



**PARKS & RECREATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
THURSDAY - MARCH 18, 2021 - 6:00 PM
AGENDA**

**Council Chambers at Municipal Court
2801 Ranch Road 1869, Liberty Hill, Texas**

Kathy Canady VACANT POSITION Mary Lyn Jones	Jr. (Mosby) Hamilton Jennifer Ivicic
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1) CALL TO ORDER

a) Establish Quorum

b) Invocation

c) Pledge of Allegiance

"I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one Nation under God, indivisible, with Liberty and Justice for all."

d) Texas Pledge

"Honor the Texas flag; I pledge allegiance to thee, Texas, one state under God, one and indivisible."

2) PUBLIC COMMENTS

The Liberty Hill Parks & Recreation Board of Directors accepts public comments regarding the Agenda of regular meetings and Public Hearings of the Parks & Recreation Board. Individuals wishing to speak must complete a Public Comment Form and present the completed form to the City Secretary prior to the start of the meeting. Each citizen is allowed a maximum of three (3) minutes.

You may also submit comments to nsawyer@libertyhilltx.gov before 3:00 PM the day of the meeting to be read by the City Secretary.

3) REGULAR AGENDA

a) Discuss and consider approval of Parks and Recreation Board of Directors Minutes of December 17, 2020.

- b) Update from Lacie Hale, City Administrator, regarding Youth League contracts.
- c) Update from Lacie Hale, City Administrator regarding approved Swim Center design.
- d) Update from Lacie Hale, City Administrator regarding 17-acre development with proposed park and trail.
- e) Update from Lacie Hale, City Administrator regarding trail at City Park.
- f) Discuss and consider action to recommend construction of a harmony park to City Council.
- g) Update and discussion of City Park landscaping.

4) NEXT MEETING

- a) • Thursday, April 15, 2021

5) ADJOURNMENT

City Council reserves the right to adjourn into Executive Session at any time during the course of the meeting to discuss any item listed above, as authorized by Texas Government Code Section 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney), §551.072 (Deliberations about Real Property), §551.073 (Deliberations about Gifts and Donations), §551.074 Personnel Matters), §551.076 (Deliberations about Security Devices), and §551.087 (Development). In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, the City of Liberty Hill will provide reasonable accommodation for persons attending City Council meetings. To better serve you, requests need to be received 48 hours prior to the meeting. Contact the City Secretary at 512-778-5449 –Extension 112.

POSTING CERTIFICATION: I, NANCY SAWYER – CITY SECRETARY – CITY OF LIBERTY HILL certify that the attached notice of meeting for the CITY COUNCIL – CITY OF LIBERTY HILL, TEXAS was duly posted on the bulletin board at Council Chambers located at 2801 Ranch Road 1869 in Liberty Hill, Texas and on the City website (www.libertyhilltx.gov) on the _____ day of _____, 2021 at _____. Nancy Sawyer – City Secretary.

REMOVAL CERTIFICATION: I, NANCY SAWYER – CITY SECRETARY – CITY OF LIBERTY HILL certify that the attached notice of meeting was removed from the bulletin board at Municipal Court / Council Chambers located at 2801 Ranch Road 1869 in Liberty Hill, Texas on the _____ day of _____, 2021 at _____. INITIALS_____



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AGENDA ITEM 3.a

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2020.**



Parks and Recreation Board of Directors Minutes

Thursday, December 17, 2020 – 6:00 PM

Municipal Court Building

2801 RR 1869, Liberty Hill, Texas

CALL TO ORDER

The Parks and Recreation Board of Directors meeting was called to order by Board Chair Mary Lyn Jones on Thursday, December 17, 2020 at 6:00 PM at 2801 RR 1869, Liberty Hill, Texas. Invocation was given followed by Pledge of Allegiance and Texas Pledge.

Parks and Recreation Board of Directors present include Mary Lyn Jones, Jennifer Ivicic, Kathy Canady, and Jr. Hamilton.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Jake Thomas addressed the Board stating he feels that soon, the Youth Baseball league will be unable to provide for the youth softball and baseball organization as it is growing so quickly with the influx of residents. He feels that need to be able to host tournaments and are unable to because they lack the resources. He mentioned the school district-owned land that could be utilized by the league.

Ms. Jones, Board Chair stated Lacie Hale, City Administrator might be able to visit with Mr. Snell regarding that possibility.

Joseph Pezold addressed the Board proposing a calisthenics park within Foundation Park.

- Allow for free weights
- Not expensive
- Not difficult to install
- Bledsoe Park has a calisthenics park
- Great for the overall health of the City.

Ms. Jones, Chair, stated Foundation Park is not owned by the City but that they might could incorporate those aspects in another park.

REGULAR AGENDA

Discussion and possible action to approve minutes of the Parks and Recreation Board of Directors' meeting held November 19, 2020.

