

**MINUTES
CITY OF TAYLOR
PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
April 17, 2019
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
400 PORTER STREET
TAYLOR, TEXAS 76574
6:00 P.M.**

PRESENT

Justin Adams
Larry Cmerek
Gary Gola
Jennifer Jewett
Irene Michna
Stacy Olsen
Ginger Schneider
Timothy Tebeau

ABSENT

David Campise
Liberty Michna, student

OTHERS PRESENT

Larry Foos, P&R Director
Leisha Morrison, Admin Assist
Casey Cunningham, P&R Super
Jim Gray, PW Director
Robert Garcia, Councilman
Jonathan Rose, BLADE
Lonnie Zycha, visitor
Kendra Dubee, PIO

The meeting was called to order and a quorum declared at 6:02 p.m.

Invocation was given by Irene Michna

Pledge of Allegiance was not recited.

REGULAR AGENDA

Approve minutes from the March 20, 2019 meeting

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

Citizens Communications

Lonnie Zycha asked if the City would promote the Heritage Park for various activities to be held on a regular weekly basis.

Elect Chair

P&R Director Larry Foos opened the floor for nominations.

Motion: Committee member Irene Michna nominated present Chairman Gary Gola to remain as Chairman.
Vote: Ayes: All Nays: None
Motion passed:

Elect Vice Chair

Motion: Committee member Jennifer Jewett nominated Stacy Olsen for vice chairman.
Vote: Ayes: All Nays: None
Motion passed:

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 Irene Michna

Vote: Ayes: All Nays: None

Directors Report is approved as presented.

Murphy Park bridge

Johnathan Rose, with the BLADE organization, presented the Committee with 2 options for the bridge lighting project. BLADE will fund the project and can have the lighting installed in one day.

Motion: Committee member Timothy Tebeau recommended city staff work with Mr. Rose and the BLADE organization on the project and recommend the work be done to City Council if that is a necessary step.

Second: Committee member Justin Adams.

Vote: Ayes: All Nays: None

Motion passed.

Duck population control

Texas Parks and Wildlife's analysis of the duck population is: there is approximately 200 ducks and geese in both Murphy and Bull Branch parks. They said they are a nuisance and there is lots of waste on grounds and concrete and the quality of the water in the Bull Branch pond is poor. They said E Coli is probably high, but they did not do any testing of the water. Recommendation from the Texas Parks and Wildlife include oiling of eggs and removing some of the duck population. Public Works Director stated that the Committee should say how many ducks should remain in the parks and the population can be managed to remain in or around that chosen amount. Mr. Gray also stated that we will put up signage to warn residents and anyone fishing of the poor quality of the waters. A public outreach campaign to inform the public of the effects of the overpopulation of the duck, was suggested.

No action taken on this item.

Skatepark Grand Opening

No grand opening scheduled at this time.

No action taken on this item.

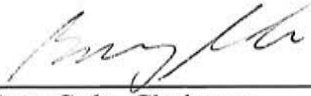
Identify items for next meeting

- Directors Report
- Duck population
- Fishing in ponds
- Activities in Heritage Park

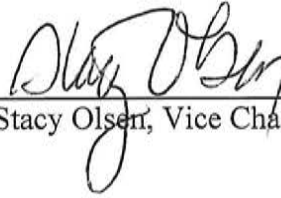
Next meeting date:

Next meeting is tentatively scheduled for May 15, 2019.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:06 p.m.



Gary Gola, Chairman



Stacy Olsen, Vice Chairwoman