

Sachse Park and Recreation Commission
Minutes of July 21, 1998 Regular Meeting
Held at 7:00 pm Sachse City Hall

Members Present:

Kelley Felix
Karen Gaul
Paul Head
Donnie Thomas

Other Officials in Attendance:

Terry Smith, Acting City Manager
Stephen Stanley, Council Liaison
Bob Jones, Mayor Pro Tem
Doug Fritz, Council member

Members Absent:

Tina Boyd

Published Agenda:

1. Approval of Minutes of the June 16, 1998 Regular Meeting
2. Discuss current and future park policies
3. Discuss proposals for 1998/99 Park Budget
4. Consider recommendation to City Council regarding naming of the 36 acre park adjacent to Sewell Elementary School
5. Future Topics
6. Staff Updates
7. Consider park dedication fees for Woodbridge Subdivision
8. Consider park dedication fees for Sachse on the Creek Subdivision
9. Adjourn

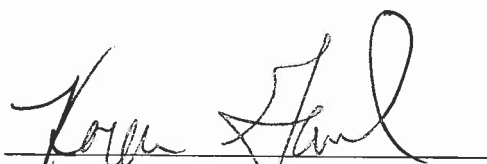
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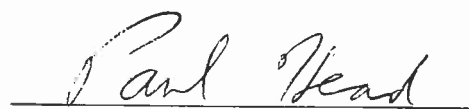
1. Motion to approve Minutes of June Regular Meeting made by Kelley Felix.
Seconded by Donnie Thomas. Approved unanimously.
2. The Park Board had planned to focus on McKinney's park policies if these had been provided by Tina Boyd. However, due to Ms. Boyd's absence/illness, the issue was tabled for next month's meeting.
3. Discussion of the preliminary Park Budget was continued from last month's meeting. Specific questions/issues pertained to:
 - a. The Park Board's recommendation for a total of 1.5 park crewman rather than the addition of the 1.5 reflected in the budget.
 - b. The increased utility (water and electric) costs with the new park and the highway median.
 - c. The excessive costs for a new pickup truck and lawn mowers as reflected in the capital expenditures portion.
 - d. An exact date for the opening of the new park.
 - e. Playground equipment.

The City Council will begin an initial budget workshop on July 30, 1998 with an all day workshop on August 8, 1998. This item will remain on the Park Board's agenda for next month's meeting.

4. Public discussion was opened to consider names for or a process for naming the new 36 acre park. Councilman Stephen Stanley presented an informal petition from Janna Jones and the Concerned Citizens of Sachse with approximately 400 signatures requesting that the park be named William B. Sachse Heritage Park. Another petition with approximately 170 signatures had previously been presented to the City Council and was forwarded to the Park Board in favor of naming the new park Larry Holden Park. Diana Smith spoke in favor of naming the park after former Mayor Larry Holden and cautioned against letting children come up with possible names. She was under the impression that only the name Larry Holden Park was up for consideration at this time. Lindy Cairns spoke and felt that children should be considered in naming the park since they would be the ones primarily using the facilities. She spoke in favor of naming the park William B. Sachse Heritage Park and calling it Heritage Park. She felt that this was a neutral name that would not only honor former Mayor Larry Holden but would honor all of our former mayors and city founders as well. Louise Conant was the final speaker from the audience, and she also spoke in favor of naming the park William B. Sachse Heritage Park. Kelley Felix was pleased to see the amount of interest from the citizens concerning this issue but felt there should be more input from the rest of the town by making everyone aware (via newsletters and water bills) that naming suggestions are being solicited. She also emphasized that there is no immediate need at this time to name the park. The rest of the board was in agreement. Therefore Kelley Felix made the motion to recommend to the City Council that the issue be brought to the public, via the newsletter and water bills, that the Park and Recreation Commission will be considering names for the new 36 acre park, and the deadline for submitting suggestions will be September 30, 1998. The issue will then be placed on the agenda for the Park Board's October meeting. Donnie Thomas made the friendly amendment that the two names which have already been under consideration be presented to the public when suggestions are solicited. The motion was seconded by Paul Head and passed unanimously.
5. Future topics will include a continuation of park policies discussion (look at McKinney's policies), budget proposals/discussion, staff updates, and an election of new officers.
6. Upon Terry Smith's suggestion, Kelley Felix made the motion to recess for a field trip to consider items 7. and 8. It was seconded by Donnie Thomas and passed unanimously.

