

City of Taylor
Parks & Recreation Advisory Board Meeting
Wednesday, April 16, 2025
Dickey Givens Community Center
Taylor, Texas 76574
6:00 P.M.

PRESENT

Patrick Tate
David Campise
Larry Cmerek
Jennifer Jewett
Stacy Olsen
Matthew Rangel

ABSENT

Bill Harrington
Austin Brown

OTHERS PRESENT

Tyler Bybee, Director
Lisa Buzan, Liaison
Betsy Schultz, Superintendent
Curtis Fields, Team Lead
Matt Topham, Rec Coord

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

Invocation – David Campise

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by All.

Citizens Communications

Michele Gomez spoke on behalf of TATA

Agenda Item 1 - Approve Minutes from meeting on January 15, 2025 meeting

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

Second: Jennifer Jewett

Vote: All voted aye.

Minutes are approved as presented.

Agenda Item 2 – Taylor Police Downtown Officer Presented by: Shane Newell

- Downtown Officer, Shane Newell patrols downtown area. He also patrols Murphy Park.
- Officer Newell has been with the Taylor Police Department for 10 years. He takes great pride in Taylor and our parks.
- The officer downtown approach is a program that Taylor has adopted referred to as POPS (Problem Oriented Policing) which is a general approach that calls for police to identify specific problems and develop specific responses to them based on potential underlying causes determined through problem analysis.
- We are considering locking down the Heritage Square Restrooms at 8pm (possibly 9pm in the summer when the splash pad is operating).
- Possibly locking down Heritage Square restrooms at 8pm (and possibly 9pm in the summer when the splash pad is operating) was discussed.

Agenda Item 3 – Directors Report Presented by: Tyler Bybee

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

No action taken on this item.

Maintenance Highlights

- Our maintenance crew has prepped City fields for Taylor youth leagues for TABS
- Updated City logo and address on Murphy Park entrance sign

- Installed decorative fencing around the Butterfly Garden in Murphy Park
- Repaired women's sink at fields at Bull Branch
- Touched up paint on Bull Branch playground
- New lights installed in Ole BBQ pavilion
- Painting of Robinson Park playground equipment
- Repaired damaged board on footbridge along Hike & Bike Trail
- Spring Tournaments resumed in late February
- Weeknight practices at TRP are Mondays, Tuesdays, and Wednesdays
- One rained out tournament, but we are still in need of rain.
- Fields are already cracking from "no rain and overuse".
- At TRAPS State convention, Artificial Turf seminar was attended by Staff
- Soil Testing
- Extreme Graffiti damage was cleaned at Heritage Square Park restroom
- New skate park rules signs have been posted
- Our fields at TRP are closed for rest and repair in January & August.
- Revenue total at Taylor Regional Park is at 70% of FY24 with 5 remaining months of tournaments
- Next scheduled tournament – April 26 & 27
- Total Rental Facilities revenue for March was \$3,975.00

Project Updates

***Roznovak Pool Project**

- Both pools have been demolished and removed from site
- Bathhouse and pump rooms have been gutted
- Fill dirt is being delivered
- Continued construction of cages for piers
- On-going inspections
- Plaster and grout have been selected
- Drilling for piers has begun

***Memorial Field Track**

- The project was completed under budget
- The official Ribbon Cutting ceremony was Saturday, March 15th

***Wellness/Rec Center Feasibility Study**

- Final Committee meeting will be held on April 21st
- Next steps will be a presentation to City Council
- Power Point was shown

Agenda Item 4 - Programs & Events Update

***Highlights**

- Return of Adult Volleyball
- Spring Break Activities
- Park Clean ups
- Bike Rodeo

- Soccer Clinics

***Upcoming Events**

- Fitness schedule for April and May.
- Spring Soccer Clinics March 29 - May 3
- Basketball Clinics April 24 – May 15
- Kite Day is April 27 from 2-4pm

***Summer Activities**

- Summer Kick-Off – Heritage Square Park – May 30
- Movies in the Park – May 30, July 25, August 15
- Murphy Pavilion Playdays – Tuesdays & Thursdays in June
- Youth Sports Playdays – June
- Summer in the Park at Robinson Tuesdays & Thursdays evenings starting June 10
- Splash Pad Days
 - Wednesdays at Robinson
 - Fridays at Heritage
- Summer Camps
 - Weeks of July 7, 14, 21, & 28

Agenda Item 5 – Facility & Programs Sponsorship Guide – by Betsy Schultz

- An estimated 85,000 people visit Taylor Regional Park & Sports Complex annually.
- City of Taylor Main Street Coordinator, Ruby Fisher and Councilwoman, Shelli Cobb set up an outreach table during tournament recently to attract visitors to downtown businesses.
- Parks & Rec Superintendent, Betsy Schultz is working on the banner sponsorship guidelines and application process and presented a draft proposal.
- T&L Pronto is the first one so far.

Agenda Item 6 – Texas Recreation & Parks Society State Conference 2025 Report

- Our staff & crew leader attended the annual Texas Recreation & Park Society (TRAPS) Conference held in Allen, Texas February 25-28, 2025.
- TRAPS provides professional development and training opportunities to enhance the skills and knowledge of park and recreation professionals by attending training and educational seminars throughout the week.
- The conference also fosters networking and collaboration among park, recreation, and leisure service professionals.
- TRAPS focuses on improving parks, open spaces, and recreation for all Texans by providing resources, advocacy, and professional development.

Agenda Item 7 – Identify items for next meeting

- Update on 2024 Bond Projects Rankings
- Rec Center Feasibility Study results update

Agenda Item 8 - Next meeting date:

Next meeting is scheduled for May 21, 2025, at the Dickey Givens Community Center @6pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:01 pm



Stacy Olseth, Chairwoman



David Campise, Vice Chairman