



Sachse, Texas

Sachse City Hall
3815 Sachse Road
Building B
Sachse, Texas 75048

Meeting Agenda

Parks and Recreation Commission

Thursday, December 13, 2012

7:00 PM

Council Chambers

The Parks and Recreation Commission of the City of Sachse will hold a Regular Meeting on Thursday, December 13, 2012, at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at the Sachse City Hall, 3815 Sachse Road, Building B, Sachse, Texas to consider the following items of business:

1. Call to Order
2. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance to the U.S. and Texas Flags
3. 12-1257 Consider approval of the minutes of the November 8, 2012 meeting.

Executive Summary

Review and approve minutes of the November 8, 2012 meeting.

Attachments: [parks minutes 110812.pdf](#)

4. Introduction of new board members and present instructions on Boards and Commissions training.
5. Consider election of officers.
6. Discuss and consider Firefighter's Park (located at 2837 5th Street).
7. 12-1258 Discuss and consider proposed amendment to the Tree Preservation Ordinance.

Executive Summary

The removal of trees from property within the City is regulated by the Tree Mitigation standards contained in the Tree Preservation Ordinance in the Code of Ordinances. In short, trees that are removed must be replaced at a certain ratio consistent with the standards. This discussion is intended to explore flexibility in enforcing these standards.

Attachments: [parks Tree Mitigation Ammendment 12-12.pdf](#)

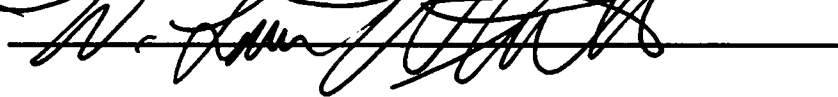
8. Staff updates regarding current activities, special events, and personnel.
9. Requests for future agenda items.
10. Set upcoming Parks and Recreation Commission meeting date.

11. Adjournment

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.

Posted: December 7, 2012; 5:00 p.m.

Lance Whitworth, Director of Parks and Recreation



If you plan to attend this public meeting and you have a disability that requires special arrangements at the meeting, please contact Terry Smith, City Secretary at (972) 495-1212, 48 business hours prior to the scheduled meeting date. Reasonable accommodations will be made to assist your needs.



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Legislation Details (With Text)

File #: 12-1257 **Version:** 1 **Name:** Consider approval of the minutes of the November 8, 2012 meeting.
Type: Agenda Item **Status:** Agenda Ready
File created: 12/5/2012 **In control:** Parks and Recreation Commission
On agenda: 12/13/2012 **Final action:**
Title: Consider approval of the minutes of the November 8, 2012 meeting.

Executive Summary
Review and approve minutes of the November 8, 2012 meeting.

Sponsors:

Indexes:

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Title

Consider approval of the minutes of the November 8, 2012 meeting.

Executive Summary

Review and approve minutes of the November 8, 2012 meeting.

Background

Approve minutes of the November 8, 2012 meeting.

Policy Considerations

N/A

Budgetary Considerations

N/A

Staff Recommendations

Review and approval of the minutes of the November 8, 2012 meeting.



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Minutes - Full Report Parks and Recreation Commission

Thursday, November 8, 2012

7:00 PM

City Hall

The Parks and Recreation Commission of the City of Sachse will hold a Regular Meeting on Thursday, November 8, 2012, at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at the Sachse City Hall, 3815 Sachse Road, Building B, Sachse, Texas to consider the following items of business:

Present 5 - Chairman Jeff Bickerstaff, Commission Member Diana Smith, Commission Member Juanita Miller, Vice Chair Darlene Putman, and Commission Member Spencer Hauenstein

Absent 1 - Commission Member J. D. Pruitt

Also present: City Council Liaison Brett Franks, Parks and Recreation Director Lance Whitworth, and Activity Coordinator Cynthia Wiseman.

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM.

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance to the U.S. and Texas Flags

The invocation and pledge of allegiance to the U.S. and Texas flags was led by Chairman Jeff Bickerstaff.

3. 12-1198

Consider approval of the minutes of the October 11, 2012 meeting.

Executive Summary

Review and approve the October 11, 2012 meeting minutes.

A motion was made by Spencer Hauenstein and seconded by Juanita Miller to approve the minutes as written. Motion passed unanimously.

Discuss and consider Firefighter's Park (located at 2837 5th Street).

