

MINUTES
CITY OF TAYLOR
PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
June 21, 2023
Parks & Recreation 1412 Davis Street
Taylor, Texas 76574
6:00 P.M.

PRESENT

David Campise
Patrick Tate
Casey Mummert
Irene Michna
Jennifer Jewett

ABSENT

Larry Cmerek
Stacy Olsen

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 David Campise at 6:01pm and declared a quorum.

Invocation – Patrick Tate

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by All.

Citizens Communications

None

Approve minutes from meeting on May 23, 2023

Motion: Jennifer Jewett motioned to accept the minutes as presented.

Second: Patrick Tate

Vote: All voted aye.

Minutes are approved as presented.

Programs & Events

Recreation Coordinator Ian Davis presented as follows:

- Good Start to our Summer Recreation Program
- Summer Kickoff at the Pool with Fire Department - 70+ attendees on June 4th
- Murphy Park Pop Ups the week of June 4th through June 9th with 50+ attendees each day
- Robinson Park Pop Ups “Summer in the Park” with food provided by local clubs & businesses.
- A Pop Up at Heritage Square for Music on Main in June
- Movies in the Park “Shark Tails” was held at Robinson Park on Saturday June 17th.
- Wednesday night Soccer Pop Ups at Memorial Field in June – 25+ attendees (Will be moving to Mondays)
- Upcoming Events in:
 - Cornhole Tournament July 4th at Murphy Pavilion
 - Movies in the Park “Lego Batman” on Saturday July 15th
 - National Ice Cream Day & Free Swim on Sunday June 16th at Doris Pool
 - Movies in the Park “Remember the Titans” will be shown at Memorial Field on Friday, August 11th. Lot of Pop-Up activities planned for a fun evening. We will be partnering with the Taylor High School Class of 2025. The Class will have a fundraiser selling Chopped Beef Sandwich meals.
- The YMCA will be doing Water Aerobics hopefully starting in Mid-July on Tuesdays & Thursday mornings. \$5 per class. Possibly 2 weeks of free classes.

Directors Report

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

Main Highlights

- Pool Mushroom operational at Doris Pool this summer.
- Robinson Park Splash Pad is fully operational.
- We are doing warranty work on backstop netting at TRP.
- Landscape maintenance at Dickey-Givens Center, Murphy Park, and Memorial Field
- New signage at Robinson Splash Pad
- Skate Park water fountain has been repaired.
- Repaired light in Heritage Square Park
- Soccer Mini Pitch Ribbon Cutting was a huge success. Tyler thanked everyone that came out to support.
- Tennis Court restriping is complete. (2 courts)
- Waiting to hear in July if we are approved for 3 new pickleball courts.
- Pool Reconstruction – Tyler is preparing an RFQ for design.
- Heritage Splash Pad has limited functionality. Will possibly be turned off for the season after this weekend's event. Getting Geotech recommendations. We will do it right! Council approved \$350K to get us started.
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- We now have internet at the Pool in Murphy Park.
- We had a record number of rentals in May.
- On Wednesday, June 28th Murphy Park Cleanup with Parks & Rec Staff, Samsung Employees, Intern Students, and community volunteers. Trash cleanup, tree trimming and painting in the parks.
- 4th of July Celebration in Taylor
 - Parade 7th & Davis to Murphy Park at 9am.
 - Ice Cream Social at 10am at American Legion
 - Recognition Ceremony at Murphy Park at 6:30 pm
 - Live Music "The Derailers" at Murphy Pavilion at 7pm
 - Fireworks at Sunset from Bull Branch Park Hike & Bike Trail Green Belt
 - Food Court & Cold Drinks at Murphy Park all day
- On July 18th our Parks & Recreation Staff & Board Members will be serving dinner at the Dickey Givens Community Center to the kids for "Summer in the Park" in Robinson Park.
- Large Triple Crown Softball Championship Tournament the weekend of July 15th at TRP.
- Annual International BBQ Cookoff in Murphy Park on August 18 & 19.
- Kid Fish at Bull Branch Park on September 16.
- The City Council will recognize "National Parks & Recreation Month" at July 13th meeting. Tyler asked that everyone attend if possible.
- We will soon be planning a "Murphy Park 100-Year Anniversary Celebration".

Bull Branch Playground Update

- Waiting on Proposed Budget approval in August.
- Once we get approval, we will place the order for the new playground.
- Target to open in January or February of 2024
- Cost will be close to \$250K installed.
- Tyler showed slides of the proposed playground with the zip line.

Grants Update

- St Davids Grant Programmatic - \$100K. Could apply for program funding in FY24 with City taking on staffing.
- St Davids Grant Capital – Track - \$250K. Complete by the end of December 2024.
- TxDot \$7-8 Million Grant for Southeast Trail, from MLK sidewalk and Mallard sidewalk. We should find out by October on Funding.
- Williamson County Grants – Robinson Park to High School

Identify Items for Next Meeting & Upcoming Year

- Miniature Golf
- Murphy Park Centennial Celebration
- Movies in the Park at Memorial Field

Next meeting date:

Next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, July 18, 2023, at the Dickey Givens Community Center @6pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:43 p.m.



Stacy Olsen, Chairwoman

David Campise, Vice Chairman