

**MINUTES
CITY OF TAYLOR
PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
May 15, 2019
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
400 PORTER STREET
TAYLOR, TEXAS 76574
6:00 P.M.**

PRESENT

Justin Adams
David Campise
Larry Cmerek
Gary Gola
Jennifer Jewett
Irene Michna
Stacy Olsen
Ginger Schneider
Timothy Tebeau
Liberty Michna, student member

ABSENT

OTHERS PRESENT

Larry Foos, P&R Director
Leisha Morrison, Admin Assist
Casey Cunningham, P&R Super
Jim Gray, PW Director

The meeting was called to order and a quorum declared at 6:00 p.m.

Invocation was given by David Campise

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

REGULAR AGENDA

Approve minutes from the April 17, 2019 meeting

Motion: Committee member Irene Michna
Second: Committee member Stacy Olsen
Vote: All voted aye.
Minutes are approved as presented

Citizens Communications

None

Receive Directors Report

Parks and Recreation Superintendent presented the Directors Report.

Motion: Committee member Stacy Olsen recommends approval of the Directors Report as presented.
Second: Committee member Tim Tebeau
Vote: Ayes: All Nays: None
Directors Report is approved as presented.

Weekly and regular activities in Heritage Park

Events that are already planned to be held in Heritage Square are: YOGA in the Park (started Saturday May 11, 2019), Blackland Prairie Day (was held on Saturday May 4, 2019) the Martin Luther King march (to be held in January 2020), the Farmers Market and 2 Movies in the Park (to be held in July and August 2019).

No action taken on this item.

Ground Cover for playgrounds

The playscape mulch is needed in all playscapes. Public Works is planning on putting mulch in every park playscape.

No action taken on this item.

Duck population and fishing in ponds

Parks and recreation director Larry Foos contacted an aquatics scientist on environmental quality. According to the scientist, the fish are safe to eat. He indicated that the E Coli readings have no effect on the fish. But signage will be put for the non contact recommendation for the water in the ponds.

Mr. Foos crew will grease duck eggs and pick them up. He will conduct a media blast posting reasons that the ducks should not be fed. Flooding in the past month may have destroyed some the eggs.

No action taken on this item.

BLADE project

The BLADE group will install the lighting on the Murphy park bridge on Friday May 17, 2019 at 3:00 pm, weather permitting. They have to install a separate post but will paint it brown and install in an inconspicuous location.

No action taken on this item.

Skatepark Grand Opening

No grand opening scheduled at this time. Public Works Director Jim Gray stated that the 3rd street work was to be completed before a grand opening is to be held.

No action taken on this item.

Presentation regarding the funds available in Taylor Parks Foundation and what can be done with the funds

The Parks Foundation was established in 2004. The board consists of the mayor, the city manager, the parks and recreation chairman and the parks and recreation director. The fund balance available is \$43,544.03. \$40,000.00 is designated to the Taylor Regional Park and Sports Complex/Doak Ballfield projects. This amount is the City's match to the TPWD grant.

No action taken on this item.

Presentation of the Lower Brushy Creek Water Control Improvement District regarding their plans to control flooding and if any of their resources could be made available to alleviate flooding along Bull Branch Creek

Public Works Director let the committee know there are meetings with the appropriate organizations to discuss all flooding issues.

No action taken

Identify items for next meeting

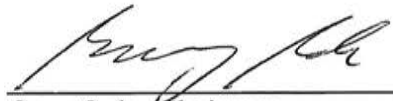
- Skate Park grand opening
- Tree trimming along hike & bike trails

- Regional Park tree trimming by baseball fields, along long main sidewalk
- Heritage Park activities
- BLADE project results
- Taylor Park Foundation meeting results

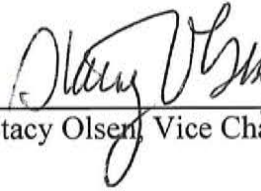
Next meeting date:

Next meeting is tentatively scheduled for June 19, 2019.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:46 p.m.



Gary Gola, Chairman



Stacy Olsen, Vice Chairwoman