

**MINUTES
CITY OF TAYLOR
PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
May 23, 2023
Parks & Recreation 1412 Davis Street
Taylor, Texas 76574
6:00 P.M.**

PRESENT

David Campise
Larry Cmerek
Casey Mummert
Stacy Olsen
Jennifer Jewett
Irene Michna

ABSENT

Patrick Tate
Brennan Zupfer

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 6:01pm and declared a quorum.

Invocation – David Campise

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by All.

Citizens Communications

None

Approve minutes from meeting on April 19, 2023

Motion: Irene Michna motioned to accept the minutes as presented.

Second: David Campise

Vote: All voted aye.

Minutes are approved as presented.

Tennis & Pickleball Discussion

- Mark Weber & Rachel Robles spoke to the board on behalf of TATA.
- Larry Cmerek & Glen Tharp here on behalf of Taylor Pickleball Organization.
- The need for increased pickleball courts and the need to keep the sanctioned tennis courts were discussed.
- Jennifer Jewett & Irene Michna made a suggestion for the board to ask City Council to prioritize 3 additional pickleball courts in next year's budget. Stacy will send a letter to City Council.

Directors Report

Parks and Recreation Director Mr. Tyler Bybee presented the Directors Report & slideshow.

No action taken on this item.

• **Main Highlights**

- TRP only 2 tournaments in April
- Taylor Area Baseball & Softball wrapping up their season. All-Star teams are starting to practice.
- Williamson County Children's Advocacy Group "Break the Silence" held a 3K Run/Walk event at Murphy Pavilion
- New Playground mulch at TRP
- Replaced a pump at Heritage Splashpad
- New trash can at Percussion Park
- Robinson Splashpad is not open yet. Waiting on a part (control panel)

- Replaced broken plank on bridge at Bull Branch Trail
- Soccer Mini Pitch Ribbon Cutting postponed. To be rescheduled.
- Percussion Park- adding additional instruments & mallets. Is scheduled for next week.
- Lights are installed at Soccer Mini Pitch.
- Heritage Splashpad remodel. 5 out of 15 jets are working. Geotech study (Soils Report) Study showed was put on dirt with no fill.
- Duck Management – Requesting funds in next year’s budget (egg management)
- Egret Management – they are here. EMS is attempting management.
- Firework site has moved to north of Lake Drive at the southern portion of the Hike & Bike Trail

Programs & Events

- Robinson Park – Summer in the Park (FKA Midnight Basketball) on Tuesdays & Thursdays from 7pm-9pm partnering with Taylor ISD, Lone Star Soccer Club, Mama Ducks and other local groups & businesses.
- Murphy Park Kick Off June 4th with Free Swim & Fire Department
- Movies in the Park: June 9th at Robinson Parks, July 14th in Heritage Park & August 11th at Memorial Field
- Taylor Parks & Recreation is now on Facebook.
- Art in the Park – Good Life Taylor – Livingston Foundation Grant are holding a Banner Contest with a Patriotic Theme.
- July 16: National Ice Cream Day at Doris Pool.
- August 12: Stargazing & Meteor Shower Watch Party at TRP Soccer Field.
- Upcoming Fitness Classes on field & in field house
- Pop-Up Sports & Activities at Murphy Pavilion June 5-9 from 10am to noon.

Bull Branch Playground

- The playground has been completely removed.
- Applying for TPWD Grant for replacement in August 2023
- Grant would be a \$100K-\$150K city match.

County Bond Trail Project ('23 Wilco Bond)

- Road & Trail Bond submitted for 3 things:
 - #1 Update to WILCO Trails Master Plan Tie-Into Taylor Trail System
 - #2 South Taylor Trail Extension (Bull Branch to Mustang Creek)
 - #3 Hutto-to-Taylor Trail Connection

Identify Items for Next Meeting & Upcoming Year

- Pool Update (Hopefully hire an architect over the summer)
- Continuing Summer Activities

Next meeting date:

Next meeting is tentatively scheduled for July 19, 2023.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Stacy Olsen, Chairman


David Campise, Vice Chairwoman