

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

Following notice and publication, the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board convened in a regular meeting at 3:30 p.m., **March 23, 2023** in the Station 618 Activity Room, 618 S. Chadbourne St., San Angelo, Texas.

Board Members Present were Mark Davis, Suzi Marshall, Kenneth Dierschke, Cie Rangel, Allison Watkins, and Alicia Olshanski. **Staff Members Present** were Brent Casey, Mario De La O, Roger Havlak, Carl White. Guests present were Laurie Dicello, Ricky Martinez, Taylor Chase Twombly. The minutes were recorded by Barbara Stallworth.

I. OPEN SESSION (3:30 P.M.)

A. CALL TO ORDER

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

B. PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. White introduced Barbara Stallworth, new Senior Administrative Assistant for the Parks and Recreation Department. Ms. Stallworth was welcomed by the Board. Mr. White also announced that Emily Cowan was selected to be a new member of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board and will be replacing Mr. Dierschke. Ms. Cowan should be attending the next scheduled board meeting.

II. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Consideration of Approving the February 23, 2023 minutes.

Mr. Dierschke motioned to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by Ms. Marshall and passed unanimously.

III. REGULAR AGENDA: PUBLIC HEARING AND COMMENT

2. CONSIDER A PROPOSAL TO LEASE THE BEN FICKLIN FIELD FOR YOUTH SOCCER TRAINING AND PRACTICES BY SAN ANGELO EXTREME FC AND RECOMMEND ANY RELATED MATTERS.

Mr. White showed the Board the area listed in the proposal. Mr. White went over details of Mr. Martinez's proposal. Mr. Martinez addressed the Board and discussed details of the San Angelo Extreme FC including the age groups of athletes as well as the reasons for a proposal. Mr. Martinez confirmed his plans to make all repairs as well as take on maintenance of the grounds in the mentioned area, which will be outlined in the lease agreement, if approved. The Board members had questions pertaining to fencing, parking, signage and the use of restrooms. Mr. Martinez explained that the fencing is sufficient. He outlined the areas he will allow parking and, in the event of a tournament, he will get portable toilets. Mr. Martinez stated, at this time there are no lights at this field so practices will be during the day. Mr. Havlak stated that the water meter may have been removed and that it will need to be replaced or reactivated. Ms. Watkins questioned the responsibility in the event of vandalism, or property damage. Mr. White discussed that in the event of vandalism the City would be responsible for the replacement and repair of the property. Ms. Watkins motioned to move forward with the proposal for a lease. The motion was seconded by Ms. Rangel and passed unanimously.

3. CONSIDER FEES AND RULES FOR THE USE OF THE NEW PIER AND PAVILION FACILITY AT MARY E. LEE PARK AND LAKE NASWORTHY AND RECOMMEND ANY RELATED MATTERS.

Mr. Casey discussed the location and details of the pier construction. Mr. Casey discussed different trash receptacles to decrease the amount of trash that may blow into the water. As an idea, the public could rent both areas, pier and pavilion, for exclusive usage such as weddings if they choose, but should be for a larger amount of money. A rental rate of \$150.00 for 2 hours and \$300.00 for 4 hours was discussed. Ms. Rangel suggested that the amount increase by \$50.00 per hour for the pier and pavilion if the renter is wanting both areas at the same time. Ms. Dicello suggested we contact the HOA in the area for any suggestions related to the project and she asked if the pier is in compliance with ADA. Mr. White stated the HOA has been involved from the beginning of the project but will reach out to them and he offered that the pier is in compliance but the adjacent parking area needs to be paved, striped, signed and a connecting ramp installed. Mr. Davis asked about a timeline on when that can be completed and there is currently not a timeline for completion of that project. Ms. Olshanski asked if the usage of BBQ pits would be allowed on the pier, spacing of railing for safety of small children, as well as offered a suggestion to post a QR code for the public to acquire information about renting and vacancy. Mr. Casey confirmed that they would only be allowed in the parking area. Mr. Davis suggested that a maximum occupancy needs to be determined and any cautionary information be presented in the rental agreement as well as information regarding items not allowed such as piñatas, confetti and balloons for littering concerns mentioned. Mr. Casey discussed the rental of this area will be similar to the current process to hold a private event with fees and a refundable deposit, based on the manner the area was left by the occupants. Mr. White established that no vote was needed, we only needed suggestions from the board on details moving forward.

