

City Of Carrollton
PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD
April 25, 2016 Minutes

The Parks and Recreation Board met April 25, 2016, 6:30 pm, in the Elm Fork room at Crosby Recreation Center, 1610 E. Crosby Rd.

Members present:

John Campbell
Suzanna Dooling
Dave Hermon, Jr., Vice-Chair
Maytelin Herrera-Batista, Chair
Gerry Lalima
Willadean Martin
Jeff Sailer
Michael Vertz

Members absent:

Lorri Goddard

Staff present:

Bobby Brady, Parks Mntce Mgr
Susan Bruckhoff, Admin Spclst
Kim Bybee, Athletics Mgr
Scott Whitaker, PARD Director

1. **CALL MEETING TO ORDER** - Chairperson Maytelin Herrera-Batista called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.
2. **VISITORS.** Al Overholt, citizen. Tom Sifferman, citizen, shared his appreciation that the city is looking into park land in north Carrollton. He had questions about the park pro-rata and wondered if maybe the city should raise the pro-rata fees. He shared that one of his neighbors also plans to attend Park Board meetings in the future.
3. **APPROVAL OF FEBRARY 22, 2016 MINUTES** - Motion was made by John Campbell to accept the minutes as presented. Jeff Sailer seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous with eight votes for and none against.
4. **PARKS & RECREATION HOURS/FEES DISCUSSION** – Scott gave a brief explanation about fees and the fee ordinance. With the recent expansion and improvements at the Senior Center, we are looking at hours of operation and fees. We talked with the Senior Advisory Council, who has talked with the seniors. Gerry shared that they are not opposed to moderate fee increases. Scott said the seniors have enjoyed the earlier opening hours at the recreation centers during the Senior Center renovation and that we are looking into possibly opening the Senior Center earlier. Scott shared that City Council would like to see us expand our current process of dedicating a percentage of facility and pool membership fees that fund small capital projects and improvements at those facilities to include facility and field rental fees.

We will forward any proposed fee changes to Park Board. We also discussed possibly having our next Park Board meeting at the Senior Center in June.

5. **DISCUSS LOCATION OF SECOND SPLASH PARK** – Scott said focus for staff is to explore areas in north Carrollton for the location of our second splash park. He shared a PowerPoint slide showing the Oak Hills Park on Hebron Parkway at Rolling Oaks, with a footprint of the Thomas Splash Park overlaid on the map to give an idea of how it would fit and where parking would be, as well as a restroom. He said some conversations have taken place with the church next to this park. The goal is to have this second splash park open in

May 2017. Dave Hermon made a motion recommending we further pursue this location for the second splash park. A second was made by John Campbell and the vote was unanimous for.

- 6. REPORT CARD PROJECT UPDATE** – Scott shared that we have finished the Francis Perry playground replacement with a train theme, adding swings and our first generation swing. Jimmy Porter playground will be next, with replacement expected to begin in May. This playground will also include a generation swing.

7. PARKS AND RECREATION UPDATES & UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Bobby** – Rhoton Park pavilion is scheduled for replacement, with funds coming from a government redevelopment program.
We're prepping for the 5K on May 7.
We are working on budget, Business Plans, and regular spring time tasks, including mowing, landscaping, and coping with the weather.
- **Scott** – A question was asked about the Indian Creek Golf Course reopening. Scott shared that the Lakes Course reopened in April and we expect to reopen the Creek Course in June. Cart paths and bunkers were repaired and about 3 ½ acres of sod was installed. It looks pretty good already and will continue to improve.
- **Kim** – We are finishing work at the Thomas Splash Park getting ready to open on May 1. Registration ends this Sunday for the 5K. We have several sponsors, including the new Courtyard Marriott. They will be providing a one weekend night stay to the first place winner in each of the male and female age categories as well as to our overall male and female finishers.
Thomas baseball construction project goes to City Council next week and will include shade and a new restroom.
The McInnish Dog Park is expected to be open in June or July. It will have three sections and shade.
Our free Jr Fishing Event will be May 28 at Josey Ranch Lake.
The Rosemeade Pool will open Memorial Day weekend. We replaced a water feature at the pool with a new water table and have replastered several areas of the pool.
We have a new Park Superintendent, Richard Clarke, who has strong experience in turf management.
- **Scott** – We have several events coming up. Battle of the Bands April 30 in downtown Carrollton, Movie on the Lawn at the Museum April 30, the movie "Space Balls" May 4 in downtown, Concert on the Square May 7, Paws on the Square May 14, 11 am to 4 pm, and Lava Luau on the square June 18.

- 8. ADJOURNMENT** – Motion to adjourn was made by Willadean Martin and seconded by Gerry Lalima. The vote was unanimous with eight for. Chairperson Maytelin adjourned the meeting at 7:20 pm. The next meeting will be June 27, 2016.

Respectfully submitted,

Maytelin Herrera-Batista
Chairperson

Scott Whitaker
Parks & Recreation Director