

**THE CITY OF SAN ANGELO, TEXAS
MINUTE RECORD OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD**

Following notice and publication, the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board convened in a regular meeting at 3:30 p.m., February 22, 2018 in the South Meeting Room, McNease Convention Center, 500 Rio Concho Dr., San Angelo, Texas.

Board members present were Francis Jelensperger, Edward Dotson, Laurie Dicello, Bitsy Stone, and Kenneth Dierschke.

Staff members present were Carl White, Brent Casey, Roger Havlak and Mike Hitchcock and minutes were recorded by Ida Rios.

I. OPEN SESSION (3:30 p.m.)

A. Call to Order.

Mr. Jelensperger called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m.

B. Public Comment.

Mr. Brent Casey, Recreation Manager introduced Catherine Hand, Recreation Supervisor, to the Board. Mrs. Hand is a graduate from Texas A & M and started with the Recreation Division in January.

Mr. Ken Landon and Mr. Larry Jolly presented Board members with a framed print of the state official water lily, "Texas Dawn".

Mr. Rick Abbott, resident of Lake Nasworthy for 32 years and a member of the Lake Nasworthy Homeowners Association, discussed the trash around Lake Nasworthy and the Lake Nasworthy trust fund. The HOA has purchased trash bags with the logo "Sack it, don't sink it". The HOA is asking the City to help distribute the bags at the gates and for the City to provide trash receptacles at the boat ramps. In addition, the Mayor has asked the HOA to provide a list of priorities for the lake area. Lake Nasworthy HOA is asking the public for their input on what improvements need to be made at the lake. The Lake Nasworthy trust fund has money available that can be spent with city-wide approval. An example is the fishing pier that needs to be replaced. There is approximately \$10-\$11 million available right now in the fund.

II. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Consideration of approving the January 25, 2018 meeting minutes.

Mr. Dierschke made a motion to approve the meeting minutes with corrections. Ms. Stone seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

III. REGULAR AGENDA: PUBLIC HEARING AND COMMENT

2. Consideration of making a recommendation regarding an amendment to the City's license agreement with the People/Plant Connection as it relates to a request to waive the fees charged for use of the recreation center at times not authorized under the agreement.

Mr. White presented background information on this item. The Risk Management office with the City does not recommend allowing citizens inside the recreation center without City staff being present. The People/Plant Connection has requested that the fee for using the recreation center be waived when staff is not present and at times when staff is not scheduled by the Recreation Manager to be present. Staff cannot grant this request. Ms. Stanfield, with People/Plant Connection requested that the language in her agreement be modified for clarity. Mr. Dan Saluri, Assistant City Attorney and the Board discussed the process to amend the agreement. The Board supported renegotiating the language for clarity and bringing that back to the Board for review. Mr. Dotson made a motion recommending not to amend the contract to waive the fee for use of the recreation center as requested by the People/Plant Connection. Mr. Dierschke seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

3. Discussion of requests submitted by the managers of Spring Creek Marina for reducing the speed limit on the park road at Spring Creek Park and amending the City Ordinance to allow the use of golf carts for personal use at Spring Creek Park and recommending any related matters.

Mr. White presented background information on this item. The first item considered was the speed limit. The manager of the marina, Ray Broadway, is requesting the speed limit be changed from 20 mph to 10 mph. Parks & Recreation staff recommends lowering the speed limit to 15 mph. Changing the speed limit will require amending the city ordinance and getting Council's approval. The cost for the change would be approximately \$100 for the new signage. Mr. Broadway addressed issues with the roadway that separates the campers from the Lake. Children are crossing the road constantly and drivers are distracted by the wildlife in the area. The Board discussed the stopping distance of vehicles pulling a camper and enforcement of the speed limit. Sgt. Barry Wike, Lake Patrol, was partially in agreement with the change and discussed the responsibility of pedestrians, speed limit on dirt roads, the number of tickets that are being issued now and the increased number of tickets if the speed limit is lowered. He agreed to reduce the speed limit around the Marina and along the pipe rail fencing before the Tule Princess dock. Mr. Dierschke made a motion to keep the speed limit at 20 mph in the park and change it to 10 mph around the marina as recommended by Sgt. Wike. Mr. Dotson seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

