

**MINUTES
CITY OF TAYLOR
PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
April 19, 2023
Parks & Recreation 1412 Davis Street
Taylor, Texas 76574
6:00 P.M.**

PRESENT

David Campise
Larry Cmerek
Casey Mummert
Stacy Olsen
Patrick Tate
Irene Michna

ABSENT

Jennifer Jewett
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 6:03pm and declared a quorum.

Invocation – Patrick Tate

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by All.

Introduction

Tyler introduced our new Recreation Coordinator, Ian Davis.

Citizens Communications

None

Approve minutes from meeting on March 15, 2023

Motion: Patrick Tate motioned to accept the minutes as presented.

Second: David Campise

Vote: All voted aye.

Minutes are approved as presented.

Pickleball

- Larry Cmerek, Kelly Cmerek, local pickleball club members spoke to the board.
- Fastest growing sport in America
- We have outgrown our 3 courts.
- Need new courts & lights sooner than later.
- Larry is the leader of it all.
- There are 119 people in their organization from everywhere.
- Taylor organization – 2 times a week playtime
- 158% Growth Rate / 36 million players (Source is SFIA)
- Taylor organization is asking for 3 more courts (work with TADA) or stripe Murphy Pavilion
- Team Reach for Picklers

Directors Report

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

No action taken on this item.

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- No Tournaments at TRP in February or March due to Ice Storm 2023
- The first tournament of the year was the weekend of April 1st.
- We have all new netting at TRP.
- Installed new swings at TRP.
- 3 new trees were planted at Dickey Givens Community Center
- Restriped entire parking lot at TRP (all in one day)
- 3 new Gators for maintenance use
- Back to 4 employees in maintenance crew
- Splash pads opening May 1st.
- Swimming Pool opening Saturday of Memorial Day weekend.
- We are having swimming lessons this year.
- Soccer Mini Pitch is finished. Ribbon cutting is May 13th at 11:30am
- Adding additional instruments & mallets at Percussion Park (flowers & butterflies).
- New trash can at Percussion Park.
- Extreme tree canopy damage during the winter storm.
- Picked up 765,718 cubic yards of vegetation.
- UT Architecture School presentation on Wellness/Community Center concepts will be held at the Taylor Public Library on Monday April 24th at 1:30pm. The public is invited. Tyler asked the board to attend if they are able.

Bull Branch Playground

- Next week the old playground will be removed.
- Tyler is working on applying for grants for a new playground.
- Three different concepts were shown to the board for new playground.

Swimming Pool Concepts

- Three design options for the new pool were presented.
- Possible Community Open House
- Possible survey for community input
- It was suggested that a picnic/party area be included in the design.

Duck Population

- Options to manage ducks.
- Muscovy ducks are a problem.
- Ag Extension is working on ways to control population.
- The biggest problem is at Bull Branch
- Tyler is going to propose money in our budget to work on this problem.

Programs & Events Update

- Music on Main Tomorrow at 7pm
- Blackland Prairie Days on May 6th
- Movies in the Park: June 9th, July 14th, & August 11th
- Dive in Movies at Pool
- Midnight Basketball July 18th
- Fitness Classes on field & in field house

Identify Items for Next Meeting & Upcoming Year

- Pickleball Court Restriping
- Update on Bull Branch Park Playground
- Pool Planning
- Social Media Facebook Page

Next meeting date:

Next meeting is tentatively scheduled for May 17, 2023.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:54 p.m.



Stacy Olsen, Chairman



David Campise, Vice Chairwoman