

**Park Board**  
**July 9, 1996**

A meeting of the City of Waxahachie Park Board was held on Tuesday, July 9, 1996 at 10:00 a.m. in the Council Chamber at the Waxahachie Police Building, 216 N. College, Waxahachie, Texas.

**Members Present:** Robert Baber  
 Betty Getzendaner  
 Rufus Venters

**Members Absent:** Mark Clemmons  
 Evelyn Pitts  
 Renda Hickerson  
 Carolyn Leslie

**Others Present:** Gerry Heine, Asst. City Manager/Director of  
 Parks & Recreation  
 Elaine Prater, Asst. City Secretary  
 Bill Nelson, Council Representative

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Mr. Bill Nelson stated he was responsible for the Park Board meeting today. As a newly appointed Council Representative to the Park Board he felt this would be a good time to meet the members. Mr. Nelson complimented the fine work being accomplished by Gerry Heine and his crew. He noted the Park Board had not met on a regular basis and questioned whether or not a Park Board was needed. Mr. Heine stated the Park Board was an advisory board and met only when there were items to be discussed. Mr. Nelson felt the Park Board members could be helpful to Mr. Heine but thought they should meet at least quarterly -- this is something the members should decide. He asked the members to discuss this and let him know what their decision was so he could present it to the City Council.

Mr. Gerry Heine commented the Recreation Complex Bond Election held on June 17, 1995 had failed. He is still hearing comments from people who would like to see a recreation complex built in the City.

Mr. Heine gave an update on the following projects:

1. The baseball field has been converted to a softball field, so there are now four ballfields and they are waiting on dirt to build a fifth ballfield. The City is working with the Waxahachie Country Club on securing some extra dirt.
2. A part time person was hired for Lion's Park to run leagues.
3. Summer leagues have started - there are 37 teams.
4. Property has been leased from the Texas Baptist Home for Children and three (3) practice fields are being constructed. Backstops are installed and clay should be installed soon.
5. The City has entered into a lease agreement with WISD for property behind Penn Park to be used for lighted softball field, soccer field and parking lot to be constructed over next two years.
6. The City did not receive the ISTEPA Grant for the Waxahachie Creek Corridor -- land has been donated from individuals to be used for this Project and others are being approached.
7. The City has been working with the Crape Myrtle Council in getting crape myrtles planted -- over 1500 trees have been handled so far. A Crape Myrtle Festival will be held July 21st.
8. The Junior Service League provided funds for the construction of restrooms at Getzendaner Park. The City matched funds given by the Junior Service League to provide rubber matting under the play equipment.

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9. The City purchased a lot behind the Police Building - this will be part of the Creek Channelization Project.
10. Funds have been included in the proposed budget for improvements to Penn Park. This includes sand blasting and replastering Frazier Pool and starting construction on softball field.

Mr. Gerry Heine asked the members to discuss if the Board should continue meeting or disband. It was the consensus of the three members in attendance the Board meet on a quarterly basis. Mr. Heine stated he would report to the City Council the Board's decision.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 10:28 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Elaine Prater  
Asst. City Secretary