

City of Sachse March 10, 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
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 February 10, 2011 Regular Meeting: Minutes from the February 10, 2011, regular meeting were reviewed. A motion was made by Darlene Putman and seconded by Juanita Miller to approve the minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

Item 2 – Citizen Input - No Citizen Input.

Item 3 – Update, Discuss and Consider Park Lighting – Mr. Whitworth gave a slide presentation of some recommended lighting standards in parks according to the IES Lighting Handbook (1987 Volume). Mr. Whitworth also showed the slide presentation of each park and the current lighting at the parks so that the board could compare what we have now to what the recommended standards were in the IES Lighting Handbook.

Richard Miller – 6505 Hilltop Tr. – Spoke to the board on lighting standards in parks and let the board know that there will be a new issue of the lighting handbook out this spring. He believes that the new lighting standards will be lower than those from the 1987 standards.

Mr. Bickerstaff would like to see the board formulate an ordinance once the new numbers are in.

Item 4 – Update, Discuss, and Consider Muddy Creek Disc Golf– Mr. Whitworth presented to the board the revised disc golf course that is smaller with a short 9 hole course. Mr. Franks asked about adding a parking lot. Mr. Whitworth doesn't think that Dallas County would allow us to pave a portion for a parking lot. We would just have to keep an area maintained for people to park.

Dave Sanford – 3718 Trailridge Drive – Thinks that this is too easy of a golf course.

Charles Anderson – 5009 Springtree Ln. - Wants to know how much it will cost to clean up the course if it floods and we have to repair things?

Ms. Miller suggested asking people that actually play the sport if they would play on this course. Mr. Whitworth said that the designer of the course would make sure and get the opinion of groups that do play the sport on the layout of the course before going ahead with it.

Item 5 – Update, Discuss, and Consider Arbor Day/spring Cleanup Event – Mr. Whitworth reported that the cleanup is scheduled for April 9 and there is a group that will also be cleaning on April 3 (North Pointe Church). Events that day will include a presentation of the Tree City USA flag by Micah Pace, proclamations from the Mayor, and the winners of the Arbor Day Poster contest. The winner of the contest was Sarah Sheffield from Whitt Elementary and 2nd place went to Meagan Dumas.

Item 6 – Update, Discuss, and Consider Keep Sachse Beautiful and Arbor Day Signs – Mr. Whitworth reported that we could install extra signs on Merritt Road and on Pleasant Valley Road

without approval but it would be difficult to put a sign on 78 because we would have to get approval from TXDOT. We can purchase extra signs. The Keep Texas Beautiful sign is \$75 and the Tree City USA signs are \$65 each. This cost does not include the posts. Staff will look into installing the Keep Texas Beautiful sign that we already have, so as not to incur any additional costs in purchasing of signs.

Item 7 – Staff Updates Regarding Current Activities, Special Events, and Personnel– Mr. Whitworth reported that the Senior Center automatic door has been installed. The Baseball Association’s opening day parade is on March 26. Mr. Whitworth reported that we would replace the bent sign at the Joe & Patricia Stone Park pavilion.

Item 8 – Request for Future Agenda Items – Requests were made to discuss disc golf, park lighting once the new standards come in, and library repairs.

Item 9 – Set Upcoming Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting Date – The next Park Board meeting was set for April 14, 2011, at 7:00 p.m. A special meeting was set for March 24, 2011, at 6:30 p.m. to discuss park trails.

Motion to adjourn was made by Darlene Putman at 8:20 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.

Jeff Bickerstaff, Chairperson

Diana Smith, Secretary