

City of Sachse  
Parks and Recreation Commission Regular Meeting Minutes  
May 13, 2010, 7:00 p.m.

Present:  
Scott Whitfield, Vice-Chairperson  
Spencer Hauenstein  
Juanita Miller  
Darlene Putman  
Lance Whitworth, Parks Director  
Cynthia Wiseman, Activity Coordinator

Absent:  
Jeff Bickerstaff, Chairperson  
Kerry Andersen, Secretary  
Kirsten Hill

The Regular Meeting of the City of Sachse Parks and Recreation Commission was called to order at 7:03 p.m. by Vice-Chairperson Scott Whitfield.

**Item 1 – Approval of minutes of the April 8, 2010 Regular Meeting:** Minutes from the April 8, 2010, meeting were reviewed. Motion was made by Juanita Miller and seconded by Darlene Putman to accept the minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

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

**Item 3 – Update, Discuss, and Consider Parks Master Plan** – At the April 19<sup>th</sup> City Council meeting there was discussion on the plan at the Workshop. It will be a discussion item at the May 17<sup>th</sup> meeting and is scheduled to go to Council for approval at the June 21, 2010 meeting.

**Item 4 – Update, Discuss, and Consider Salmon Park** – Mr. Whitworth reported that 90% of the concrete work is complete. All of the lights have been installed and they are working on the remodeling of the concession stand. Work is being done on the basketball court.

**Item 5 – Update, Discuss, and Consider Arbor Day/Spring Cleanup Event** – Mr. Whitworth reported that the event was very successful. We collected over 185 bags of trash and over 270 flowers were planted throughout the city. Over 188 individuals participated in the cleanup which included 12 groups and a few families.

**Item 6 – Discuss Security Lighting at Joe and Patricia Stone Park** – Mr. Whitworth reported that this is an issue that came about after the installation of the pavilion due to safety issues as a result of higher traffic at the park. The estimate for installing lighting is about \$8,500 to run electricity to the park and then another \$3,200 per pole and light fixture in the park. The recommendation from staff is to at least have two lights in the park. Staff also looked at solar lighting options and the estimates were between \$3,200 - \$6,800 per pole and light fixture. Staff will bring some different lighting options to present at the next board meeting.

Dave Sanford, 3718 Trailridge Drive – Mr. Sanford feels that the issue of lighting at Joe and Patricia Stone Park should be a public safety issue and not a Parks and Recreation issue.

Claudia Schubert, 6125 Laurel Crest – Ms. Schubert expressed her concerns about security at the park and would like to see the City move forward with the installation of lighting at the park.

Charles Anderson, 5009 Springtree – Mr. Anderson wanted to know what happened to the lights that were taken down on Highway 78 and wondered if it was an option to reuse those in the park if they were still available.

**Item 7 – Discuss and Consider Recycling Bins in Parks** – Mr. Whitworth reported that there are a couple of options we could go with to see what works. The first recommendation would be to get a free polycart from the waste management company and add those to the park. If those carts are vandalized, then we will have to go with the second option and add permanent receptacles to the park. Those range from \$600 to \$1,000 each but those can be bolted to the ground. Staff will move forward and try the polycarts for now to see how that works.

Dave Sanford, 3718 Trailridge Drive – Mr. Sanford would like to know if there is a City ordinance about littering in the parks.

**Item 8 – Staff Updates Regarding Current Activities, Special Events, and Personnel** – Mr. Whitworth reported that we had the Mother/Son Roundup with about 90 participants.

**Item 9 – Request for Future Agenda Items** – Requests were made to discuss the Parks Master Plan, Salmon Park, security lighting at Joe and Patricia Stone Park, and recycling and littering ordinance update.

**Item 10 – Set Upcoming Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting Date** – The next Park Board meeting was set for June 17, 2010, at 7:00 p.m.

Motion to adjourn was made by Darlene Putman and seconded by Spencer Hauenstein at 7:50 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.

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Kerry Andersen, Secretary

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Jeff Bickerstaff, Chairperson