4. DISCUSS THE INTERNATIONAL WATER LILY COLLECTION AND OPERATION AGREEMENT AND RECOMMEND ANY RELATED MATTERS.

Mr. White introduced Taylor Chase Twombly. Mr. White reported that on Tuesday, March 21, 2023, the City Council had agreed to terminate the existing agreement with Ken Landon that had defaulted to his estate. This agreement is no longer in effect. The City Council also authorized staff to negotiate the new agreement with Mr. Twombly, and we are in the process of doing that now. Mr. Twombly will be contracting this as an

LLC and not as an individual. The City Council asked questions regarding Mr. Twombly's vision for this project as well as about succession. It was suggested that we negotiate a one-year contract with 2 one-year options for extension as long as both parties are in agreement to those extensions. Mr. White explained some details of the previous contracts with Mr. Landon with the Board. Mr. Twombly gave the Board some background information about himself and his spouse's experience working with Mr. Landon and expressed his excitement for the future projects he has in mind for the Collection. Mr. Havlak discussed the process of cleaning the ponds and explained what the Parks staff have been doing in the last few months. Ms. Marshall asked about the condition of the liners as well as if the algae can be reduced by the dye used. Mr. Havlak stated the liner in one basin was in good condition. Mr. Twombly expressed that dyeing the pond is helpful in keeping algae at a minimum. Mr. Havlak discussed working with Mr. Twombly in completing that process if algae becomes an issue. Mr. White mentioned that Mr. Twombly will be able to inspect the basins and greenhouses in developing his game plan for the collection. Mr. White established that he is hopeful the agreement will start April 1, 2023. Mr. Davis asked for any further comments. There were no further comments about the International Water Lily Collection project.

5. UPDATE FROM PARKS REGARDING RECENT, ONGOING AND UPCOMING IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS, AS WELL AS ANY MAINTENANCE MATTERS. Mr. Havlak gave an update to the Board and stated the pad for the pavilion at the Dog Park has been poured. Mr. Havlak mentioned that the irrigation at Brentwood Park is being completed. Mr. Havlak mentioned a storage building to be built soon at the Sports Complex that is approximately 1,200 sq. ft in size. The sod at that location will be transplanted to another area. Mr. Havlak mentioned the growing season and monitoring the trees and landscaping of the fields. Fertilizer and pre-emergent is being put down in gearing up for the season. Mr. White updated on the restrooms project at Martin Luther King Jr. Park. He explained the difficulties with the previous permits and explained that the planning department is allowing us to complete the project at this time as long as the platting is completed before the project is released for usage. Ms. Olshanski updated the Board on the fundraising for the Splash Pad project. Ms. Olshanski detailed the timeline of each vendor to be 6-8 weeks and 14-16 weeks out after ordering.

6. UPDATE FROM RECREATION REGARDING RECENT, ONGOING AND UPCOMING PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES. Mr. Casey discussed some position changes of some of the Recreation staff. Mr. Casey announced many events that will be coming to San Angelo. Mr. Casey announced the registration for Summer Track Club is going on now. He also mentioned that he will be changing the name of the Challenger League. Mr. Casey updated the Board on the Civic Rec online date of "going live" as April 10, 2023, for online reservations, registrations, payments and more. The pool is getting ready for the summer and staff are receiving their training. More staff is needed is needed for the pool and summer camps.

7. DISCUSS FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS AND UPCOMING MEETING DATE. Next meeting will be held April 27, 2023. New items: Information on the Splash Pad. Ms. Olshanski is asking for people to meet with her for assistance in spreading the word and asking for donations. Mr. White informed the Board of an amateur archeologist group that is trying to designate a specific area as a historic site. This will be discussed in more detail at the next meeting. Ms. Rangel asked to discuss the BMX track on 29th street at the next meeting. Mr. White announced that this meeting is the last meeting for Mr. Dierschke and everyone thanked him for his service with the Board.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Watkins motioned for the meeting to be adjourned at 4:35pm. Seconded by Ms. Marshall.



Approved