

City of Sachse
Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes
January 29, 2009

Present:

Jeff Bickerstaff, Chairperson
Scott Whitfield, Vice-Chairperson
Kerry Andersen, Secretary
Dan Stevens
Spencer Hauenstein
Juanita Miller
Kirsten Hill
Lance Whitworth, Parks Director
Cynthia Wiseman, Activity Coordinator

Absent:

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Jeff Bickerstaff.

Item 1 – Approval of Minutes of the December 11, 2008 Regular Meeting: Minutes from the December 11, 2008 meeting were reviewed. Motion was made by Spencer Hauenstein and seconded by Kerry Andersen to accept the minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

Item 2 – Citizen Input: No citizen input.

Item 3 – Update on Tree City USA Application: Mr. Whitworth reported that our application was forwarded by the Texas Forest Service to the National Arbor Day Foundation. They will accept our application as long as we have a community Arbor Day celebration with activities.

Item 4 – Update on Park Master Plan: Mr. Simms reported to the board on the needs assessment in Sachse. Data reported to the board came from that collected at the two public hearings, survey and interviews from sports association as well as standards set forth by NRPA.

Item 5 – Discuss and Consider Recommendation to Council on Park Board Meeting Times: The board discussed possible evening meeting times. Scott Whitfield made a motion to recommend to Council to change the Park Board meetings to the second Thursday of the month at 7:30 p.m. The motion was seconded by Spencer Hauenstein and the motion passed unanimously.

Item 6 – Discuss Park Signage and Location: Juanita Miller reported to the board that she toured the City parks and found it difficult to find some of the parks due to the lack of directional signs. She also wondered if it was possible to rotate the Muddy Creek sign to make it more visible to traffic coming up on it. Mr. Whitworth said that we would come up with some ideas to report to the board at the next meeting.

Item 7 – Report on Salmon Park Bond Project: Mr. Dennis Simms presented to the board some preliminary drawings of improvements that will be made at Salmon Park.

Item 8 – Staff Updates:

- a. Spring/Summer 2009 Brochure – Ms. Wiseman reported to the board that the Spring/Summer 2009 brochure has been completed and mailed to Sachse residents.
- b. 2008 Accomplishments – Mr. Whitworth presented to the board accomplishments made by the Parks and Recreation Department in 2008.

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Item 9 – Request for Future Agenda Items: The board would like to see the following on the next agenda: Report on signage, Salmon Park report, parking and lighting at Heritage Park, and adopt-a-spot.

Motion to adjourn was made by Dan Stevens and seconded by Juanita Miller. The motion passed unanimously.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Kerry Andersen, Secretary

Jeff Bickerstaff, Chairperson