

**City Of Carrollton**  
**PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD**  
**August 22, 2016 Minutes**

The Parks and Recreation Board met August 22, 2016, 6:30 pm, at Crosby Recreation Center, 1610 E Crosby Road.

Members Present:

Dave Hermon, Jr., Vice-Chair  
Maytelin Herrera-Batista, Chair  
Gerry Lalima  
Willadean Martin  
Jeff Sailer

Members Absent:

John Campbell, resigned  
Suzanna Dooling  
Lorri Goddard  
Michael Vertz

Staff Present:

Bobby Brady, Parks Mntce Mgr  
Susan Bruckhoff, Admin Spclst  
Kim Bybee, Athletics Mgr  
Heather Smith, Leisure Svcs Mgr  
Scott Whitaker, PARD Director  
John Sutter, City Council Liaison

1. **CALL MEETING TO ORDER** - Chairperson Maytelin Herrera-Batista called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.
2. **VISITORS.** Tim Herrel and Ron Branson with VFW Post #8923, Al Overholt, citizen, Glen Blanscet, City Council member, and Daniel Dockeney, citizen.
3. **APPROVAL OF JULY 11, 2016 MINUTES** - Motion was made by Jeff Sailer to accept the minutes as presented. Gerry Lalima seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous with five votes for and none against.
4. **PRESENTATION BY VFW – VETERANS PARK** – Scott gave a brief introduction of the topic and invited Ron Branson to address the board. Ron shared that the VFW presented information to City Council at the invitation of Leonard Martin. City Council asked that the matter be brought through the Park Board first. Ron presented a slide show of architect drawings showing how the memorial could possibly look, including a flag pole, water feature, representation of the five armed services, a flag burning pit, maybe an amphitheater and a tank or some kind of military artifact. The VFW believes a memorial would be a great addition to Veterans Park at McInnish Sports Complex and is requesting a city match on funds they plan to raise to build the memorial, ranging from \$100,000 to \$250,000, depending on finalized amenities. After discussion, the board shared that they think this would be a worthy project and would like more information. This item will be included on the next Park Board agenda.
5. **FUTURE CAPITAL PROJECTS DISCUSSION** – Scott shared that the potential 2017 bond election may be delayed until possibly 2018 due to the revenues generated this year. Projects the Parks & Recreation Department are considering are the T.C. Rice property development, Rosemeade Rainforest bath house remodel, additional trails and/or trail amenities, parkland in north Carrollton, Crosby expansion/improvements, museum improvements, lakes/ponds clean up, and Oakwood Springs pond work.
6. **UPDATE ON SECOND SPLASH PARK** – Scott said Oak Hills Park has been selected and approved by City Council for the second splash park location. We are getting final designs to include the splash pad, parking, shade, and restroom/pump house. This project is funded and we hope to open it in May 2017.

7. **BUDGET UPDATE** – Scott discussed the budget process, shared preliminary discussion by City Council, and provided a general budget overview.

8. **DISCUSSION OF WILDFLOWERS – SUZANNA DOOLING** – Suzanna was not present. This topic will be rescheduled.

9. **PARKS AND RECREATION UPDATES & UPCOMING EVENTS**

- **Kim** – The Jimmy Porter plaque will be unveiled October 8. The dedication will include Keith Moreland as a speaker. Keith is a former Major League baseball player and was coached by Jimmy Porter.

Thomas Baseball project is underway, including parking, shade, sidewalk, new restroom, sound, fencing, baseball shaped bollards, and a privately funded eight-foot glove/ball dedicated in memory of Shane Patterson.

The dog park at McInnish is under construction with expected opening this October.

The pool had a good summer and will close after Labor Day.

Pooch Pool Party is set for September 10.

We are adding a fall campout October 1.

Fall soccer is starting.

- **Bobby** – We had \$93,576 in storm damage recently, including \$43,000 in replacement trees.

We are preparing for the last fertilization cycle.

We have purchased wildflower and bluebonnet seeds.

- **Heather** – We have a new education coordinator who is planning new nature classes.

We have had a recent donation offer from the Perry family of items that used to be in the home.

We are doing final tweaks to the Senior Center following the expansion. The new kitchen equipment is in and new chairs are being delivered.

We're looking into additional activities for next summer to keep the school children occupied.

We're doing some minor tennis center improvements.

- **Scott** – Concert on the Square is this Saturday and we have movies and concerts on the square through September and October. There will be two movies for Halloween on October 27, It's The Great Pumpkin, Charlie Brown followed by Ghostbusters.

Festival at the Switchyard will be November 5.

Santa Dash 5K and Santa on the Square will be December 3.

Citizens Evening is scheduled for September 15. We encourage all board members to attend to help answer questions from citizens interested in serving on boards.

We have a vintage baseball game set for September 24 at McInnish Sports Complex. Everyone is invited.

Both golf courses are now open and we have had positive comments on the playing conditions.

We currently have an RFP out for management of the Indian Creek Golf Course.

The Boards and Commissions appreciation dinner is October 20 at Crosby Recreation Center.

10. **ADJOURNMENT** – Motion to adjourn was made by Dave Hermon and seconded by Gerry Lalima. The vote was unanimous with five for. Chairperson Maytelin adjourned the meeting at 7:36 pm. The next meeting will be October 24, 2016.

Respectfully submitted,

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Maytelin Herrera-Batista  
Chairperson

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Scott Whitaker  
Parks & Recreation Director

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