

City of Sachse  
Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes  
February 12, 2009

Present:

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

Absent:

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Jeff Bickerstaff.

**Item 1 – Approval of Minutes of the January 29, 2009 Regular Meeting:** Minutes from the January 29, 2009 meeting were reviewed. Motion was made by Juanita Miller and seconded by Scott Whitfield to accept the minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

**Item 2 – Citizen Input:** Mr. Dave Sanford wanted to see the results of looking at the quality of the pond water and the condition of the fish at Park Lake Park and is concerned with the condition of the pond and the fish being infested with parasitic worms.

**Item 3 – Discuss Park Signage and Locations:** Juanita Miller wanted to know what staff could do to make park signage easier to read and accessible through directional signage. Mr. Whitworth reported that Dallas County will allow the City to turn the Muddy Creek Preserve sign so that it is more visible to oncoming traffic. Parks that we would like to identify with directional signs would be Muddy Creek Preserve, Cornwall Park, Heritage Park, Salmon Park, Joe & Patricia Stone Park and Park Lake Park. Mr. Whitworth reported that we may be able to take part in the kiosk signs that Community Development is working on having installed.

**Item 4 – Update on Salmon Park Bond Project:** Mr. Whitworth reported that Ron Hobbs and Dennis Simms presented to the City Council the drawings and designs at the February 2, 2009 meeting and the results of the meeting included that the Council wants to hold a workshop on February 23, 2009 at 6:30 p.m. to discuss Salmon Park.

**Item 5 – Discuss Parking and Lighting Issues at Heritage Park:** Mr. Kerry Andersen wanted to discuss lighting the lower gravel parking lot at Heritage Park. Mr. Whitworth reported that the parking and lighting at Heritage Park is being addressed in the Park Master Plan. Lighting the parking lot at Heritage Park would be a capital project and would need to be requested in next year's budget. As we come closer to the budget, we could begin the process to request extra lighting at Heritage Park.

**Item 6 – Staff Updates:** Adopt-a-Spot – Ms. Wiseman reported to the board that two groups have contacted the Parks and Recreation Department on the idea of completing a service project in Sachse. We are looking to develop a pedestrian/bike trail in the open, undeveloped area adjacent to the current developed trail at Muddy Creek preserve. Mr. Whitworth is working with a group called DORBA to help develop this trail. The two volunteer groups would be involved in cleaning up the area and preparing it for the trail to be developed.

**Item 7 – Set Upcoming Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting Date:** The next Park Board meeting was set for March 12, 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