

Park Board
June 14, 2018

A regular meeting of the City of Waxahachie Park Board was held on Thursday, June 14, 2018 at 3:00 p.m. in the City Council Conference Room at City Hall, 401 S. Rogers, Waxahachie, Texas.

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

Others Present: John Smith, Director of Parks and Recreation
Michael Scott, City Manager
Albert Lawrence, Assistant City Manager
Chelsey Gordon, Assistant to City Manager
Amber Villarreal, Assistant City Secretary

Others Absent: Melissa Olson, Council Representative

1. Call to Order

Chairman Chad Hicks called the meeting to order.

2. Approval of minutes of Park Board meeting of May 3, 2018

Action:

Mr. Coy Sevier moved to approve the minutes of the Park Board meeting of May 3, 2018. Vice Chairman Ginger Cole seconded, All Ayes.

3. Discuss park and lake improvements and take any necessary action

Mr. John Smith, Director of Parks and Recreation, presented a memo listing the bid opening results for Penn Park Renovations Phase II. He explained Project Manager Bob Stoffels reviewed the three bids and recommended awarding to Dean Electric in the amount of \$345,037. The base bids include work to demo the existing football field, import soil and create a new field, provide drainage and storm sewer improvements, establish turf and connect power from pole to service base. Mr. Smith noted staff recommends the acceptance of the base bid and the following alternates:

Water, sewer and electric for restroom	\$8,650
Restroom pad and site work	\$12,950
Football field irrigation	\$27,700

In addition to these alternates, staff recommends the purchase of a modular restroom building and football field lighting.

Football field lighting	\$205,000
Restroom building	\$75,000

Mr. Smith explained the total cost of the project, with the alternates and additions will be \$674,337 and the funds available for the project are \$670,000. Staff requested an additional \$5,000 to complete this phase of work at Penn Park.

{Byron Gibson arrived at 3:06 p.m.}

Action:

Vice Chairman Ginger Cole moved to approve the bid from Dean Electric, Alternates 1, 2, and 3, additional modular restroom building and football field lighting, and authorize a budget amendment for \$5,000 to fund the total project. Mr. Coy Sevier seconded, All Ayes.

Mr. Smith explained there is money in the budget for a new restroom building at Spring Park. He noted the quote he received for an Ozark II is a chase restroom building that includes simulated barnwood texture walls, simulated cedar shake textured roof, vitreous china fixtures, interior and exterior lights off loaded and set up at site. Staff recommended a \$10,000 upgrade for an exterior designed to allow paint to be washed off if vandalized.

Action:

Ms. Betsy Engelbrechtsen moved to approve the restroom at Spring Park as presented. Mr. William Major seconded, All Ayes.

4. Discuss park and lake activities and take any necessary action

Mr. Smith discussed security measures at Lake Waxahachie for the Fourth of July holiday for safety of the citizens and residents that live near the Lake. The board explored the following options, costs, and feasibility: charging non-resident lake visitor's entrance fees to the lake on holiday weekends, closing the lake on holidays, and issuing day passes for City of Waxahachie residents on a first-come first serve basis. Mr. Smith explained that any option chosen by the board will still require limited entry, fencing and additional personnel.

Lake residents expressed concern with trash, overcrowding at the lake, signage, and off-street parking issues. City Manager Michael Scott reported the city is working with TxDot for additional "No Parking" signage on Howard Road to allow the police department to issue citations. Mr. Scott explained the board needs to look at a long-term solution in the future, but at this time a temporary solution is needed for the Fourth of July holiday.

Action:

After a lengthy discussion, Mr. Coy Sevier moved to approve issuing a one-day pass for City of Waxahachie residents only on a first-come, first-serve basis on 6/30/18, 7/1/18, 7/4/18, 7/7/18, and 7/8/18. Vice Chairman Ginger Cole seconded, All Ayes.

Mr. Smith announced three message boards have been rented to inform patrons of the temporary entry changes at Lake Waxahachie.

5. Hear update on Little Creek Trail and take any necessary action

City Manager Michael Scott noted staff has been working on the Little Creek Trail Project for the past two years. Chelsey Gordon, Assistant to the City Manager, updated the board on the easement acquisitions for the Little Creek Trail Project. She explained only three of the nine easements needed have been obtained. Staff revised Little Creek Trail Phase I to start between H-E-B and Global High off Indian Drive and end at Brown-Singleton Park on Farley Street. The trail cuts down about 1/3 of the original plan.

Action:

Mr. Coy Sevier moved to approve Little Creek Trail Phase I modification. Mr. Byron Gibson seconded, All Ayes.

6. Public Comments

Mr. Smith invited everyone to the Juneteenth celebration at Penn Park on Saturday, June 16th. He also announced Keep Waxahachie Beautiful will meet at Finley Junior High on Saturday, June 16th to pick up trash.

7. Adjourn

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Amber Villarreal
Assistant City Secretary