OUTCOME: On motion by Mike Wilson and second by Kathy Canady, the Board approved the minutes as amended to show correct date in first paragraph.

Motion passed on vote of 4 ayes, 0 nays, and 0 abstentions.

Discussion with Justin Everett, Vice President of Operations – Liberty Hill Youth Soccer Association regarding Youth League Soccer Contract.

Lacie Hale, City Administrator, stated those at the dais should have a copy of the draft agreement. The draft contract started in spring and ends February 1, 2021. Ms. Hale will take the draft to the first Council meeting in January and then the final to Council at the second Council meeting.

Fees are changing. Original fee was \$1 / year. This amount will increase because the City will be taking over maintenance. The City will also pay for electricity; the City is taking over irrigation. The soccer nets and goals would be on the Association and the striping, irrigation, and aeration would be outsourced.

Discussion with Chris Pezold, and possible action regarding a passive hike and bike trail to the west of downtown situation in a 17-acre tract.

Mr. Pezold brought visual aids including maps with his handout. He explained the location of the property. He stated that Planning and Zoning approved with one against – Steve McIntosh. Mr. Pezold stated he thinks multifamily housing is pretty important, and he would like the City to have access to this hike and bike trail. He thinks his Central Park was, at its inception, the best-looking half-acre in town. He wants the new area to be like the Arboretum area with perhaps a lift station. Mr. Pezold stated Mr. McIntosh's concern was traffic and Mr. McIntosh was disguising his animosity with ignorance. Mr. Pezold stated he had Kathy Canady and Liz Rundzieher with traffic being taken care of by the Highway 29 bypass which will be done in three years, about the same time as the development. Mr. Pezold stated he has the feeling Kathy Canady, Liz Rundzieher, and Steve McIntosh will vote no when the item gets to Council.

Mr. Pezold stated when this went to the Economic Development Corporation, the members wanted to take this into Executive Session. He stated EDC's role is to advise and grow the City and unless you are going to do a moratorium on housing, this development needs to go through. Mr. Pezold stated he was "treated like crap" for a while. He addressed Lacie Hale and stated he called to talk, and no one would return his calls. He stated he hopes Mr. McIntosh votes against because the development will be a great thing. He stated he is looking at 2-1/2 acres for the park and hike and bike trail and would like the City to erect a wrought-iron fence around it. He stated when zoning is granted, he would like to do the park donation and file it with Williamson County.

Mr. Pezold said he has canvassed downtown businesses, and everyone is in favor. He asked the Parks Board to recommend approval to the Council.

Kathy Canady, Parks Board (and Councilmember) stated that Mr. Pezold does not know how she will vote and that traffic is still a legitimate concern.

Chris Pezold stated that if she votes it down because of traffic concerns, that would be illegal.

Mary Lyn Jones, Board Chair asked Mr. Pezold to perhaps put his emphasis on what he could do with the park.

Mr. Pezold stated that if it does not pass, he will sell the property and the City won't get anything. He stated there is opportunity here for everyone. He apologized and stated he is aggressive but feels the property has been hijacked. He stated traffic count studies are performed after approval of zoning and wants to expose that if there is a "no" vote, it is not due to traffic.

Kathy Canady stated that if Mr. Pezold wants to do this for the City, he should go ahead and do it for the City.

Mr. Pezold responded that he is a for-profit guy and not ashamed.

No action was taken.

Financials presentation and discussion. Discussion and presentation with summary of funds contributed by developers to the Parks Board.

Becky Wilkins, City Treasurer addressed the Board of Directors stating there is a copy of their budget in the packets. There is \$50,000 allocated by Council for parks amenities, benches, etc. She included a five-year relative balance report, showing monies used for Wetzel Park and its ongoing maintenance.

Ms. Wilkins reminded the Board they can always bring their recommendations of expenditures to Council. There was discussion of grant possibilities and tree mitigation fees.

Ms. Jones, Board Chair stated the Parks Board used to receive reports with totals, expenditures, etc. Ms. Wilkins stated she could send one to her.

Parks update.

Lacie Hale, City Administrator provided an update on Liberty Hill parks.

- Swim Center – Council has signed an agreement for the design of the pool. Hope to have bids out in March 2021 and looking at an 8-9-month timeframe to build. Lacie Hale stated she would be happy to provide a monthly update on the swim center.
- Wetzel Park – Equipment is being installed for automatic restroom doors. Wi-Fi has been installed. Once everything is ready, possibly the 1st or 2nd week in January, the park can be opened up and advertised through social media. Katie Amsler might set up some activity for that.

Discussion and possible action regarding signs and drawings for City Park football field and basketball courts.

There was discussion about recommending to Council approval of two signs in the amount of \$650.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion by Jr. Hamilton and second by Jennifer Ivicic, the Parks and Recreation Board of Directors was adjourned at 7:12 pm.

Mary Lyn Jones
Chair