

**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., April 26, 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, Debbie Wilson, Christina Woodard 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 (3:33 p.m.)

A. Call to Order.

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

B. Public Comment.

Mr. Jelensperger introduced and welcomed new board member Debbie Wilson.

II. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Consideration of approving the February 22, 2018 meeting minutes.

Mr. Dierschke made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Ms. Wilson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

III. REGULAR AGENDA: PUBLIC HEARING AND COMMENT

2. Discussion of the Lake Nasworthy Master Plan as it relates to parks and recreation and recommendation of any related matters.

Mr. White presented background information on the Lake Nasworthy Masterplan that was completed in November 2013. The plan covered improvements to the residential and tourist areas of the lake. The Board discussed setting up a time table for implementing the plan, perhaps working on one of the catalyst projects or narrowing down the focus of the plan. The Board suggested setting priorities on what projects are possible and what projects are more out of reach. The Board also discussed the reaction of the public to the plan. Mr. White discussed the catalyst projects that could fit our market area such as the Harbor Village and a birding center. Councilman Alexander pushed for the plan but the plan's ideas have not been realized. The Board discussed water service to the lake area, what could be realistic future development for the area and the birding center. The Board decided to table this item and continue discussion of the related next item.

3. Discussion of Lake Nasworthy Homeowners' Association efforts as it relates to parks and recreation and recommendation of any related matters.

Mr. White presented information on recent improvements at Lake Nasworthy. In addition, there are future funded improvements such as the Middle Concho Park boat ramp expansion, restrooms and additional parking. Parks is in conversations with Texas Parks and Wildlife to see if additional funds can be secured to tap into sewer lines which are several hundred feet away. Without the funds only the parking and boat ramp improvements will be completed. Needed improvements at Lake Nasworthy that are not funded are the pier at Mary Lee Park, the Nature Center, pavilions at Spring Creek and Middle Concho Parks, restrooms which are currently on a septic system, shower facilities and playgrounds. The Lake Nasworthy trust fund can be used for improvements but will require a public referendum. Interest earnings from the principal in the fund are used for ongoing operations at the lake. The Board discussed what projects would be the highest priority and the source of the trust funds. The Board also discussed employing someone to look for money for projects like these and the need to make the public aware of the potential at the lake and the importance of maintaining and repairing assets of the park area. The Board recommended educating the public about the master plan and opportunities for improvements at Lake Nasworthy. The Board recommended including the HOA in talks on the improvements and begin with projects that could be done in-house that relate to Parks and Recreation. Ms. Wilson presented the Board a list of improvements the HOA would like to see, a copy is attached as a part of the permanent record. The Board discussed adding Adopt-A-Spot areas and taking a tour of the Lake Nasworthy area. Mr. Dierschke made a motion recommending to add the proposed trail connection along Knickerbocker Rd. as presented in the Lake Nasworthy master plan to the Capital Improvement Plan. Ms. Wilson seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

4. Updates on several projects: Texas Bank Sports Complex new restrooms, parking lot improvements for Station 618 and Santa Fe Crossing, design for the "Youth Sports Practice Complex" (29th St. Complex), dog park improvements, Brentwood Park renovation, improvements to the Neff's area, Civic League Park new turf and fence painting, continued work on river bank stabilization, efforts to conceptualize Santa Fe Park improvements, new sculptures at Bart DeWitt Park (as recommended by the Public Art Commission and approved by City Council), sculpture Garden design and recommendation of any related items.

Mr. Casey updated the Board on Recreation projects. Staff is working on the 29th St. Youth Sports Complex improvements to lower costs and stay within budget. The Board discussed grant money from the Texas Rangers for batting cages. Construction is set to begin on the Texas Bank Sports Complex Quad 2 Restroom building in May with Justis Construction. Construction on the Ruffini/parking lot at Station 618 will also begin in mid to late May with the chapel and the parking lot construction beginning soon after that. The Board discussed the number of parking lot spaces that will be added. Mr. Havlak, Parks Sr. Manager, updated the Board on the improvements at the dog park scheduled for April and May. The park will be closed during this time. The Board discussed the "leash free" location, the trees planted around the park and a lemonade stand that was set up recently at the dog park. Trails are approximately 50% complete at Brentwood Park and construction of the pavilion and playground will begin soon. Parks staff is currently planting sod and constructing a retaining wall in the Neff's area.

Improvements at Civic League Park include planting turf, irrigation upgrades and painting the water lily basin fences in preparation for the International Water Gardening Society's symposium this year. Mr. White updated the Board on the proposed sculpture garden improvements at Sunken Gardens Park. The City of San Angelo Development Corporation and City Council approved \$75,000 of half-cent sales tax for the design of the improvements. The Board discussed improvements and adding a pavilion to the area. The Lady in Blue sculptures will be added in May to Bart DeWitt Park with the dedication taking place on May 20. Landscaping the area will follow in the fall. River bank stabilization from Johnson Dam east to Bell St. is currently unfunded. Erosion on the bank behind Robert Massey Funeral Home has caused the trail to be closed off. Working with the Upper Colorado River Authority, an item will be taken to Council in May to set some matching money aside to apply for a TCEQ grant for this stretch of the river. The Board discussed how stabilization is done and the effect of the erosion on the garden areas. Santa Fe Park re-envision into a community park – The San Angelo Area Foundation has shown an interest in this project and is in the process of selecting a firm to produce a conception of what the park could be. The Board discussed what things could draw people to the river.

5. Consideration of future agenda items.

Items for future consideration are an update on the food truck vendors, speed limit at the Spring Creek Marina, Lake Nasworthy HOA priorities, Santa Fe Park re-envision improvements and funding plans. The Board would like to invite Mr. Matt Lewis, President for the San Angelo Area Foundation to speak on this topic.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:09 p.m.


Approved