

Park Board  
March 8, 2018

A meeting of the City of Waxahachie Park Board was held on Thursday, March 8, 2018 at 3:00 p.m. in the City Council Conference Room, 401 South Rogers, Waxahachie, Texas.

Members Present: Chad Hicks, Chairman  
Ginger Cole, Vice Chairman  
Coy B. Sevier  
Betsy Engelbrechtsen

Members Absent: William Major  
Byron Gibson

Others Present: John Smith, Director of Parks and Recreation  
Michael Scott, City Manager  
Lawrence Albert, Assistant City Manager  
Lori Cartwright, City Secretary  
David Hill, Council Representative

### **1. Call to Order**

Chairman Chad Hicks called the meeting to order.

### **2. Approval of minutes of the Park Board meeting of January 4, 2018**

#### **Action:**

*Mr. Coy Sevier moved to approve the minutes of the Park Board meeting of January 4, 2018. Vice Chairman Ginger Cole seconded, All Ayes.*

### **3. Discuss Park activities and take any necessary action**

Director of Parks and Recreation John Smith introduced Mr. David Bond to discuss a water skiing school at Lake Waxahachie.

Mr. David Bond, 194 Old Howard Road, Waxahachie, reported he is seeking to have an LLC in order to have a small water skiing and wake boarding school and requested approval from the Board.

Chairman Chad Hicks asked if anyone will be certified in CPR on the boat. Mr. Bond stated there will be someone on the boat certified in CPR. Mr. Bond stated he and a deck hand will take four skiers and a couple of parents out a time noting the school is for beginners and intermediate.

Chairman Hicks asked Mr. Bond to share his education and training in water skiing. Mr. Bond stated his education in water skiing was spending growing up in a water skiing school and also going back teaching at that location. He stated they will only operate during the weekdays from approximately afternoon hours to 6:00 p.m.

Mr. Smith stated the applicant's insurance is pending subject to City Council approval.

**Action:**

*After further discussion, Mr. Coy Sevier moved to approve a Lake Waxahachie Vendor Permit to allow water skiing instruction requested by Mr. David Bond, subject to City Council approval and proper insurance as required. Ms. Betsy Engelbrechtsen seconded, All Ayes.*

Mr. Smith reported January and February two 5k Fun Runs were held in Getzendaner Park as well as Community Theater at the Chautauqua Auditorium. Upcoming events include:

- March 24 – Old Fashion Singing at the Chautauqua
- April 4 – Cops and Kids Event
- April 21 – Crossroads Film Festival and “Sister’s on the Fly”
- April 21 – Keep Waxahachie Beautiful Spring Cleaning Day
- May 5 – Community Theater “My Fair Lady” at the Chautauqua
- May 19 – Tree Climbing and Pruning Conference and Competition
- May 19 – Old Fashion Singing

Mr. Smith reported the park pavilion reservations are booking rapidly. He stated April is almost booked solid in Getzendaner Park. He reported the Chautauqua fire suppression system installation is going according to plan.

**4. Discuss Park projects and take any necessary action**

Mr. Smith reported the Lions Club has proposed a Hachie 50 Legacy Lane at Getzendaner Park. He stated it will be installed at the entry to the hike and bike trail noting the location is where the Hachie 50 starts and stops their run. Mr. Smith stated the area will have an extension of names who won the run noting the Lions Club will provide funding.

City Manager Michael Scott stated the Hachie 50 running race is a growing event and the proposed area is dirt and this will be an improvement to the trail.

**Action:**

*Vice Chairman Ginger Cole moved to approve the Hachie 50 Legacy Lane as presented. Ms. Betsy Engelbrechtsen seconded, All Ayes.*

Mr. Smith presented an update on the following park projects:

- Camping Ordinance passed and new signs and information will be included on signage
- Penn Park Phase II – Construction documents are to be delivered early March
- Little Creek Trail – Documents are to be delivered mid-March
- Sidewalk connecting the Chautauqua and restrooms is complete
- Mustang Creek Park improvements will start soon. Pond clean-up is to be performed by community volunteers
- Settler’s Glen Park funding is requested for 2019
- Boat Dock Park improvements are completed. The Park will be evaluated during the spring events and holidays before moving forward at Spring Park

**5. Public Comments**

Mr. David Bond, 194 Old Howard Road, Waxahachie, stated at a previous meeting discussion was held pertaining to activities at the end of Old Howard Road and it was determined the Staff would get with Oncor to install a light. He asked the status of getting the light. Mr. Smith stated he will revisit with Oncor on the timeframe of installation.

**6. Adjourn**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lori Cartwright  
City Secretary