

MINUTES

PARK AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

The Park and Recreation Advisory Board of the City of Burkburnett, Texas met in a regular meeting on September 4, 2019, at 4:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the City Hall, 501 Sheppard Road, Burkburnett, Texas.

The following members were present: Danny Cremeens, Kim Horn, Tiffany King, Brian Love, Rodney McCleskey, and Brian Pindell.

The following members were not present: Cory Brinkley and Brett Einhuas.

Others present were: Brent Battista, Director of Parks and Recreation; Lawrence Cutrone, City Manager; and Margie Poole, City Clerk.

ITEM 1. Danny Cremeens called the meeting to order at 4:02 p.m. Mr. Cremeens acknowledged the request for public comments from Mr. Jim Morgan. Mr. Morgan addressed the Board regarding the need for a Seniors Activity Center.

ITEM 2. Brian Love made a motion, seconded by Rodney McCleskey to approve the minutes from March 6, 2019. Motion carried unanimously.

ITEM 3. Director of Parks and Recreation comments.

- A. Discuss options and ideas and funding for Royalty Park renovation
- B. Update on future events
- C. Update of Permian Park playground and restrooms

Brent Battista, Director of Parks and Recreation, addressed the Board regarding the second phase renovation for Royalty Park. Mr. Battista showed the Board a variety of options for an exercise park to garner the vision of the Board for this phase of renovation. Discussion ensued regarding the surfacing, lighting of walkways, and placement of exercise equipment. Mr. Battista requested direction from the Board as the size and scope of the project as well as funding options (Burkburnett Development Corporation, The Priddy Foundation, and the Texas Parks and Wildlife). Mr. Cremeens mentioned that incorporating fitness and all age groups will open other funding opportunities, but we need a preliminary design and plan in place before proceeding with the grant application process. Mr. Cremeens suggested inviting vendors to present designs and costs to the Board.

Regarding Permian Park, Mr. Battista updated the Board that the restroom vandalism has ceased and the Port-a-Potty will be removed. Mr. Battista stated that the annual cost to maintain the mulch is about \$3000-\$3500, with the cost being higher for the first couple of years, due to the packing/settling of the mulch. Additionally, there is a crack in a slide, which is being replaced free of charge.

Mr. Battista stated that the Glow Run is October 4th with the Friendship Festival following on October 5th. Juneteenth is confirmed for 2020. Mr. Battista then updated the Board on the status of the pond, which is green due to an overgrowth of algae. The cause of the algae overgrowth is the overpopulation of ducks. Lastly, Mr. Battista updated the Board on the Doug Green Memorial Plaque. We are still awaiting the arrival of the stone which is coming from India.

ITEM 4. Committee member comments.

Rodney McCleskey asked for an update on the baseball fields. Mr. Battista mentioned that the management of the Baseball League had transferred over to another group (Ron and Lisa Burdick). Part of the agreement is that this new group would take care of the fields. However, that has not been happening, so the City has been trying to take care of the fields, which is overwhelming the Parks Department. Mr. Battista made contact with the new group and reiterated that they need to be mowing the fields. Lisa Burdick mentioned that they would be setting a schedule to mow.

ITEM 5. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Danny Cremeens made a motion, seconded by Brian Love to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 4:37 p.m.

Danny Cremeens, Chairperson

ATTEST:

Margie Poole, City Clerk