

City of Taylor
Parks & Recreation Advisory Board Meeting
Wednesday, January 21, 2026
Dickey Givens Community Center
Taylor, Texas 76574
6:00 P.M.

PRESENT

David Campise
Jennifer Jewett
Patrick Tate
Stacy Olsen

ABSENT

OTHERS PRESENT

Tyler Bybee, Managing Director
Betsy Schultz, Superintendent
Lisa Buzan, Liaison
Curtis Fields, Team Lead

The meeting was called to order by Stacy Olsen at 6:03 pm and declared a quorum.

Invocation – Patrick Tate

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by All.

Citizens Communications

None

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

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

Second: Stacy Olsen

Vote: All voted aye.

Minutes are approved as presented.

Agenda Item 2 – 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

- Aerated and top-dressed soccer fields and football field at Taylor Regional Park
- Aerated Memorial football field
- Sidewalk panels leveled at Heritage Square Park
- Installed and removed Christmas decorations at Heritage Square Park
- Painted inside of Murphy Park pavilion restrooms
- Trimmed trees in Murphy Park
- Watered newly planted trees in Bull Branch Park
- Replaced dead trees at Memorial Field
- Installed new handles on Tai Chi wheels fitness equipment
- Removed graffiti
- Fields are closed for rest & repair in January. Practices will resume first week of February.
- February Tournaments:
 - February 21 & 22
 - 5 Tool Youth – 10 fields (baseball tournament)
 - February 28 & March 1
 - Taylor High School – 5 softball fields
 - 5 Tool Youth – 5 baseball fields

- FY25: at TRP an increase of 31% in attendance over FY24 with nearly 25,000 attendees
- Facility Rentals continue to be strong.

* Project Updates

- Two infields are being turfed at TRP
- Work began in early December
- Soil Treatments are done
- Drainage lines have been dug
- Turf liners were ordered and will be arriving this week
- Irrigation to be mapped out
- Completion is expected in mid-February
- Tennis/Pickleball ADA Sidewalks are being installed
- Should start pouring some of the sidewalks next week
- 2025 Parks Improvements Project Work began in early January
- Tennis Court restrooms closed; port-a-potty available for court users
- Inspect, form, and pour sidewalks by end of the week
- Grading work in front of pickleball courts
- Murphy Park work to be completed before Bull Branch Park work commences
- Colors selected for Bull Branch pavilion
- Tomorrow is the Ground Breaking for the Donna Channel at 2pm
- Trails from the Animal Shelter to Robinson Park
- Leveling-Up some parking lots.

*Roznovak Pool Project

- Pool construction is going great
- Pool deck poured
- Shades have been installed
- Duck play feature has been installed
- Pool Furniture has been ordered
- Pool plastering is scheduled within the next few weeks
- Fence is 75% installed
- Landscaping work is nearing completion
- YMCA – considering a 3-year contract or maybe a one year with a lookback
- Hopefully a Ribbon Cutting on May 23rd

Projects within City Parks:

- Donna Channel Drainage Project
 - Groundbreaking Thursday, January 22
 - Project includes a regional detention pond north of Mallard Lane, installing new storm drains and inlets along Mallard Lane, and making structural improvements to Donna Channel
 - Includes replacing the pedestrian bridge in Bull Branch Park and the asphalt trail
- Bull Branch Wastewater Line Project
 - Upsize existing 12" and 15" along Bull Branch, from West Lake Drive to West 12th Street. Upsizing from Main Street to East Seventh Street and upsizing from East Seventh Street to Robinson Park
 - Work in Robinson Park by basketball courts completed

- Boring under railroad in Robinson Park and under 4th Street to be completed this week
- Trail from north of Animal Shelter to Robinson Park closed until further notice

Agenda Item 3 - Programs & Events Update

***Current & Previous events**

- Parks & Rec took over the Taylor Youth Basketball League
- 152 kids have been registered
- November & December we held basketball skills classes
- Equal playing time
- Ornament making event "Turkey Art" was held in November
- Fitness schedule – clearing up schedule

Upcoming Activities & Events

- Taylor Youth Safety Bike Rodeo – March 28
- Spring Break Activities – March 16-20
- Easter Egg Hunt at Memorial Field – April 4
- Kite Day – April 25

Agenda Item 4 –Christmas Parade & Tree Lighting Event Review

- We had 48 Parade Entries
- GeoFence 10,000 people (5000 phones tagged in downtown Taylor for entire event)
- First ever Vendor Village
- Taylor High School Choir Performance
- We served 30 gallons of Hot Chocolate. Will need more next year.
- So many people were happy.

Agenda Item 5 –Board Rules of Decorum Review & Acknowledgement

- Staff & Board Members reviewed the Rules of Decorum that were adopted by the City Council on November 13, 2025
- Board members acknowledged receipt and understanding of the Boards and Commissions Rules of Decorum

Agenda Item 6 – Identify items for next meeting

- Duck Management
- Pool & YMCA Update
- TRAPS
- Putt-Putt

Agenda Item 7 - Next meeting date:

Next meeting is scheduled for February 18, 2026, at the Dickey Givens Community Center @6pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:50 pm



 Stacy Olsen, Chairwoman



 David Campise, Vice Chairman