



The City of Liberty Hill

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PARKS & RECREATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS MINUTES

TUESDAY – AUGUST 21, 2018 – 6:00 PM
2801 Ranch Road 1869 – Liberty Hill, Texas

CALL TO ORDER

Mary Lynn Jones - Chair of the Parks & Recreation Board called the meeting to order at 6:05 PM on Tuesday – August 21, 2018 at 2801 Ranch Road 1869 in Liberty Hill, Texas. The invocation was given followed by reciting the Pledge of Allegiance and Texas Pledge. **Board Members Present:** Mary Lynn Jones, Mike Wilson, Jamey Harrison, and Liz Branigan; quorum was established. **Staff & Guests Present:** Greg Boatright, Michel Sorrell, Sally McFeron, and Barbara Zwernemann.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Discuss and take action on minutes of the Parks & Recreation Board meeting held Tuesday – July 24, 2018. **OUTCOME:** On motion by Mike Wilson and second by Liz Branigan, the minutes of the Regular Parks and Recreation Board of Directors' meeting held July 24, 2018 were approved as amended. Motion passed on vote of 4 AYES; 0 NAYS; 0 ABSTENTIONS.

PARK / EVENT PERMITS

Barbara Zwernemann – City Secretary addressed the Board stating that she is working to reschedule the last movie night for September. Since the movie company canceled the previous movie night due to rain, the City can reschedule at no cost to the City.

REGULAR AGENDA

Update on recommendation for sponsorship of \$5,000 in support of the 2018 Sculpture Festival community event. Greg Boatright – City Administrator stated that City Council voted against the sponsorship; however, the City / City Council did sponsor the Sculpture Festival with a \$10,000 sponsorship of its own. The City's attorney is working to amend the Board's status so they can provide their own sponsorships. This will require a hearing and UDC amendment.

Update by the City Administrator on Texas Parks & Wildlife Department's (TPWD) recent visit to City Park and assessment of the Swim Center project relevant to the TPWD grant. Greg Boatright – City Administrator stated the City had a good visit with Aaron Friar – TPWD, discussing expectations and process. Confirmation of funds won't be approved until sometime in March 2019. Then the City will be free to bid the project. Mr. Boatright recommends getting a jump on the project by moving forward with the trail and tree program. He would like to start having trees planted this fall. Mike Wilson suggested waiting until the end of soccer and football season which would be mid-November. The City Administrator stated work will be on the opposite end of the Park from the soccer/football fields so that should not present an issue.

As a match for the \$500,000 grant the City only has to allocate around 7 acres for the Yellow Book appraisal. That means the City will be able to leverage around 53 acres of the Larkspur Park (10% of the Park being allocated to the grant).

He stated that establishing a relationship with Aaron Friar - TPWD will be valuable to the City in the future. Mr. Friar mentioned the City missed the Wetzel Park grant by only one (1) point. Mary Lyn Jones – Chair inquired as to future grants that might assist with additional ball fields. The City Administrator and Director of Planning both remarked they are “hot on the trail” to make that happen. The people they are talking with are interested in accommodating the City, perhaps through the San Gabriel River Park Board to make this work with the development community for land and construction dollars. There was discussion about going after additional grants for the trails. Halff & Associates is working on this for the City.

Update on rejecting bids for construction of the splash pad mechanical room and restrooms at Wetzel Park to include the process going forward. Greg Boatright – City Administrator stated the City rejected the bids for Wetzel Park and Police Department parking lot because of the bids exceeded what the City planned to spend. The big ticket item was the restrooms at around \$600.00 per square foot. The City recommended going back and do a re-design of the restrooms, making them open air, split face, with no heating or air. The architect will re-design the building and the work will go out again for bids with the redesign. Wetzel Park and the Police Department parking lot will be separate packages and bids. Mary Lyn Jones – Chair asked about the redesign of the swim center (originally 5,000 square feet) but now with the added swim lanes. The design is being altered to bring the pool to 4,800 square feet.

ADJOURNMENT

Mike Wilson made a motion to adjourn; second by Liz Branigan. The meeting was adjourned at 6:55 PM. **OUTCOME:** Motion passed on vote of 3 AYES, 0 NAYS, AND 0 ABSTENTIONS.

The next meeting of the Parks and Recreation Board will be Tuesday, August 21, 2018 at 6:00 PM.

/s/ Barbara Zwernemann
BARBARA ZWERNEMANN
City Secretary