



Sachse, Texas

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

Minutes - Full Report Parks and Recreation Board

Thursday, February 13, 2014

7:00 PM

Council Chambers

The Parks and Recreation Board of the City of Sachse will hold a Regular Meeting on Thursday, February 13, 2014, at 7 00 p m. at the Sachse City Hall, 3815 Sachse Road, Building B, Sachse, Texas to consider the following items of business

Present 5 - Chairman Cyndi Mitchell, Board Member Diana Smith, Board Member Michael Kellam, Board Member Niloufer Watkins, and Board Member Nieves Marquez Jr

Absent 2 - Board Member J D Pruitt, and Board Member Terri Hibbs

Also present: Parks and Recreation Director Lance Whitworth, and Activity Coordinator Cynthia Wiseman.

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM.

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

The invocation and pledge of allegiance to the U.S. and Texas Flags was led by Lance Whitworth.

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Consider approval of the January 9, 2014 meeting minutes

Executive Summary

Review and approve the minutes of the January 9, 2014 meeting

A motion was made by Diana Smith and seconded by Michael Kellam to approve the minutes as written. Motion passed unanimously

Discuss and consider Arbor Day/Great American Cleanup event scheduled for April 5, 2014

Ms. Wiseman reported that to date there are 6 groups registered for the Great American Cleanup on April 5, with over 130 volunteers in those groups. The event has been posted on the city website and on facebook. All of the volunteers will meet here at City Hall at 9 AM to receive trash bags, gloves, safety vests and other supplies. the Mayor will read proclamations for the Great American Cleanup and Arbor Day Groups will return to the Amphitheater for lunch, bounce houses and entertainment from 11 AM-12:30 PM. Group pictures will be taken at 11:30 AM. Also, April 4 and April 5 will be the Citywide Trash Collection and Recycling Event at the Animal Shelter Mr Whitworth reported that with the new Allied contract citizens will be provided with the opportunity to drop off e-waste, hazardous waste, and document shredding on April 5 at the Animal Shelter Allied has also given the City \$2,000 to use towards beautification projects which can be used for tree purchases, flowers, or shrubs. We also received confirmation today that Sachse has been recognized for the 6th year as a Tree City USA.

Discuss and consider Scout Troop 57 overnight use of Heritage Park on April 11, 2014

Mr Liehr with Scout Troop 57 requested the overnight use of Heritage Park on Friday, April 11, 2014. Mr Liehr presented to the board a detailed itinerary for April 11 and April 12. Mr Whitworth will need to get approval from the Fire Department on the troop using fire tins. A motion was made by Michael Kellam and seconded by Nieves Marquez to approve the overnight use of Heritage Park on April 11 for Scout Troop 57

Discuss progress of tree and debris cleanup in parks and along roadways as a result of the December ice storm.

Mr Whitworth reported on the ice storm cleanup. Friday, February 7 was the final day of debris cleanup for Allied Waste. There was extensive damage throughout the City We will work hard on replacing trees within the parks and will be able to use some of the funds that Allied has donated for beautification projects to replace some of those trees lost in various parts of the City

Discuss and consider the use of Park Development Fees for park projects including Salmon Park shade bleacher structure and Firefighter's Park development.

Mr Whitworth reported to the board that we currently have enough funds in the Park Development fees to begin and complete Firefighters Park. The current balance is \$350,714. The projects Mr Whitworth would like the board to consider are completion of Firefighter's Park, and a shade structure over the bleachers at Salmon Park (this would be a shared cost with the Baseball Association paying \$15,000 and the City contributing \$2,500). The board also discussed adding a shade structure over the playground at Salmon Park since this was high on the board's priority list. A motion was made by Niloufer Watkins and seconded by Nieves Marquez to go to Council to request the use of park development fees for the following park projects: Salmon Park bleacher and playground shade structures and the completion of all four phases of Firefighters Park. Motion passed unanimously

Discuss and consider Dave Sanford Park Dedication event set for March 1, 2014

Mr Whitworth reported that the Dave Sanford Park Dedication is set for 10 AM on March 1. He showed the board the preliminary program and agenda for morning. There will be light refreshments served afterwards.

Discuss voluntary utility bill donation program.

Mr Whitworth reported that the library manager, Mignon Morse, has been doing some research on this and has presented this idea to the City Council. This would be a monthly donation that citizens can choose on their water bill if they want to donate to either Animal Control, Library or Parks. Once a citizen chooses to make a monthly donation, the donation will be made every month until the citizen calls and requests to be removed from the donation program. Mr Kellam suggested having an item on the form that includes a one time donation in addition to the ones above for those that don't want to make a donation every month.

Discuss and set date for Parks and Recreation Board park tours.

The board discussed the possibility of having a park tour for the next meeting. Diana Smith suggested that the Park Board members tour the parks on their own and that there isn't a need to tour the parks together. Mr Whitworth suggested waiting until after the time change in June or July so that we could have the tour during our regular meeting because it will be light outside during the meeting. It was decided by the board members to wait until the summer months to have a park tour.

Staff updates regarding current activities, special events, and personnel

Mr Whitworth reported that we held the Daddy/Daughter dance this past Friday. There were about 100 fathers and daughters in attendance. There was dancing, snacks, and a photo booth. Volunteers from the LDS church and the National Honor Society came to the event and helped.

Requests for future agenda items

Requests were made to discuss Muddy Creek Preserve, Firefighters Park, updates on items going to Council, youth appointments, Cleanup Event, Easter Egg Hunt, and priority list. Mr Ricky Leon from the Texas Forest Service attended the meeting and he introduced himself and let the board know that if anyone has any questions they can always come to him and he will do his best to help.

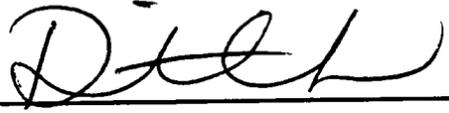
Set upcoming Parks and Recreation Board meeting date

The next meeting was set for Tuesday, March 4, at 7 PM.

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by Diana Smith and seconded by Michael Kellam at 8:36 PM.

ATTEST:



SECRETARY

APPROVE:



CHAIRMAN