The second part of the request is to allow the public to use golf carts in Spring Creek Park. The Assistant City Attorney, Dan Saluri, stated that use of golf carts is regulated by city ordinance which refers to the unlawful operation of a golf cart. The ordinance applies where the posted speed limit is more than 30 mph and the golf cart is properly equipped. There is a restriction on personal use on public roads, which these would be, and where the speed limit is 30 mph or more. The state code provides for the use of golf carts within two miles of a golf course, for personal use to and from a golf course or for business. There are exceptions under the state code for certain types of subdivisions. The Board discussed private usage of golf carts on public roads. Sgt. Wike clarified the exceptions with use of golf carts in the Bentwood area because it is near a golf course and a master planned community. UPS is also allowed to use golf carts for business purposes. The Texas Transportation Code allows the City to regulate the use in certain areas, however, Lake Patrol does not recommend the use of them in the Spring Creek park area. There was some discussion about the difference between ATV or 4-wheelers and golf carts. The Board discussed the ordinance and State Code and decided to table this item until there is further information.

4. Recommending matters related to the programed use (pre-scheduled use for practices) of Kirby Park by the San Angelo Bandits Football youth sport organization.

Mr. White presented background information on the Bandits organization. They have requested the use of Kirby Park north for practice fields from February 26 – May 18 on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday from 5:30-8:00 p.m. The program pays for the use of the fields and we have not had any past issues with the program. Parks & Recreation staff try to work with programs that do not have a home and provide space for their use to the extent that we are able. Staff does recommend approval. Mr. Mario Torres, President of the Bandits organization

gave additional information on the program. Ms. Dicello made a motion to allow the Bandits to use Kirby Park for practice fields as recommended by staff. Mr. Dierschke seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

5. Discussion of concerns related to the feeding of wildlife on public properties along roadways and near homes around Lake Nasworthy and recommending any related matters.

Mr. White presented background information. Staff received a call with concern about wildlife on the narrow roadways surrounding the Lake Nasworthy area. Citizens drop off feed for the deer causing congestion on the roadway where people stop to see the wildlife. Deer damaging vegetation in local homes and people stopping to take pictures can be a safety concern. There is no ordinance to prohibit feeding the wildlife. Ms. Debbie Albert Wilson is a resident at the lake and does not want to prevent feeding the wildlife but instead would recommend educating the public and home owners about where to feed them off the roadway. Sgt. Wike stated that they have not had any accidents in the area as a result of the wildlife. Not feeding wildlife would include not feeding ducks downtown. Residents feed the deer across from their homes. He does not recommend not feeding the wildlife. The Board discussed a designated area for feeding the animals, partnering with the Texas Parks & Wildlife to educate the public and perhaps Mr. White could write an article for the newspaper.

6. Presentation by the City Attorney regarding the role and purpose of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board.

This item was tabled for the next meeting.

7. Consideration of making a recommendation regarding a report from the *ad hoc* committee formed to prioritize unfunded parks and recreation improvement projects.

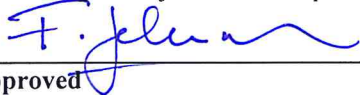
Mr. White presented background information on the ad hoc committee. Members of the committee included Mr. Jelensperger, Ms. Dicello, Mr. Roger Havlak, Mr. Brent Casey, Mr. White and Mr. Mike Hitchcock. The committee met and a list of prioritized unfunded parks and recreation improvement projects is included as a part of the permanent record. Ms. Stone made a motion to approve the list of prioritized unfunded projects as presented. Mr. Dierschke seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

8. Consideration of future agenda items.

Items to consider for the next meeting are Lake Nasworthy Homeowners Association request for trash receptacles and use of lake trust funds, trails from Southwest to Knickerbocker for bikes/runners, a new Nature Center, Gateway study and Board openings.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 4:42 p.m.



Approved