

**MINUTES
CITY OF TAYLOR
PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Wednesday, September 20, 2023
1412 Davis St
Taylor, Texas 76574
6:00 P.M.**

PRESENT

David Campise
Stacy Olsen
Larry Cmerek
Jennifer Jewett
Luke Thompson

ABSENT

Casey Mummert -Resigned
Irene Michna
Patrick Tate

OTHERS PRESENT

Tyler Bybee, P&R Director
Betsy Schultz, Superintendent
Lisa Buzan, Admin Assist
Curtis Fields, Crew Leader
Ian Davis, Rec Coordinator

The meeting was called to order by Stacy Olsen at 6:01 pm and declared a quorum.

Invocation – None

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by All.

Citizens Communications

Jackie Kruger spoke on the overpopulation of Muscovy Ducks.

Approve minutes from meeting on August 16, 2023

Motion: Larry Cmerek motioned to accept the minutes as presented.

Second: Jennifer Jewett

Vote: All voted aye.

Minutes are approved as presented.

Directors Report

Parks and Recreation Director Mr. Tyler Bybee presented the Directors Report & slideshow.
No action taken on this item.

• **Maintenance Highlights**

- We have new soccer goals at Robinson Park
- Removed 5 trees and stump grinding in Murphy Park
- Raised tree canopies at Bull Branch
- Skate Park maintenance is complete. Patched deteriorating concrete, new paint & resealed concrete.
- Replaced damaged slide at Murphy Park playground.
- Shade sails will be replaced soon at Taylor Regional Park
- Broken irrigation lines have been repaired at Heritage Square flower beds.
- Winterization has been performed on Heritage Square Splash Pad pump room.
- The month of August is a month of rest on fields at Taylor Regional Park and a significant amount of time has been spent maintaining them.

• **Other Updates**

- There will be a tournament this coming weekend at Taylor Regional Park.
- Pool is officially closed for the season as of Labor Day.
- The YMCA was great to work with this summer.
- City Council has approved the Heritage Splash Pad repair plan. We will begin construction in January 2024. It will be a 4 to 5 month project.

- Bull Branch Playground was approved by the City Council. Contractors lead time is between 5 to 6 months then installation will take 4 weeks. Estimated opening is April – May 2024.
- Memorial Track Resurfacing Geotechnical borings have been performed. We just got the results back this week. Will use findings to define scope and move ahead. Estimated to begin construction in Spring 2024.
- Parks & Rec Office & Sidewalk paving is estimated to begin this fall 2023.
 - Texas Materials is donating the asphalt & pavers.
 - Public Works will be helping.
- Pickleball Court Addition – 3 new lighted courts, fencing & backboard. Will get a new engineered slab. Construction to begin Spring 2024.
- Will be going to Council next week to request moving forward with Feasibility study for Wellness Center in Taylor.
- Also requesting approval for TRP infield dirt rehab project. 10 ballfields at TRP, Rotary, Mallard, Robinson, and 2 at Bull Branch.
- Pool Design RFQ is out until October 5th.

Programs & Events

Recreation Coordinator Ian Davis presented as follows:

- Kid Fish was a huge success – 20 kids participated.
- We have an updated Fall Schedule for our fitness classes.
 - Mondays – Croquet & Zumba
 - Tuesdays – Drum Fit & 5K Training.
 - Wednesdays – Yoga
 - Thursdays – Tai Chi, Pilates & 5K Training.
 - Fridays – Senior Fit
 - Saturdays – Drum Fit
- Upcoming Events
 - Sunday, October 22nd is Park cleanup at Fannie Robinson Park
 - Adult Co-ed Softball at Robinson Ballfield on Thursdays from 6-8pm from Nov9-Dec14
 - Youth Pickleball 1st Tuesday of each month

Christmas Parade & Tree Lighting

- December 2nd at 6pm
- Secure Band
- Santa
- Crafts for kids
- Hot Chocolate
- Add more food & drink vendors.

Taylor Regional Park Field Condition Update:

- Experiencing severe dirt cracking
- Causes: lack of rain, extreme heat, irrigation set up, and wind.
- Moved Youth Football games to Memorial Field
- Short term solutions: filling cracks with soil mix with high sand content
- Long term solutions: Long needed irrigation repairs, increase aeration and topdressing program.

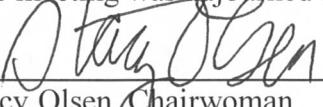
Identify Items for Next Meeting & Upcoming Year

- 100th Murphy Park Celebration (November 4)
- Christmas Tree Lighting

Next meeting date:

Next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 18, 2023, at the 1412 Davis St @6pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:24 p.m.



Stacy Olsen, Chairwoman

David Campise, Vice Chairman