

City of Sachse December 10, 2009
Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes

Present:
Jeff Bickerstaff, Chairperson
Kerry Andersen, Secretary
Spencer Hauenstein
Kirsten Hill
Darlene Putman
Lance Whitworth, Parks Director
Cynthia Wiseman, Activity Coordinator
Jared Patterson, City Council Liaison

Absent:
Scott Whitfield, Vice-Chair
Juanita Miller

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Jeff Bickerstaff.

Item 1 – Approval of minutes of the November 12, 2009 Regular Meeting: Minutes from the November 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 – Election of Officers – Spencer Hauenstein nominated Jeff Bickerstaff for Chair. The nomination was seconded by Kerry Andersen and the motion passed unanimously. Kerry Andersen made a motion to nominate Scott Whitfield as Vice-Chair. The nomination was seconded by Spencer Hauenstein and the motion passed unanimously. Spencer Hauenstein nominated Kerry Andersen for Secretary. The nomination was seconded by Kirsten Hill and the motion passed unanimously.

Item 4 – Introduction of New Board Members – Mr. Bickerstaff welcomed Darlene Putman to the Park Board. Mrs. Putman introduced herself to the Board.

Item 5 – Discuss and Consider Parks Master Plan – Mr. Dennis Simms handed out a first draft of the Parks Master Plan. He asked that the Board review the draft and make any comments/suggestions and bring them back to the next Board meeting.

Item 6 – Discuss and Consider Salmon Park Bond Project – Mr. Whitworth reported that the contract is being reviewed by the City Attorney and once it is approved, the City Manager will review it and the copies will be sent to the contractor to sign. The goal is to have the park ready by the fall of 2010 softball season.

Item 7 – Discuss Current Park Facilities – The Board had a quick review of Sachse's existing park facilities to update the new Board member, Darlene Putman. The Board would like to hold a noon meeting in March or April to have a tour of the existing parks.

Item 8 – Discuss Highway 78 Tree Transplanting Project – Mr. Whitworth reported that 22 trees were transplanted from Highway 78 to Heritage Park. He also reported that 20 crepe myrtles were saved and they are being stored at Public Works and will be planted along the Animal Control entrance drive once construction on it is completed.

Item 9 – Discuss and Consider Spring Arbor Day/Cleanup Event – Mr. Whitworth reported that the volunteer sign up information is posted on the website. Mr. Jared Patterson would like to help with contacting and speaking to various groups in Sachse to get volunteers for the event.

Item 10 – Staff Updates regarding current activities, special events, and personnel – Mr. Whitworth reported that the parade will be on Saturday, December 12, at 9:00 a.m. It will start at Park Lake Church. Cookies with Santa will follow at City Hall. The Tree City USA application has been submitted and is being forwarded to the State for review.

Item 11 – Request for Future Agenda Items – Requests were made to discuss the Parks Master Plan, discuss kiosks in Sachse, and discuss the timeline for the spring Arbor Day/Cleanup Event.

Item 12 – Set Upcoming Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting Date – The next Park Board meeting was set for January 14, 2010, at 7:30 p.m.

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

Jeff Bickerstaff, Chairperson

Kerry Andersen, Secretary