

City of Sachse June 9, 2011
Parks and Recreation Commission Regular Meeting Minutes
6:30 p.m.

Present:
Jeff Bickerstaff, Chairperson
Diana Smith, Secretary
Juanita Miller
Kirsten Hill
Brett Franks
Jared Patterson, Council Liaison
Lance Whitworth, Parks Director
Cynthia Wiseman, Activity Coordinator

Absent:
Spencer Hauenstein
Darlene Putman, Vice-Chair

The Regular Meeting of the City of Sachse Parks and Recreation Commission was called to order at 6:37 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 May 26, 2011 Regular Meeting: Minutes from the May 26, 2011, regular meeting were reviewed. A motion was made by Kirsten Hill and seconded by Brett Franks to approve the minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

Item 3 – Update, Discuss and Consider Charitable Contributions from Organizations to the Parks Department: Mr. Franks informed the board that there aren't enough practice fields in the City during the season. The Sachse Baseball Association and Softball Association would like to donate money they have in reserves to the City to have practice fields built. They would like a backstop and dirt infields on the practice fields. Mr. Whitworth stated that the new field at Heritage cost approximately \$18,000 to build. The field at Salmon Park cost approximately \$2,700, and to add an infield it would cost an additional \$4,000. The board discussed locations that a practice field could be placed. Ms. Miller suggested looking at the areas under the power lines to see if that's an option. Mr. Whitworth noted that the City of Wylie has put up backstops in some of their utility line easements and it gets used often.

Item 4 – Update, Discuss and Consider Sidewalk Expansion Ordinance: Mr. Whitworth reported that there is an existing Subdivision Ordinance that states pedestrian walks must be a 4 feet minimum width. There is also an overlay district ordinance that includes areas that are part of the comprehensive or overlay district plan's existing trail system and states that any sidewalks built within that must be 8 feet in width. We can include in the subdivision ordinance that if any sidewalks are part of the master trail plan or the comprehensive trail plan we require a minimum of 8 foot pedestrian/bike walkway. Mr. Whitworth thinks that we can move forward with this. He will work with Barry Shelton to amend the ordinance and bring it to the park board to approve and forward on to the City Council for approval.

Item 5 – Update, Discuss, and Consider Future Park Amenities Priority List: Mr. Whitworth reported that there is not a pavilion included in the budget request improvements to 5th Street Park. The board discussed whether or not to keep the priority list as it is or amend it with this new information. A motion was made by Ms. Miller and seconded by Ms. Smith to amend item number 6 on the current priority list to include building a tennis/basketball court complex. The motion passed unanimously.

Item 6 – Staff Updates Regarding Current Activities, Special Events, and Personnel: Mr. Whitworth reported that the scoreboard for Salmon Park is moving along. We would like to have it installed by the first game of fall baseball. July 2 is the Red, White, and Blue Blast with a parade and fireworks. The lineup will start at 5 pm in front of City Hall and the Parade will begin at 6:00 pm, followed by the Splash Down at Heritage. The band will begin playing at Heritage Park starting at 7:30 pm and fireworks at 9:30 pm.

Item 7 – Request for Future Agenda Items: Requests were made to discuss the sidewalk expansion ordinance, contributions from organizations towards practice fields, Fallfest, and a walk for Sachse Parks Promotion.

Item 8 – Set Upcoming Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting Date: The next Park Board meeting was set for July 14, 2011, at 7:00 p.m.

Motion to adjourn was made by Brett Franks at 7:27 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.

Jeff Bickerstaff, Chairperson

Diana Smith, Secretary