

**City of Taylor**  
**Parks & Recreation Advisory Board Meeting**  
**Wednesday, February 18, 2026**  
**Dickey Givens Community Center**  
**Taylor, Texas 76574**  
**6:00 P.M.**

**PRESENT**

David Campise  
Jennifer Jewett  
Stacy Olsen  
April Green  
Buddy Michna  
Sheri Poll  
Giovanni Martinez

**ABSENT**

Patrick Tate

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Betsy Schultz, Asst Director  
Lisa Buzan, Liaison  
Curtis Fields, Team Lead

The meeting was called to order by Stacy Olsen at 6:00 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 the meeting on January 21, 2026**

Motion: Jennifer Jewett 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 Assistant Director, Betsy Schultz presented the Directors Report & slideshow.

No action taken on this item.

**Maintenance Highlights**

- Introduction of new board members
- Repaired lights at Bull Branch softball field
- Installed new trash cans in women’s restrooms at Taylor Regional Park
- Painted interiors of Murphy Park pavilion restrooms
- Replaced irrigation cover near pavilion at Taylor Regional Park
- Aerated and topdressed Heritage Square Park great lawn
- Sod cut infield arcs on fields for upcoming spring tournaments
- Assessment of shade structures at Taylor Regional Park
- Removed broken child swing; awaiting parts for replacement
- Fence and gate repairs at Taylor Regional Park
- Replaced mallets on playground equipment at Percussion Park
- On-boarded two new Athletic Field Technicians
- Baseball Tournament February 21 & 22 / 5 Tool Youth – 10 fields
- Taylor High School Softball Tournament February 28 & March 1 – 5 fields
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- Weeknight practices resumed in February. Practices occur on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday evenings.

#### \*Roznovak Pool Project

- Sundeck installed on pool deck
- Plaster completed
- Landscaping work nearing completion
- Pool being filled with water
- Testing of all features this week
- Restroom partitions and fixtures installed this week
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#### Turf Infield Installation

- Substantial completion walkthrough scheduled for Thursday afternoon
- Irrigation testing scheduled
- Replacement of sod along arcs
- Repairs to be made to broken concrete on sidewalks due to construction
- Tournament use scheduled for February 28

#### 2025 Parks Improvement Project

- Sidewalks and concrete to handicap parking spots all poured
- Removed defunct light pole
- Hydro mulch to be applied
- Water fountains ordered
- Crosswalk to be painted after level up by Public Works on Veteran's Drive
- Restroom building work continues with fixture, plumbing, and paint updates
- Murphy Park work to be completed before Bull Branch Park work commences
- Bull Branch Pavilion will be closed during construction

#### Other Department Updates:

- Operations Contract
  - Issuing a Request for Proposals (RFP) for bids for pool operations
  - Deadline for submittals is March 17; take it to City Council on March 26
- Murphy Park Mini Golf
  - Since end of May 2025, there have been 135 people check out putters and clubs
  - Total of 507 putters and balls checked out (average of 3.75 per person)
  - Friends of the Park Foundation established
  - Scheduling a meeting with potential vendor about full design of course and improvements
- TRAPS (Texas Recreation & Parks Society) Conference
  - Five staff members attended conference last week in Corpus Christi
  - Sessions attended ranged from employee engagement to social media to adaptive programming
  - Contact with potential vendors

#### **Agenda Item 3 – Discussion concerning Duck Management**

- A handout was distributed to the board
- Education campaign to kickoff in early March
- Door hangers, signs, website

- Wildernex Wildlife Control contract
  - Adding of eggs
  - Site visits in Bull Branch & Murphy Parks
  - Private property visits possible

**Agenda Item 4 – Discussion concerning Fitness Park Equipment**

- Good Life Taylor received a grant for additional fitness equipment at Memorial Field
- Equipment would be placed in the northwest corner of Memorial Field (opposite side of concession stand from current equipment)
- Fitness stations groups together or separated
- Would include chin up bars, balance steps, parallel bars, and mobility exercises
- Requires concrete and surfacing
- Providing examples and possible vendors to Good Life Taylor

**Agenda Item 5 - Programs & Events Update**

**\*Current & Previous events**

- The season for Youth Basketball League concludes on March 5th

**Upcoming Activities & Events**

- . Bike Rodeo
- Saturday, March 28
- Pasemann Elementary
- 2pm-5pm
- 2pm-3pm Low Sensory Hour
- Working with local families
- Easter Egg Hunt
- Saturday, April 4
- Memorial Field
- 10am-12pm
- Spring Break Activities
- Partnering with Library on Monday & Friday events
- Parks & Recreation activities Tuesday through Thursday

**Agenda Item 6 – Identify items for next meeting**

- Make appointments
- Spring Break

**Agenda Item 7 - Next meeting date:**

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:03 pm

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Stacy Olsen, Chairwoman

  
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David Campise, Vice Chairman