7. A brief tour of Woodbridge with the presentation of two potential park sites was conducted by Don Herzog. While the property just north of Joe Stone's home was acceptable to the board, there were safety concerns about the other site which was located in a flood plane in the middle of the golf course. Nevertheless, the board agreed both sites had potential, and the details could be worked out in the final platting. With the dedication of this acreage, Mr. Herzog proposed that the remaining park dedication (13.5801 acres @ \$5629.09) or approximately \$76,500 be used in the development of the two proposed parks to satisfy park dedication requirements pertaining to the 532 acres in the Sachse city limits. Paul Head made the motion to recommend to City Council in concept the parks plan pertaining to the Sachse portion of Woodbridge as presented by Don Herzog subject to final details regarding actual park development, parking, playground equipment, trail plans, etc. to be reviewed further by Park Board and City Council. The motion was seconded by Kelley Felix and passed unanimously.
8. Land proposed for park dedication in the Sachse on the Creek development was presented in a brief field trip by the developer. Since this acreage includes a trail connecting Salmon Park to city park land north of the library, there was concern by a citizen, Kathy Cobb, about various unsightly fence lines that could occur along the trail behind the new homes and may already exist behind the homes closer to Salmon Park. It was difficult to explore this acreage since it was getting dark and the grass was high, but Kelley Felix assured the board that it was a nice trail that she had used in the past to walk from Salmon Park to her home. Since the rest of the acreage was included for a total of 9.42 acres, it appeared to be a good deal for the people of Sachse, and quite a bit more land than is required for park dedication off of this development. The developer requested that it satisfy park dedication requirements for both phases of the entire subdivision. Kelley Felix made the motion to recommend to the City Council that they accept the entire 9.42 acres as presented as park dedication for both phases of Sachse on the Creek. The motion was seconded by Paul Head and passed unanimously.
9. Motion to adjourn was made by Kelley Felix. Seconded by Donnie Thomas.
Approved unanimously.


Karen Gaul, Chairman


Paul Head, Secretary

REGULAR MEETING
OF THE
PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION
OF THE CITY OF SACHSE
TUESDAY, JULY 21, 1998
7:00 P.M.
SACHSE CITY HALL

The Park and Recreation Commission of the City of Sachse will hold a Regular Meeting on Tuesday, July 21, 1998 at 7:00 p.m. at the Sachse City Hall 5560 Highway 78, to discuss the following items of business:

1. Approval of Minutes of the June 16 1998 Regular Meeting
-----Chairman
 2. Discuss current and future park policies-----Chairman
 3. Discuss proposals for 1998/99 Park Budget-----Chairman
 4. Consider recommendation to City Council regarding naming of 36
acre park adjacent to Sewell Elementary School-----Chairman
 5. Future Topics-----Chairman
 6. Staff Updates-----Staff
- Brief Recess: to review park dedications on site (Agenda items 7&8)
7. Consider park dedication fees for Woodbridge Subdivision
-----Chairman
 8. Consider park dedication fees for Sachse on the Creek Subdivision
-----Chairman
 9. Adjourn-----Chairman

State law prohibits the introduction or discussion of any item of business not posted at least seventy-two (72) hours prior to the meeting time.

July 17, 1998

Terry Smith
City Secretary

If you plan to attend this public meeting and you have a disability that requires special arrangements, please contact Terry Smith at 972-495-1212 forty-eight (48) hours before meeting time and reasonable accommodation will be made.



City Manager's Comments

Park Board Agenda

Item #1. Minutes-Attached are the minutes.

Item #2. Park Policies

The Park Board is to review McKinney's policies and procedures. Wylie does not have a written policy for their pavilion-- it is first come, first serve and no fee.

Item #3. Proposed Budget

Attached is a copy of the current park budget. The Park board needs to address any items they want included in a proposal to the City Council.

Item #7. Park Dedication Fees for Woodbridge

This is mainly for discussion between the Park Board and myself on this issue with Woodbridge.

Item #8. Park Dedication Fees for Sachse on the Creek

This is a plat which you may or may not have seen. This is a preliminary discussion on this item to let you know what will be proposed for this subdivision. A copy is attached.

NOTES:

Approved _____ Denied _____ Tabled _____ Withdrawn _____

Boards and Commissions Meetings Attendance Report

Board/Commission/Committee: Park & Recreation Comm

Date of Meeting: July 21, 1998

Place of Meeting: City Hall

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Kelley Felix
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Members Absent:

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