

City of Sachse March 24, 2011
Park and Recreation Commission Special Workshop Meeting Minutes
6:30 p.m.

Present:

Jeff Bickerstaff, Chairperson

Darlene Putman, Vice-Chair

Diana Smith, Secretary

Spencer Hauenstein

Brett Franks

Lance Whitworth, Parks Director

Absent:

Juanita Miller

Kirsten Hill

Cynthia Wiseman, Activity Coordinator

Item 1- Open Workshop Session: The meeting was called to order by Chairperson, Jeff Bickerstaff at 6:33 pm. A motion was made by Darlene Putman to move on to Item 2, seconded by Brett Franks, and passed unanimously.

Item 2- Discuss Parks and Recreation Master Plan Trail System: Lance Whitworth presented the Park Trail Map for viewing and there was much discussion of the Ten Year Priority List and our current economic state.

The group acknowledged the desire and need for trails, but felt that the expansion by the city was not feasible at this time. It was brought to their attention by Jeff Bickerstaff that amending our current sidewalk ordinance could greatly benefit the city's trail system. Increasing the width of sidewalks from 5' to 8' (on one side of a roadway) would then meet the requirement for a trail. This would be especially important and timely since many major roadways are planned to be renovated, such as Sachse Road, Merritt Road, and Bunker Hill.

Further discussion on spending money in current parks on such things as picnic tables and benches in Heritage and Joe and Patricia Stone Park, drinking fountain at Joe Stone Park (since there is already water there), connecting the trail at Joe Stone Park to go all the way around the pond, and a pavilion near the current storage building at Firefighters Park.

There was more discussion on adding priority items with the least amount of spending, such as:

- Sand Volley Ball Court at Heritage Park near the pavilion. Lance Whitworth felt it could be done (in house) for approximately \$4000.
- Splash Pad at Salmon Park for approximately \$150,000 (cost of Murphy's current project).
- Tennis Courts at Heritage Park using some of the current ball field lighting (if they were lighted).
- Tri-City Recreation Center which is currently being studied by the city of Richardson. It includes the cities of Richardson, Murphy, and Sachse. It's a \$20-25 million dollar facility including a Natatorium. (It's on hold while the city of Richardson holds their city elections.)
- Cover for Salmon Park play area

A motion was made by Spencer Hauenstein to adjourn. Seconded by Darlene Putman and passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Jeff Bickerstaff, Chairperson

Diana Smith, Secretary