

City Of Carrollton
PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD
October 24, 2016 Minutes

The Parks and Recreation Board met October 24, 2016, 6:30 pm, at Crosby Recreation Center, 1610 E Crosby Road.

Members Present:

Suzanna Dooling
Lorri Goddard
Dave Hermon, Jr., Vice-Chair
Maytelin Herrera-Batista, Chair
Gerry Lalima
Willadean Martin
Michael Vertz

Members Absent:

Jeff Sailer

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 6:38 pm.
2. **VISITORS.** Daniel Dockeney, citizen, and Tom Sifferman, citizen
3. **APPROVAL OF AUGUST 22, 2016 MINUTES** - Motion was made by Gerry Lalima to accept the minutes as presented. Michael Vertz seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous with seven votes for and none against.
4. **UPDATE ON SECOND SPLASH PARK** – Scott shared that Oak Hills Park has been selected as the location for the second splash park. Vortex has been chosen as the general contractor for the splash park, shade, and restroom/pump house. Engineering will work on parking, water and sewer. Scott met with Grace Lutheran Church about three weeks ago about the project since we may share property and access. We are looking at early May for opening.
5. **DISCUSSION OF WILDFLOWERS – SUZANNA DOOLING** – Suzanna shared a printed hand out of information about wildflowers and Monarch butterflies. She said Monarchs migrate through Carrollton in the fall but not in the spring. She discussed their diet, water, and places they lay eggs. She suggested the Josey Ranch Library natural area as a site for planting more wildflowers.
6. **PARKS AND RECREATION UPDATES & UPCOMING EVENTS**
 - **Bobby** – our employees won First Place in the Regional TRAPS Rodeo. The board congratulated the team!
We have an RFP out to replace the Rhoton Park pavilion.
We have had several volunteer projects recently around town.
 - **Heather** – We are looking into entryway floor replacements at Crosby and Rosemeade Recreation Centers and hope to do them before summer.
We are also looking into ceiling tile replacement and closing the small restrooms at Rosemeade Recreation Center.
We're looking into options for the boxing room at Crosby Recreation Center to better utilize the space.

Movie and Magic at The Perry this Saturday night.

Volunteer group did work at the Elm Fork Nature Preserve recently.

We're sending out post card reminders for recreation center members whose memberships are expiring and offer a free month if they renew before that date.

The new floor at the Senior Center is not as it should be and the Engineering Department is looking into when best to make those repairs.

- **Kim** – McInnish Dog Park is open and has a small splash park.

Thomas fields will be playable this Friday.

Youth basketball has started and we have about 700 kids this year.

Fall sports are winding down.

Our guys are starting on winter projects.

We will be installing lights at the practice fields and the dog park at Rosemeade. Suzanna Dooling shared a request for lights at McInnish Dog Park.

We will be doing repairs on the lazy river.

The Santa Dash and Santa on the Square will be December 3.

We will have a new, giant snow globe as part of the downtown decorations that people can walk inside.

- **Scott** – We had a movie downtown this last Saturday and had dance teams from the school district, music, and approximately 1,200 in attendance.

Scott shared a slide show of the Parks & Recreation project list for 2016-17, pictures from the McInnish Dog Park grand opening, and the Jimmy Porter unveiling.

We had a good budget year. A Park Planner position is being added for 2017 to help with many projects.

(Willadean Martin left at 7:26 pm)

We are evaluating the T C Rice property, doing an access study, and will leave as a natural area.

- **John Sutter** – Increased sales tax has really helped this year.

This board helps with future developments with your recommendations.

Parks are important to the population and have a major impact on the city.

Thank you for what you do!

7. **ADJOURNMENT** – Motion to adjourn was made by Dave Hermon and seconded by Lorri Goddard. The vote was unanimous with seven for. Chairperson Maytelin adjourned the meeting at 7:37 pm. The next meeting will be December 5, 2016.

Respectfully submitted,

Maytelin Herrera-Batista
Chairperson

Scott Whitaker
Parks & Recreation Director