

City of Sachse
Parks and Recreation Commission Regular Meeting Minutes
October 14, 2010, 7:00 p.m.

Present:
Jeff Bickerstaff, Chairperson
Scott Whitfield, Vice-Chairperson
Juanita Miller
Kirsten Hill
Spencer Hauenstein
Brett Franks
Lance Whitworth, Parks Director
Cynthia Wiseman, Activity Coordinator

Absent:
Darlene Putman, Secretary

The Regular Meeting of the City of Sachse Parks and Recreation Commission was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairperson, Jeff Bickerstaff.

Item 1 – Approval of minutes of the September 9, 2010 Regular Meeting: Minutes from the September 9, 2010, meeting were reviewed. Motion was made by Spencer Hauenstein and seconded by Scott Whitfield to accept the minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

Item 2 – Citizen Input – Caren Smith, 4008 Blossom Drive - Commented that the Park Board minutes are not updated on the website. They are three months behind.

Item 3 – Update, Discuss and Consider Salmon Park and Lighting– Mr. Whitworth reported on the current lighting at Salmon Park. The Parks Department has received the light meter and next Saturday we will begin our light study on the parks, starting with Salmon Park. He informed the board that the light that shines on the playground has been fixed and repaired, and there has been a light installed on the eaves of the restroom. The board also discussed the lights that are in the back of the park that are not currently working. Mr. Whitworth will continue discussion with Oncor to get the wires ran to the lights in the park that are not working so that we can repair the light.

Item 4 – Update, Discuss, and Consider Trees on Blackburn Road– Ms. Miller would like to see what can be done to remove the two trees on Blackburn that have been cut up by the power company to get them out of the power lines. She would like to see us remove them and replace them with something else that would be smaller and not grow up as big as the trees there now.

Caren Smith, 4008 Blossom Drive – Suggested looking to see if a landscape company would do a reduced removal rate in exchange for them to put up a sign advertising their business that they did the removal.

Item 5 – Update, Discuss, and Consider Spring Cleanup and Other Beautification Activities - Mr. Whitworth reported that we are trying to set a date for the cleanup in April. The board decided that they would like to have the cleanup on April 9.

Item 6 – Update, Discuss, and Consider No Smoking Ordinance in Public Parks – Mr. Whitworth reported that City Council looked at the Smoking Ordinance at their October 2 meeting and has asked the board to look into finding designated smoking areas to allow citizens to have an area to smoke in the parks. Mr. Hauenstein made a motion that was seconded by Ms. Miller to have staff come to the board with options for designated smoking areas in the parks. The motion passed 4 to 2, with Ms. Hill and Mr. Bickerstaff in opposition.

Dave Sanford, 3718 Trailridge Drive – Spoke about the fact that while the ordinance, as it was presented to Council, states no smoking is allowed at all in the parks, but we do allow City employees to smoke in designated areas on the new municipal complex property.

Caren Smith, 4008 Blossom Drive – Does not feel that the City should have the right to regulate the rights of citizens to smoke in parks.

Charles Anderson, 5009 Springtree – Wants to know who is going to enforce this ordinance?

Item 7 – Staff Updates Regarding Current Activities, Special Events, and Personnel – Mr.

Whitworth reported that the funds from the kiosks go in to the general fund, the recycling bins have been ordered for the parks and will be installed when they come in, and the Pumpkin Prowl will be held on October 23rd.

Item 8 – Request for Future Agenda Items – Requests were made to discuss the smoking ordinance, Salmon Park Lighting, trees on Blackburn Road, intersection at Blackburn Road and Murphy Road, plantings along the Dewitt Road expansion, signs and kiosks that are not in the ground yet at Ranch and Dewitt, advertising on kiosks, and selling advertisement space at ballfields.

Item 9 – Set Upcoming Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting Date – The next Park Board meeting was set for November 18, 2010, at 6:30 p.m.

Motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Hauenstein at 8:31 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.

Darlene Putman, Secretary

Jeff Bickerstaff, Chairman