

**MINUTES
CITY OF TAYLOR
PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
April 19, 2017
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
400 PORTER STREET
TAYLOR, TEXAS 76574
6:00 P.M.**

PRESENT

Kathleen Amboree
Larry Cmerek
Gary Gola
Jennifer Jewett
Irene Michna
Staci Olsen
Stayci Roznovak-Burris
Ginger Schneider
Lonnie Zycha
Timothy Tebeau, student member

ABSENT

Laurie Connally
Andrew Gonzales

OTHERS PRESENT

Mike DeVito, P&R Director
Leisha Morrison, Admin Assist
Tony Gomes, visitor

The meeting was called to order and a quorum declared at 6:01 p.m.

Invocation was given by Committee member Stayci Roznovak-Burris

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

REGULAR AGENDA

Approve minutes from the March 15, 2017 meeting

Motion: Committee member Stayci Roznovak-Burris as presented.
Second: Committee member Irene Michna.
Vote: All voted aye.
Minutes approved.

Citizens Communications

Tony Gomes spoke regarding the Heritage Square Park design. He stated he would like to see more parking created and does not believe Porter street should be closed down permanently, citing that is what makes a square – being able to drive around the entire 4 sides of it. He would like to see a visitors building and the favorites sons of Taylor represented in the Squares design, with their faces and history on plaques.

Discuss placing a new water feature in Murphy Park ponds

Parks and Recreation Superintendent Mike DeVito stated that a water feature could run between 2,500.00 and 3,000.00 to install. He would look at this years budget to see if it could be done this fiscal year, but if not this year, he believes he will be able to get one installed in the 2017/2018 budget year. No action taken on this item.

Receive update on Skate Park

Mr. DeVito gave the committee an update on the Skate Park. No action taken on this item.

Discuss appointing a subcommittee for the Robinson Park/Trail ceremony

Item was discussed. No action taken on this item.

Appoint representative to discuss Heritage Square

Motion: Committee member Lonnie Zycha nominated committee member Irene Michna to represent and speak regarding the Heritage Square park.

2nd: Committee member Stayci Roznovak-Burris.

Vote: Ayes All Nays None

Motion passed.

The committee's main concerns regarding the design of Heritage Square Park are: placement of the amphitheater and the loading and unloading of instruments for example, from the Main street side of the square – concern of safety; location of splashpad is good for safety of children being away from main traffic; multi use building/amphitheater; maximizing parking and the committee would like to see the Christmas decorations still able to be installed. No action taken on this item.

Discuss current status of Pickleball Courts

The drainage issue is being addressed. Courts should be ready for use tentatively at the end of May 2017. No action taken on this item.

Discuss hosting a booth at Blackland Prairie Days

The committee discussed having a booth. Mr. DeVito stated that the Chamber of Commerce will have one and that he would ask them if they would let the Parks Board have some items on their booth. No action taken on this item.

Discuss access to Murphy Park from 12th Street

Item was discussed. Mr. DeVito stated that it would be discussed at greater length when the planning of the park was discussed this summer. No action taken on this item.

Receive Directors Report

Parks and Recreation Director presented the report to the committee.

Motion: Committee member Kathleen Amboree

2nd: Committee member Ginger Schneider

Vote: Ayes: All Nays: None

Motion passed to approve report as presented.

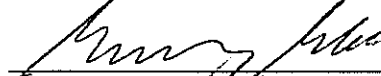
Identify items for next meeting

- Results of first Pickleball tournament
- Update on Heritage Square Park
- BBQ Cookoff
- Future use of Memorial Field

Next meeting date:

Next meeting is tentatively scheduled for May 17, 2017.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.



Gary Gola, Chairman



Lonnie Zycha, Vice Chairman