

City of Sachse January 13, 2011
Parks and Recreation Commission Regular Meeting Minutes
7:00 p.m.

Present:

Jeff Bickerstaff, Chairperson
Darlene Putman, Vice-Chair
Diana Smith, Secretary
Juanita Miller
Kirsten Hill
Spencer Hauenstein
Brett Franks
Jared Patterson, City Council Liaison
Lance Whitworth, Parks Director
Cynthia Wiseman, Activity Coordinator

Absent:

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 December 9, 2010 Regular Meeting: Minutes from the December 9, 2010, Regular meeting were reviewed. A motion was made by Brett Franks and seconded by Juanita Miller to approve the minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

Item 2 – Citizen Input: Councilman Jared Patterson invited the Parks & Recreation Commission to the upcoming boards and commissions dinner.

Item 3 – Update, Discuss and Consider Park Lighting: Mr. Whitworth reported that the solar light at Joe and Patricia Stone Park has been repaired. The security lighting at Heritage Park is currently being repaired. Once those repairs have been made, we will complete the light study at Heritage Park. Mr. Whitworth met with the TML insurance representative about adding the solar and security lighting to the policy. The insurance representative is looking into covering those lights as well in the policy.

Item 4 – Update, Discuss, and Consider Renaming of 5th Street Park: Mr. Whitworth asked for a recommendation from the board on renaming 5th Street Park to “Sachse Firefighters Park”. The board discussed the option of dropping Sachse and just naming it Firefighters Park. A motion was made by Brett Franks and seconded by Darlene Putman to rename the 5th Street Park “Firefighters Park”. Motion passed 6 to 1, with Ms. Diana Smith in opposition.

Item 5 – Update, Discuss, and Consider Advertisement Space at Ballfields: Mr. Whitworth reported on some research he did from surrounding cities. He found that the baseball and softball associations seek out their own sponsorships for the teams. The closest organization that was found with rules on sponsorship was the Plano Sports Authority. They are not associated with the City, County, or the School District. Mr. Hauenstein suggested that the City should wait for another outside organization to get together to solicit outside sponsorships. Mr. Franks will take this to the Baseball Association.

Item 6 – Update, Discuss, and Consider Entryway Signs: Mr. Whitworth reported that there will be an entrance sign on Merritt Road off the toll road. If we wanted to put something on Miles Road, then that would have to be a City funded sign.

Item 7 – Update, Discuss, and Consider Vandalism in Parks: Mr. Whitworth reported that the Parks Department is working with the Police Department on monitoring and patrolling the parks and installing better security measures at the parks.

Item 8 – Update, Discuss, and Consider Senior Center Front Entrance: Mr. Whitworth reported that the doors to the entrance of the Senior Center are currently hard to open, so there has been talk about installing automated doors on the Senior Center. The architect is in the process of getting estimates on installing either a sliding door or a button push door to the front of the Senior Center.

Mr. Dave Sanford, 3718 Trailridge Drive, discussed that it is difficult to hold the door open and get a wheelchair or walker in the door. He feels that the Senior Center should have an automated door.

Item 9 – Staff Updates Regarding Current Activities, Special Events, and Personnel: Mr. Whitworth let the board know that the No Smoking Ordinance was passed by the City Council on January 3, 2011, and there has been a change in the meeting place for the cleanup event to the City Municipal Complex. As well as a change in location, we are working on getting a band to entertain the volunteers when they come back to eat hot dogs at the end of the cleanup. Mr. Whitworth reported that the Parks Crew Leader, Mario Bautista, was named Employee of the Year.

Item 10 – Request for Future Agenda Items: Requests were made to discuss Park lighting/light study, a dog park, Senior Center entryway update, low cost development of Muddy Creek, and the Great American Cleanup.

Item 11 – Set Upcoming Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting Date: The next Park Board meeting was set for February 10, 2011, at 7:00 p.m.

Motion to adjourn was made by Spencer Hauenstein at 7:53 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.

Jeff Bickerstaff, Chairperson

Diana Smith, Secretary