Mr. Whitworth reported that Maddox Surveying has completed the replatting of Firefighter's Park. They are submitting the copies of the replat to the Community Development Department Director Marc Kurbansade. Once City Staff reviews it, we can begin working with the City Engineering Department on getting the parking lot designed.

Discuss and consider America Recycles Day event and activities.

Mr. Whitworth thanked the board for their efforts in helping with the America Recycles campaign. The Mayor read a proclamation in the City Council meeting. We also partnered with the baseball association and the library in their storytime where Jeff Bickerstaff and Diana Smith read stories to the kids.

Discuss and consider Tree Preservation Ordinance.

Mr. Whitworth reported on the tree preservation ordinance and that the Community Development Director, Marc Kurbansade would like to change the size of the trees that are required to mitigate by raising the minimum caliper inches. Also, we would like to look at amending the ordinance on the part about mitigation of the trees on the pad site, as well as changing the types of trees that developers are required to mitigate.

Staff updates regarding current activities, special events, and personnel.

Mr. Whitworth thanked Diana Smith and Jeff Bickerstaff for assisting in the Pumpkin Prowl. We had over 600 people at the event with our sponsor being Fun Times Party rental donating bounce houses for the event. We had the biggest participation to date in the costume contest and Saints on Steel Motorcycle Ministries helped with the parking. We hired a maintenance tech and are working on hiring another. Mr. Whitworth and Mr. Bickerstaff thanked Mr. Hauenstein, Ms. Putman, and Ms. Hill for their service on the board. November 30 is the Daddy/Daughter Dance and December 8 is Cookies with Santa.

Request for future agenda items.

Requests were made to discuss the Tree Preservation Ordinance, Firefighter's Park, and election of new board members.

Set upcoming Parks and Recreation Commission meeting date.

The board meeting was set for December 13, 2012 at 7:00 PM.

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made at 7:47 PM by Darlene Putman.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

SECRETARY

CHAIRMAN



Legislation Details (With Text)

File #:	12-1258	Version:	1	Name:	Discuss and consider proposed amendment to the Tree Preservation Ordinance.
Type:	Agenda Item	Status:		Status:	Agenda Ready
File created:	12/6/2012	In control:		In control:	Parks and Recreation Commission
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Title:	Discuss and consider proposed amendment to the Tree Preservation Ordinance.				

Executive Summary

The removal of trees from property within the City is regulated by the Tree Mitigation standards contained in the Tree Preservation Ordinance in the Code of Ordinances. In short, trees that are removed must be replaced at a certain ratio consistent with the standards. This discussion is intended to explore flexibility in enforcing these standards.

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Title

Discuss and consider proposed amendment to the Tree Preservation Ordinance.

Executive Summary

The removal of trees from property within the City is regulated by the Tree Mitigation standards contained in the Tree Preservation Ordinance in the Code of Ordinances. In short, trees that are removed must be replaced at a certain ratio consistent with the standards. This discussion is intended to explore flexibility in enforcing these standards.

Background

The City of Sachse regulates Tree Mitigation in Chapter 3, Article II of the City of Sachse Code of Ordinances. These regulations were originally adopted in Ordinance No. 2571 on April 2, 2007. One amendment (Ord. No. 3093) to the original ordinance was adopted on December 1, 2008. Ordinance No. 3093 established Tree Care Standards, designated the Parks and Recreation Commission to serve as the Tree Preservation Board, and granted certain administrative responsibilities to the Parks and Recreation Director.

The main reasons for the original adoption of the Ordinance were to create regulating standards as well as to meet requirements that would enable the City to obtain a *Tree City USA* designation.

The Parks and Recreation Commission recently discussed amending these standards at the November 8, 2012 meeting, at which time the Parks and Recreation Commission

recommended that staff consider and present the following options to City Council in an upcoming discussion item:

Designating a minimum caliper inch size / diameter at breast height (DBH) for trees to be mitigated.

Offering an exemption from mitigation for trees that fall within the building area when a lot is developed.

Means of providing flexibility in considering tree mitigation requirements.

Policy Considerations

The intent of this item is to examine the current Tree Mitigation standards to ensure that they maintain the intent of the previously adopted provisions, but are not overly burdensome on new development. Below is a list of the existing Ordinance sections followed by staff commentary regarding proposed amendments.

Sec. 3-46. - Enforcement.

Staff comment: The current penalty for unauthorized removal of trees (subsection 1.b of the Ordinance) is equal to \$100 per caliper inch illegally removed. This amount is less than the cost of mitigating for removed trees, therefore the incentive to mitigate is absent. Staff suggests that the penalty levied be similar to the violation of any of the City's Ordinances in addition to requiring the violating party to obtain approval of a Tree Management Plan.

