

City of Sachse April 14, 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
Brett Franks
Lance Whitworth, Parks Director
Cynthia Wiseman, Activity Coordinator
Council Liaison, Jared Patterson

Absent:
Spencer Hauenstein

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 – Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance to the U.S. and Texas Flags: The invocation and pledges were led by Chairperson, Jeff Bickerstaff.

Item 2 – Approval of minutes of the March 10, 2011 Regular Meeting and the March 24, 2011 Special Meeting: Minutes from the March 10, 2011, regular meeting and the March 24, 2011 special meeting were reviewed. Darlene Putman noted that in the March 10, 2011 regular meeting, there should be a correction to change Mr. to Ms. Miller on Item 4. Darlene Putman noted that at the March 24, 2011, special meeting, discussion included benches at Heritage and Joe & Patricia Stone Park. Also, the splash pad discussion was about Salmon Park only and not Heritage Park. Also, there was a discussion about a cover for the Salmon Park playground. A motion was made by Brett Franks and seconded by Darlene Putman to approve the minutes with the changes noted. Motion passed unanimously.

Item 3 – Update, Discuss and Consider Library Repairs: Mr. Whitworth reported that the library repairs are complete and parks and recreation classes are transitioning back to the library. There has been discussion that the meeting room carpet may be replaced and if the carpet is replaced, it will not interrupt classes.

Item 4 – Update, Discuss and Consider Spring Cleanup/Arbor Day event: Mr. Whitworth reported that this was a successful event with a bigger turnout than last year. He thanked Councilman Patterson and board members, Kirsten Hill, Juanita Miller, Darlene Putman, and Diana Smith for helping with the event. Mr. Whitworth reported that we had approximately 260 individuals participating, 18 sites cleaned, 209 bags of trash, 400 flowers planted, and 19 groups. Ms. Putman had 2 safety concerns to address next year. She noticed one of the volunteers standing in the road on Maxwell Creek without a safety vest, as well as a group cleaning along Hwy. 78 without safety vests. We should emphasize next year that the volunteers need to have their safety vests on. Ms. Miller suggested that the trucks have extra vests on them, to hand out to volunteers throughout the event when they notice that they don't have them on.

-Dave Sanford – 3718 Trailridge Dr. – Wanted to know how the trash bags are counted? He said that the parks crews were so efficient at picking up the trash bags as the groups filled them that it was hard to count how many trash bags the group actually collected.

-Mr. Patterson thanked everyone, including staff, council, board members, and firemen, for helping to make this a successful event.

Item 5 – Staff Updates Regarding Current Activities, Special Events, and Personnel: Mr. Whitworth reported that the Easter Egg Scramble is on Saturday, April 16, at 10 am, the Doggie Bone Hunt is at 7:30 pm, and the Flashlight Egg Hunt is at 8:15 pm. One of the park maintenance techs will be leaving the department, so there will be an opening coming up in the department.

Item 6 – Request for Future Agenda Items: Requests were made to discuss the March 24, 2011 Workshop session, kiosks, wildflower planting, and Muddy Creek disc golf.

Item 7 – Set Upcoming Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting Date: The next Park Board meeting was set for May 12, 2011, at 7:00 p.m.

Motion to adjourn was made by Darlene Putman at 7:30 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.

Diana Smith, Secretary

Jeff Bickerstaff, Chairperson