

City of Sachse  
Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes  
April 2, 2009

Present:

Jeff Bickerstaff, Chairperson  
Scott Whitfield, Vice-Chairperson  
Kerry Andersen, Secretary  
Spencer Hauenstein  
Juanita Miller  
Lance Whitworth, Parks Director  
Cynthia Wiseman, Activity Coordinator

Absent:

Dan Stevens  
Kirsten Hill

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Jeff Bickerstaff.

**Item 1 – Approval of Minutes of the March 12, 2009 Regular Meeting:** Minutes from the March 12, 2009 meeting were reviewed. Motion was made by Spencer Hauenstein and seconded by Kerry Andersen to accept the minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

**Item 2 – Citizen Input:** No citizen input.

**Item 3 – Discuss possible areas within City where park land may be acquired and developed:** Mr. Whitworth reported on an area of land along 5<sup>th</sup> Street that the City owns. The board discussed ideas on what could be done with the area including the addition of trails, playground equipment, and possibly some kind of sports field.

**Item 4 – Discuss Future Recreation Center:** Mr. Whitworth asked staff to look at the area where the new municipal complex is being built and find out how much space is available in that area, if there is enough space for a future recreation center to be built there, and where the available space is located.

**Item 5 – Update and Discuss Park Lake Turtle Issues:** Mr. Whitworth read a letter sent from Urban Wildlife Biologist Brett Johnson, stating that removing the turtles at Park Lake would only be a short term solution and that it is his recommendation that the City does not remove the turtles.

**Item 6 – Update and Discuss Arbor Day Celebration:** Mr. Whitfield gave the board some information on the upcoming Arbor Day Celebration that will be held on May 9<sup>th</sup> at 3 p.m. at Joe and Patricia Stone Park. An Arbor Day proclamation will be read by the Mayor, an announcement will be made about Tree City USA, and Council and Park Board members will join the Regional Urban Forester in a tree planting demonstration.

**Item 7 – Update and Discuss Salmon Park Bond Project:** Mr. Whitworth reported to the board on the latest concept for the Salmon Park Bond Project.

**Item 8 – Update and Discuss current Land Dedication Fee Balance:** Mr. Whitworth reported the balance is at \$179,000. Currently developers must donate \$750/lot or land with value equal to that.

**Item 9 – Update and Discuss Current Baseball Registration Numbers:** Mr. Whitworth reported that in baseball there are approximately 540 kids and 52 teams and in youth and adult softball there are approximately 560 participants with 28 youth teams and 22 adult teams.

**Item 10 – Staff Updates regarding current activities, special events and personnel:** Staff reported that there are upcoming Easter Egg Hunts on April 4<sup>th</sup> at Heritage Park and a Mother/Son Roundup on Friday, April 24<sup>th</sup> at Salmon Park. Staff also reported that we are beginning the budget process.

**Item 11 – Request for Future Agenda Items:** Discuss current land dedication fee structure in comparison to other cities, budget, and allocation of land in the new City complex for a recreation center.

**Item 12 – Set Upcoming Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting Date:** The next Parks Board meeting was set for May 14, 2009, at 7:30 p.m.

Motion to adjourn was made by Kerry Andersen and seconded by Jeff Bickerstaff. The motion passed unanimously.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

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Kerry Andersen, Secretary

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Jeff Bickerstaff, Chairperson