

**MINUTES
CITY OF TAYLOR
PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Wednesday, September 18, 2024
1015 E Martin Luther King Jr Blvd
Taylor, Texas 76574
6:00 P.M.**

PRESENT

David Campise
Larry Cmerek
Stacy Olsen
Patrick Tate
Bill Harrington

ABSENT

Jennifer Jewett
Austin Brown

OTHERS PRESENT

Tyler Bybee, Director
Betsy Schultz, Superintendent
Lisa Buzan, Admin Assist
Curtis Fields, Crew Leader
Matt Topham, Rec Coordinator

The meeting was called to order by Stacey Olsen at 6:01 pm and declared a quorum.

Invocation – David Campise

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by All.

Citizens Communications

None

Agenda Item 1 - Approve minutes from meeting on July 17, 2024 meeting

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

Second: David Campise

Vote: All voted aye.

Minutes are approved as presented.

Agenda Item 2 - Directors Report

Parks and Recreation Superintendent, Betsy Schultz presented the Directors Report & slideshow.
No action taken on this item.

• **Maintenance Highlights**

- Hung new court number signs at Tennis & Pickleball signs
- New swing chains installed at Robinson & Murphy playgrounds
- New handicap parking signs installed at Robinson Park
- Replaced broken window at Mallard Field concession stand
- Broken railing welded at Skate Park
- Repaired sink in concession stand at Memorial Field
- Installed a new ice machine in concessions at Memorial field
- Replaced broken bleacher seat at Mallard ballfield
- New irrigation controller installed at Bull Branch fields
- TRP Fields look great. A shout out to Curtis & the crew for a great job.
- In August the fields at TRP were closed for rest and repair
- The last day of pool operation was Labor Day, September 2nd.

Project Updates

Parks and Recreation Director, Tyler Bybee presented project updates.

- **Memorial Track Reconstruction**-Holding construction start to begin after St. Mary's and Youth Football Seasons- Oct. 21st start date. Shade structure over fitness equipment to be installed the week of Sept 23rd. (Good Life Funded)
- **Doris Roznovak Aquatic Center**- 100% plans are complete and bid documents being prepared. The bid should be issued by the end of August. Hoping to award the contract in October and begin construction in November.
- **Wellness/Recreation Center Feasibility Study**- began with Staff kickoff meeting on August 15th. City Council appointed Executive Steering Committee as follows:
 - Jim Buzan - appointed by Mayor Dwayne Ariola
 - John Matthews - appointed by Mayor Pro-Tem Kelly Cmerek
 - Quincy Griffin - appointed by Councilman Gerald Anderson
 - John McDonald - appointed by Councilwoman Shelli Cobb
 - Julie Rydell - appointed by Councilman Robert Garcia
 - Michele Glaze - Samsung Director of Communication/Community Affairs
- Workshop #1 is scheduled for September 25th with the Public Meeting at Public Library
- Pickleball is extremely busy
- New Pickleball courts look great
- Memorial Field Track Resurfacing to begin on October 21st. Wrap up in January
- Going out to Bid next week on the new pool. 7 to 8 months of construction.
- New Shade structure to be installed next week.
- Arbor Day is November 9th at Robinson Park Ballfield and near volleyball & basketball.

Agenda Item 3 - Programs & Upcoming Events Update

Parks and Recreation Coordinator, Matt Topham presented August & Future Activities & Events

- Back to School Bash was very successful
- American Sign Language Class
- Started Beginner Pickleball Classes. Will be Tuesdays in September & October
- National Watermelon Day at Murphy Pool
- Continuing Adult Volleyball at Taylor Middle School on Sundays
- Beginner Pickleball Classes
- September Fitness Schedule & Track Time
- This Saturday is Mama Jama Bike Race – September 21
- September 28 – Kid Fish
- October 12 – Good Life 5k & 1K Kids Race
- October – Youth Soccer Clinic

Agenda Item 4 – Parks Master Plan & Capital Improvement Plan Update

Parks and Recreation Director, Tyler Bybee presented the plan & update.

- The City Council asked for an update on the Parks Master Plan
- Tyler provided an update at the September 12th City Council Meeting.
- Parks Projects are funded from a variety of sources: General Fund, Bond Funds, Grant Funding, and Corporate and Non-Profit Donations
- Quality vs Quantity
- Other Parks and Recreation planning initiatives currently underway include the Wellness/Recreation Center Feasibility Study exploring all aspects of the communities' needs as it pertains to indoor recreation and the Trails Master Plan, done alongside the Sidewalk and ADA Transition Plans.

- Staff recommends planning for an update to the entire Parks, Recreation and Open Spaces Master Plan in late 2025/early 2026. There are some gaps in current plans that need to be filled, most notably future land use at Taylor Regional Park, Doak Park, and the East Burkett Street and Dolan Parks. There also needs to be further investigation into future parkland needs and opportunities
- Wellness Center Feasibility Study Public Meeting on September 25th at the Library.
- Executive Steering Committee and Staff are touring centers in the DFW Area on Oct 23 & Oct 24.

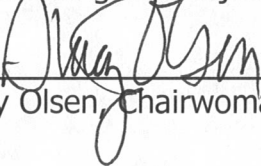
Agenda Item 5 – Identify items for next meeting

- Christmas Tree Lighting Event on December 7th
- Parks Board Meeting on November 20th.
- Speakers at Heritage Square Park (Patrick)

Next meeting date:

Next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 16, 2024, at 1015 E MLK Jr Blvd @6pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:04 pm



Stacy Olsen, Chairwoman



David Campise, Vice Chairman