Sec. 3-47. - Tree preservation and mitigation.

Staff comment: Staff suggests that this section be amended to define a "protected tree" as the following trees with a DBH of 6 inches or greater not located within a buildable area on the site.

Pecan (*Carya illinoensis*)
Yaupon Holly (*Ilex vomitoria*)
Sweetgum (*Liquidambar styraciflua*)
Southern Magnolia (*Magnolia grandiflora*)
Bur Oak (*Quercus macrocarpa*)
Chinkapin Oak (*Quercus muehlenbergii*)
Shumark Oak (*Quercus shumardii*)
Texas Red Oak (*Quercus texana*)
Live Oak (*Quercus virginiana*)
Bald Cypress (*Taxodium distichum*)
Sycamore (*Platanus occidentalis*)
Oaks-all others not listed (*Quercus spp.*)
American Elm (*Ulmus americana*)
Cedar Elm (*Ulmus crassifolia*)
Chittamwood (*Bumelia lunuginosa*)
Common Persimmon (*Diospyros virginiana*)

Green Ash (*Fraxinus pennsylvanica*)
Black Walnut (*Juglans nigra*)
Eastern Red Cedar (*Juniperus virginiana*)
Crape Myrtle (*Lagerstroemia indica*)
Mexican Plum (*Prunus Mexicana*)
Eve's Necklace (*Sophora affinis*)
Pine species (*Pinus spp.*)
Bradford Pear (*Pyrus calleryana*)

The trees listed above are the same trees that are listed in the current ordinance as requiring either 100% or 80% mitigation rates. The proposed change would be to require all of the above to be mitigated at 100% and remove the trees listed at 60% and 40% mitigation rates from a protected tree status. The removal of trees from being protected is based upon an analysis of multiple tree ordinances within the Metroplex.

Sec. 3-48. - Variances.

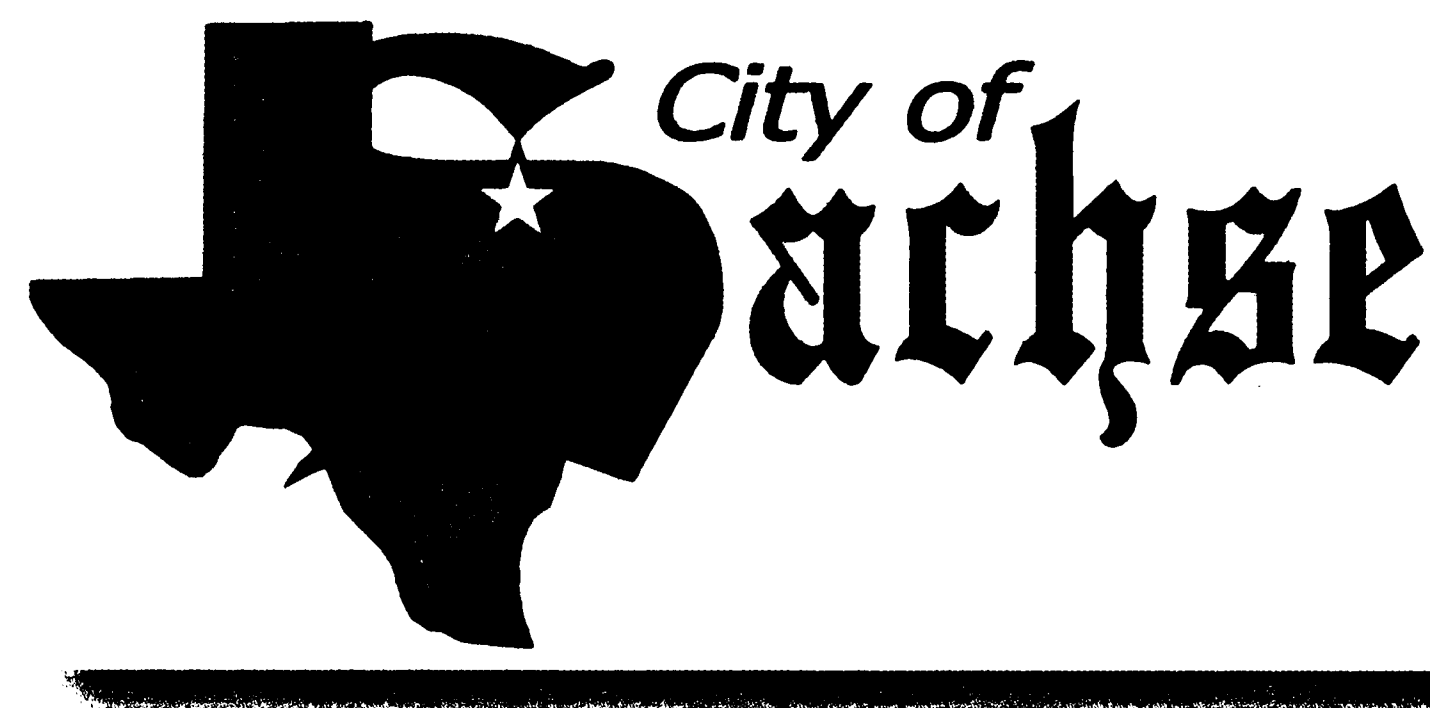
Staff Comment: Staff suggests that the title of this section be changed to "Appeals" so as not to be confused with the literal legal definition of a "variance".

