

City of Sachse May 26, 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
Spencer Hauenstein
Kirsten Hill
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 – 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 April 14, 2011 Regular Meeting: Minutes from the April 14, 2011, regular meeting were reviewed. A motion was made by Darlene Putman and seconded by Brett Franks to approve the minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

Item 3 –Discuss and Consider March 24, 2011 Workshop Session: Mr. Bickerstaff summarized the meeting for the board. After discussion the board came up with the following priority list from the March 24, 2011 Workshop session:

1. Create a sidewalk ordinance
2. Install playground shade structures for these parks
 - a. Salmon Park
 - b. Firefighters Park
3. Install a sand volleyball court
4. Complete the trail around Joe and Patricia Stone park
5. Install a pavilion at Firefighters Park
6. Build tennis courts
7. Build a splash pad
8. Participate in a Tri-City Recreation Center

A motion was made by Brett Franks and seconded by Darlene Putman to accept the priority list as stated. Motion passed unanimously.

Item 4 – Update, Discuss and Consider Kiosks: Mr. Whitworth reported that the temporary signs on Dewitt will be installed in the next two-weeks and the Salmon Park sign will be re-installed in a few weeks as well. Mr. Whitworth will also ask for a Heritage Park sign to be installed on the kiosk at the corner of Sachse Road and Allsup.

Item 5 – Update, Discuss, and Consider Wildflower Planting: Mr. Whitworth reported that Sachse High School NHS is going to look into applying for some grant money to plant wildflowers. He suggested that if the City tries to plant wildflowers, we use the area around the police station as a trial run and then possibly try a small section of Highway 78.

Dave Sanford – 3718 Trailridge Drive – Reported that on the west side of Parklake Park there were bluebonnets.

Item 6 – Update, Discuss, and Consider Muddy Creek Disc Golf: Mr. Whitworth reported on the two options for the disc golf course. After discussion, the board agreed that this is not a good area for this type of course due to how wet the area stays. Mr. Franks suggested that we find another area for the disc golf or try to find something different for Muddy Creek. Mr. Bickerstaff agreed. The board decided to wait until a future date to find a better place for the disc golf course.

Item 7 – Staff Updates Regarding Current Activities, Special Events, and Personnel: Mr. Whitworth reported that First National Bank has offered to sponsor the purchase of a scoreboard for Salmon Park. We also just hired two new maintenance techs. July 2 is the scheduled date for the parade and fireworks. We will need two to three judges for the parade. July is Parks and Recreation month and we are going to post on the website the “5 in July Pledge” in which citizens pledge to visit five park facilities, at least one each week, for the month of July.

Item 8 – Request for Future Agenda Items: Requests were made to discuss the sidewalk expansion ordinance, contributions from organizations towards practice fields, and discussion of priority list.

Item 9 – Set Upcoming Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting Date: The next Park Board meeting was set for June 9, 2011, at 6:30 p.m.

Motion to adjourn was made by Darlene Putman. The motion passed unanimously.

Diana Smith, Secretary

Jeff Bickerstaff, Chairperson