



Sachse, Texas

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

Minutes - Full Report Parks and Recreation Commission

Thursday, January 19, 2012

7:00 PM

Courtroom at City Hall

The Parks and Recreation Commission of the City of Sachse will hold a Special Meeting on Thursday, January 19, 2012, at 7:00 p.m. in the Courtroom at the Sachse City Hall, 3815 Sachse Road, Building B, Sachse, Texas to consider the following items of business:

Present 7 - Commission Member Kirsten Hill, Commission Member Brett Franks, Commission Member Diana Smith, Commission Member Spencer Hauenstein, Chairman Jeff Bickerstaff, Commission Member Juanita Miller, and Vice Chair Darlene Putman

Also present: City Council Liaison Jared Patterson, Parks Director Lance Whitworth and Activity Coordinator Cynthia Wiseman

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

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Chairman, Jeff Bickerstaff.

- 2. 12-0645** Consider approval of the December 8, 2011 regular meeting minutes.

Executive Summary

Approval of the December 8, 2011 meeting minutes.

A motion was made by Spencer Hauenstein and seconded by Brett Franks to approve the minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

3. Regular Agenda Items:

- 3a. 12-0661** Discuss and consider a recommendation to City Council on the naming of a ball field at Heritage Park in honor of Howard McMillan.

Executive Summary

This item is to discuss and consider a recommendation submitted to the Parks and Recreation Commission for the naming of a ball field at Heritage Park in honor of the late Howard McMillan.

Mr. Whitworth reported to the board that he had received a request to name one of the ball fields in honor of Howard McMillan. He presented to the board letters he had received regarding Mr. McMillan and his service in teaching girls fast pitch softball. Chuck Schaefer, 4811 Williford Road, stated that Mr.

McMillan was the primary source for starting girls fast pitch and feels that the City should name a field after him. Cindy Mitchell, 3128 Welch Lane, suggested that if a field is named after Mr. McMillan, that it be the green field at Heritage since that field is currently dedicated to girls softball. Dave Sanford, 3718 Trailridge Drive, felt that the City could maybe use the same criteria that was used when naming the Senior Center after Laurie Schwenk. Mr. Bickerstaff stated that at the time of the Senior Center naming, there was no policy in place. After discussion among the board, a motion was made by Diana Smith and seconded by Juanita Miller to table this item until the July 2012 meeting. The motion passed with 4 in favor: Juanita Miller, Darlene Putman, Diana Smith, and Brett Franks; and 3 opposed: Kirsten Hill, Spencer Hauenstein, and Jeff Bickerstaff.

3b. Discuss and consider charitable contributions from organizations to the Parks and Recreation Department.

Mr. Whitworth reported that he has spoken to the Baseball Association President, Charlie Purzinsky, and the board has decided to just make the field more presentable and help with providing funds for a clay infield and conditioner. We should be able to have this completed for the practice season.

3c. Discuss Veterans Day parade.

Mr. Whitworth reported that while this event is a worthy event and the City will be happy to assist any individuals wanting to organize this event with the parade route, it would be difficult to add another event with budget cuts that have already caused the departments to cut 2 of its events. Cindy Mitchell, 3128 Welch Lane, stated that she could get together with individuals from other organizations to help organize a parade. Darlene Putman suggested the Historical Society may want to help with a Veterans Parade. Mr. Sanford, 3718 Trailridge Dr., feels that not having a ceremony for veterans is inexcusable.

3d. Discuss Arbor Day / Spring Cleanup / City-wide Trash Collection event.

Ms. Wiseman reported that preparations are being made for the upcoming, April 14, Arbor Day/Spring Cleanup event, including 37 letters that have been sent out to organizations in Sachse. We have received one response and are moving forward with advertising the event online and in the brochure. Mr. Whitworth reported that the City is looking to have a Citywide Trash Collection Event on April 13 and April 14. Residents would be able to drop off trash, debris, brush, clippings, and appliances.

