

**MINUTES
CITY OF TAYLOR
PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
October 19, 2016
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
400 PORTER STREET
TAYLOR, TEXAS 76574
6:00 P.M.**

PRESENT

Larry Cmerek
Kathleen Amboree
Gary Gola
Andrew Gonzales
Jennifer Jewett
Irene Michna
Stayci Roznovak-Burris
Ginger Schneider
Timothy Tebeau, student member

ABSENT

Laurie Connally
David Morris
Lonnie Zycha

OTHERS PRESENT

Mike DeVito, P&R Superintendent
Leisha Morrison, Admin Assist
Noel Bernal, Asst City Manager

The meeting was called to order and a quorum declared at 6:01 p.m.
Invocation was given by Committee member Stayci Roznovak-Burris
Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

REGULAR AGENDA

Approve minutes from the September 21, 2016 meeting

Motion: made by Committee member Andrew Gonzales to approve minutes as presented.
Second: Committee member Ginger Schneider.
Vote: All voted aye.
Minutes approved.

Citizens Communications

none

Kite Day report

Kite Day was held on October 1, 2016, the rescheduled date from September 10, 2016. There were 30 registrants and some general public. No action taken on this item.

Pickle ball court update

Parks and Recreation Superintendent Mike DeVito spoke with TATA about setting up 3 of the tennis courts as pickle ball courts. Mr. DeVito reached out too Dobbs Construction. No action taken on this item.

Soccer Field update

Parks and Recreation Superintendent stated that a meeting has been set with the Parks Foundation to discuss the local business sponsoring a soccer field. No action taken on this item.

Doak Ballfields and Non Profit Organization update

Committee member Andrew Gonzales presented his drawing of the Doak ballfields, which included a parking lot, concession stand, meeting/conference center, basketball practice court and basketball court. Mr. DeVito invited the committee to help with 2016 Arbor Day tree planting event on Saturday, October 22, 2016, which will be at the Doak ballfields. Assistant City Manager let the committee know the City of Taylor received a \$5,000.00 donation. A portion of the money will be used for irrigation placement to irrigate the newly planted trees. He also let them know that City Council approved the creation of a "Friends of the Park" foundation. No City staff or serving board members would be able to serve on the foundation. No action taken on this item.

Tennis Court drainage

Mr. DeVito presented a map of the tennis courts, showing the problem areas of drainage. Solutions would include installation of a french drain on the west and possibly north side of the courts, building up the embankment on the south side and also grading on the north side of the courts. Mr. DeVito said he could possibly start work on this project in the coming months. No action taken on this item.

Skatepark and Heritage Square Improvements status

Mr. DeVito stated the Texas Parks and Wildlife grant for the approximately 1 million dollar project was submitted by the deadline date of October 1, 2016. The City should have results back from the TPW department by March 2017. No action taken on this item.

Discuss request for Park Foundation funds for park projects

Committee Chairman Gary Gola gave some history and information about the Park Foundation. He stated that possibly some of the funds could be used for smaller park projects, if the Park Foundation board agrees and that all donors of all the funds were contacted and they all also agreed. Mr. DeVito shared some of the projects he would like to implement at the Taylor Regional Parks and Sports Complex with the funds, including batting cages, irrigation for the fields and trail improvements. Mr. Gola stated there was a meeting set for the Park Foundation board, which he is a member along with the city manager and city mayor, on November 1, 2016, but he would like to reschedule that meeting for another date.

Motion: made by Committee member Andrew Gonzales to recommend to City Council to request funding from the Park Foundation for projects outside the Taylor Regional Park and Sports Complex.

2nd: Committee member Kathleen Eason Amboree

Vote: Ayes: 7 Nays: 1 Committee member Jennifer Jewett

Motion passed by majority.

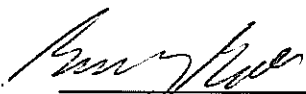
Identify items for next meeting

- Parks Foundation funds
- Doak Ball fields
- Putt Putt golf course in Murphy Park
- Pickle ball
- Soccer Field update
- Downtown Signage

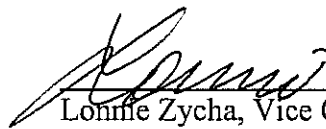
Next meeting date:

Next meeting is tentatively scheduled for November 16, 2016.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:10 p.m.



Gary Gola, Chairman



Lonnie Zycha, Vice Chairman

