

**MINUTES
CITY OF TAYLOR
PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
January 18, 2012
CITY OF TAYLOR COUNCIL CHAMBERS
400 PORTER STREET
TAYLOR, TEXAS 76574
6:00 P.M.**

PRESENT

Jason Ball
Gary Brock
M Brueckner
Jimmy Ellis
Bobby Frazier
Gary Gola
Andrew Gonzales
Candi Grandjean
John Inglis

ABSENT

Duane Danek
Trey Keith

OTHERS PRESENT

Mike DeVito, Recreation Superintendent
Leisha Morrison, Public Works Admin
Lucy Kerley, Board Applicant
Blake Schneider, Board Applicant
Jason Richter, Board Applicant

Call to order and declare a quorum

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

Approve the minutes from the November 16, 2011 meeting

Motion was made by Board Member Jimmy Ellis to approve the minutes, seconded by Board Member Gary Brock. All voted aye. Motion passed

Review and discuss current members status, including expiring terms and attendance, and make recommendation on re-instatement.

Motion was made by Board Member Gary Gola to recommend to Council the following Board applicants: Lucy Kerley, Jason Richter and Blake Schneider, in this order for appointment. Seconded by Board Member Gary Brock. Opposed by Board Members Bobby Frazier, Jason Ball and Jimmy Ellis. Approved by Board Members Candi Grandjean, John Inglis, Gary Brock and Gary Gola Michael Brueckner and Andrew Gonzales. Motion passed with 3 opposed 6 ayes.

Review, discuss and recommend on current new member application, should vacant terms exist.

Motion was made by Board Member Gary Gola to recommend re-appointing current Board Members John Inglis, Michael Brueckner and Gary Brock, whose terms expire January 2012. Seconded by Board Member Jimmy Ellis. All voted aye. Motion passed.

Motion was made by Board Member Gary Gola to recommend removing Vice Chairman Trey Keith and Board Member Duane Danek. Seconded by Board Member Andrew Gonzales. All voted aye. Motion passed.

Motion was made by Board Member Gary Gola to exclude Board Applicants Brent Humphreys and Lynn Tieman for recommendation. Seconded by Board Member Jason Ball. All voted aye. Motion passed.

Discuss landscaping for all pocket parks.

This item was tabled until the following information is obtained: funding for tree planting - a fund with a positive balance, definition of pocket park & their locations, budget for next tree planting project. No action taken on this item.

Update on status of the recreation center

An update on the status of the recreation center was provided by Recreation Superintendent Mike DeVito. Motion was made by Board Member Gary Brock to keep this item on the agenda for monthly updates. Seconded by Board Member Gary Gola. All voted aye. Motion passed.

Discuss training on open meeting procedures for committee members.

Motion was made by Board Member John Inglis for current members to receive a link to a training session online. There is no set time frame for members to get certification. Seconded by Board Member Jimmy Ellis. All voted aye. Motion passed.

Discuss city run softball tournament and volunteer opportunities

Parks and Recreation Superintendent Mike DeVito presented the city run ball tournament to be held on March 17th and 18th, 2012 at the Sports Complex. Members requested a sign up sheet to get volunteers to work concession stands and other needed areas. No action taken on this item.

Review and discuss 2011 FY report for the Taylor Regional Park

The 2011 FY report for the Taylor Regional Park was discussed, including ideas to lower costs and the possibility of generating revenues from the beverage contract with Coca-Cola. A goal of 40% was established for the 2011-2012 FY in recovering expenses. No action was taken on this item.

Identify items for next meeting

- Discuss and vote on chair positions (Mike DeVito)
- Update on status of recreation center (Mike DeVito)
- Discuss all pocket parks and/or listing of city owned property (Mike DeVito)
- Clarification of responsibility of items placed on an agenda (Mike DeVito)
- Update on Ability fields (Mike DeVito)
- Update on tennis courts and in on them meeting with USTA (Mike DeVito)

Next meeting date:

Next meeting is tentatively scheduled for February 15, 2011.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 7:02 p.m.

Mike DeVito,
Parks & Recreation Superintendent

Candi Grandjean, Chairwoman of the
Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee

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