⤿ In summary, staff is proposed the following major changes:

Exempting trees within the "buildable area" of the site from being subject to Tree Mitigation requirements.
Modifying the "grandfathered properties" to be commensurate with existing Texas Local Government Code requirements.
Removing a number of trees from being required to be mitigated for.
Setting the minimum size of a protected tree at 6" DBH, and only requiring protected trees to be mitigated.

Budgetary Considerations
None

Staff Recommendations
Consider recommendation to City Council regarding the proposed amendments to the Tree Preservation Ordinance.



**PARKS AND RECREATION
COMMISSION MEETING**

DECEMBER 13, 2012

OUTLINE

- Background
 - Ordinance History
 - Recent Parks & Recreation Commission Meeting
- Policy Considerations
 - Examination of existing regulations and recommendations
 - Comparison to other Metroplex municipalities
- Schedule

BACKGROUND

ORDINANCE HISTORY

- ❑ Original Ordinance adopted April 2, 2007 with the main goals being to create regulating standards as well as to meet requirements that would enable the City to obtain a *Tree City USA* designation.
- ❑ Amendments to Ordinance on December 1, 2008
 - Established Tree Care standards
 - Designated the Parks and Recreation Commission to serve as the Tree Preservation Board
 - Granted certain administrative responsibilities to the Parks and Recreation Director.



BACKGROUND

PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION

- ❑ Parks & Recreation Commission met on November 8, 2012 to provide input in anticipation of this Discussion Item before City Council
- ❑ Recommendations
 - Designating a minimum caliper inch size / diameter at breast height (DBH) for trees to be mitigated
 - Offering an exemption from mitigation for trees that fall within the building area when a lot is developed
 - Means of providing flexibility in considering tree mitigation requirements

POLICY CONSIDERATIONS

ANALYSIS OF EXISTING REGULATIONS

- Following sections to remain unchanged:
 - Sec. 3-41. - Tree preservation.
 - Sec. 3-42. - Applicability.
 - Sec. 3-44. - Tree management plan required.
 - Sec. 3-45. - General requirements related to protected trees.
 - Sec. 3-49. - Tree care.
 - Sec. 3-49.1. - Care of public trees.
 - Sec. 3-49.2. - Tree preservation board.

POLICY CONSIDERATIONS

ANALYSIS OF EXISTING REGULATIONS

- Sec. 3-43. - Exceptions.
 - Remove current exception regarding platted property.
 - Add exemption from mitigation requirements for trees located in “buildable area”.

POLICY CONSIDERATIONS

ANALYSIS OF EXISTING REGULATIONS

- Sec. 3-47. – Tree preservation and mitigation.
 - Define certain tree species with a DBH of 6 inches or greater as “protected trees”
 - Only require mitigation for trees in the current Ordinance listed in “100%” and “80%” categories
 - Remove trees in the current Ordinance listed in “60%” and “40%” categories as requiring mitigation
 - Use references to other Metroplex municipalities in determining standards

POLICY CONSIDERATIONS

SUMMARY

- ❑ Exempting trees within the “buildable area” of the site
- ❑ Modifying the “grandfathered properties” to be commensurate with existing Texas Local Government Code requirements.
- ❑ Removing a number of trees from being required to be mitigated for.
- ❑ Setting the minimum size of a protected tree at 6” DBH, and only requiring protected trees to be mitigated.

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

