14. Residents would be able to drop off trash, debris, brush, clippings, and appliances.

4. Staff updates regarding current activities, special events, and personnel.

Mr. Whitworth reported that the City Council approved the mowing contract, and the semi annual brochure has been sent to the printer and will go out in the mail the following week. He also reported that Mr. Sanford donated funds to the Parks and Recreation Department when Park Lake Partners dissolved. We are currently interviewing for a Parks Maintenance Tech position.

5. Request for future agenda items.

Requests were made to discuss America Recycles Day, and receive an update on Firefighter's Park.

6. Set upcoming Parks and Recreation Commission meeting date.

The meeting was set for February 9, 2012, at 7:00 PM.

7. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made at 8:05 PM. The motion passed unanimously.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

SECRETARY

COMMISSION CHAIRMAN