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

Mr. Whitworth reported that the City Council approved the mowing contract, and the semi annual brochure has been sent to the printer and will go out in the mail the following week. He also reported that Mr. Sanford donated funds to the Parks and Recreation Department when Park Lake Partners dissolved. We are currently interviewing for a Parks Maintenance Tech position.

5. Request for future agenda items.

Requests were made to discuss America Recycles Day, and receive an update on Firefighter's Park.

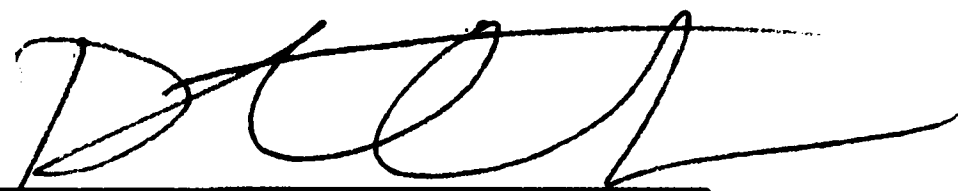
6. Set upcoming Parks and Recreation Commission meeting date.

The meeting was set for February 9, 2012, at 7:00 PM.

7. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made at 8:05 PM. The motion passed unanimously.

ATTEST:



SECRETARY

APPROVED:



COMMISSION CHAIRMAN



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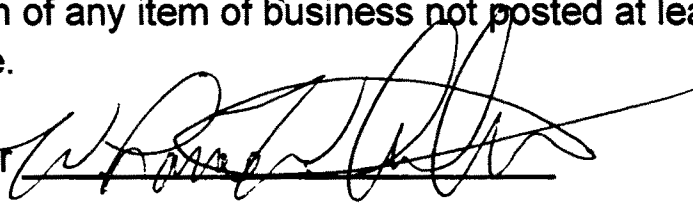
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7. Adjournment

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: January 13, 2012; 5:00 p.m.

Lance Whitworth, Parks and Recreation Director



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.

Legislation Details (With Text)

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On agenda: 1/19/2012 **Final action:**
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Executive Summary
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Title

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Executive Summary

Approval of the December 8, 2011 meeting minutes.

Background

Review and approve the December 8, 2011 meeting minutes.

Policy Considerations

None

Budgetary Considerations

None

Staff Recommendations

Approval of the December 8, 2011 regular meeting minutes.



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Minutes - Full Report Parks and Recreation Commission

Thursday, December 8, 2011

7:00 PM

City Hall

The Parks and Recreation Commission of the City of Sachse held a Regular Meeting on Thursday, December 8, 2011, 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 6 - Chairman Jeff Bickerstaff, Board Member Brett Franks, Board Member Diana Smith, Board Member Darlene Putman, Board Member Juanita Miller, and Board Member Spencer Hauenstein

Absent 1 - Board Member Kirsten Hill

Also present: City Council Liaison Jared Patterson, Parks Director Lance Whitworth and Activity Coordinator Cynthia Wiseman

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

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Chairman, Jeff Bickerstaff.

2. 11-0566 Consider approval of minutes of the November 10, 2011 regular meeting.

Executive Summary

This item is to approve the minutes from the previous meeting.

A motion was made by Spencer Hauenstein and seconded by Brett Franks to approve the minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

3. Consider Election of Officers

A motion was made by Spencer Hauenstein and seconded by Brett Franks to nominate Jeff Bickerstaff for Chairman. Motion passed unanimously. A motion was made by Brett Franks and seconded by Spencer Hauenstein to nominate Darlene Putman for Vice-Chairman. Motion passed unanimously. A motion was made by Darlene Putman and seconded by Brett Franks to nominate Diana Smith for Secretary. Motion passed unanimously.

4. Discuss the fund balance of the Park Development Fees.

Mr. Whitworth reported that he met with Barry Shelton to discuss the future development in Sachse. He presented to the board the projected number of homes that will be built in Sachse and the projected amount that will be collected from Park Development fees if no land is donated in lieu of fees, up until 2020.

