

Park Board
August 2, 2018

A regular meeting of the City of Waxahachie Park Board was held on Thursday, August 2, 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

Member Absent: Byron Gibson

Others Present: John Smith, Director of Parks and Recreation
Albert Lawrence, Assistant City Manager
Amber Villarreal, Assistant City Secretary
Melissa Olson, Council Representative

1. Call to Order

Chairman Chad Hicks called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

2. Approval of minutes of Park Board meeting of July 12, 2018

Action:

Mr. Coy Sevier moved to approve the minutes of the Park Board meeting of July 12, 2018. Vice Chairman Ginger Cole seconded, All Ayes.

3. Discuss park projects and activities and take any necessary action

Mr. John Smith, Director of Parks and Recreation, updated the board on the following park projects:

- Construction of Penn Park Phase 2 has started beginning with waterlines and irrigation
- Little Creek Trail Phase 1 is progressing and staff is working with property owners on easements

Mr. Smith noted council suggested constructing a pavilion at Oak Lawn Park and a bridge connection to the adjacent city property. Due to the limitations of the adjacent property, it was the consensus of the Park Board not to build the bridge. The board supported the idea of constructing a pavilion.

Mr. Smith reported council also would like to update the following at the Chautauqua:

- Redo concession stand and ticket booth
- New AV system
- Convert the bathrooms in the Chautauqua to dressing rooms

It was the consensus of the Park Board to support renovations at the Chautauqua and to review alternate roof options to protect the spread of a possible fire.

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

The board discussed the following various options for lake restrictions to address safety concerns:

- Online permitting process
- Advance permitting process
- Daily lake permits vs Annual lake permits
- Electronic parking machines
- Enforceable towing for illegal parking

After a lengthy discussion, it was the consensus of the board to use similar Fourth of July restrictions during the upcoming Labor Day weekend including no parking signs, increased police patrol, and constraining parking. The board will reassess the issues and continue to work on a long-term solution.

5. Public Comments

None

6. Adjourn

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Amber Villarreal
Assistant City Secretary