5. Discuss and consider charitable contributions from organizations to the Parks and Recreation Department.

Mr. Whitworth reported that this item is related to the Sachse Baseball Association that came to the Parks & Recreation Department with an idea to complete the back field at Salmon Park. Mr. Whitworth has spoken to the Baseball Association President on this project, including giving estimates to him on what the cost will be to complete the field. Mr. Franks has also spoken to the Baseball Association Board and they are not content with building in that area anymore because the center field length can only be 150 feet. Also, there is not adequate parking for an added field.

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

There were about 56 couples at the Daddy/Daughter Dance. The Christmas Parade and Cookies with Santa event is coming up on Saturday. This year there will be music in the amphitheater, as well as vendors, and a sponsor is providing a synthetic ice skating rink. Mr. Hauenstein said that he and his daughter had a great time at the Dance and he appreciated the help that the National Honor Society provided. The outdoor and indoor facility reservation changes were discussed at the recent Council meeting, as well as changes to Ordinance 7-2 and both passed.

7. Request for future agenda items.

Requests were made to discuss charitable donations, Veterans Day parade, and the Spring Cleanup.

8. Set upcoming Parks and Recreation Commission meeting date.

The meeting was set for January 19, 2012, at 7:00 pm.

9. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made at 7:45 pm by Spencer Hauenstein. The motion passed unanimously.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

SECRETARY

CHAIRMAN



Legislation Details (With Text)

File #: 12-0661 **Version:** 1 **Name:** Discuss and consider a recommendation to City Council on the naming of a ball field at Heritage Park in honor of Howard McMillan.

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File created: 1/12/2012 **In control:** Parks and Recreation Commission

On agenda: 1/19/2012 **Final action:**

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Executive Summary

This item is to discuss and consider a recommendation submitted to the Parks and Recreation Commission for the naming of a ball field at Heritage Park in honor of the late Howard McMillan.

Background

On November 7, 2011, City Council approved Resolution No. 3336, a policy establishing guidelines for the naming of public facilities, including parks and recreation facilities and other properties managed by the Sachse Parks and Recreation Department. A request has been submitted to the Parks and Recreation Commission to consider recommending that City Council name a ball field at Heritage Park in honor of the late Howard McMillan. Mr. McMillan was a resident of Sachse from 1978 until his passing in 2007. He is a descendant of the McMillan family that received Peter's Colony grants in Texas in 1845 and that settled in and around Sachse. Mr. McMillan was a teacher, coach, principal and superintendent for 36 years. In 1993, he began offering girls softball pitching lessons at his home and accepted no payment in return. He taught 400+ girls how to be an effective fast pitch softball pitcher, many who went on to successful collegiate careers because of his coaching. As a result of his dedication to Sachse and influencing the future of young female athletes, Mr. McMillan is a strong candidate for this honor.

Policy Considerations

Resolution No. 3336 allows for the naming of city public facilities, including parks and recreation facilities, as stated in Guideline IV. "significant contributions by individuals will be those that constitute more than 50% (or a major portion) of the total cost of a project, or that consist of outstanding public service of great duration and/or diligence to the community, in particular, the development of the parks and recreation system,"

Budgetary Considerations

N/A

Staff Recommendations

Staff recommends approving a recommendation to the City Council on naming a ball field at Heritage Park in honor of Howard McMillan.



Office of the Mayor

August 22, 2011

Mr. Jeff Bickerstaff
Chairman, Sachse Parks & Recreation Commission
6502 Baycrest Circle
Sachse, Texas 75048

Dear Jeff:

Please consider this letter as a request for the Park & Recreation Commission to consider naming a ball field after the Late Howard McMillan. Howard McMillan did numerous things to help and promote the City of Sachse. More importantly, he was an educator and coach. He coached more than 400 girls fastball pitching. Many of these girls went on to win state championships and receive college scholarships because of his coaching. Kindly see his attached resume.

Kindly call should you have any questions.

Thank you for your consideration on this issue.

Sincerely,

Mike J. Felix
Mayor

→ CC: LANCE WHITWORTH

HOWARD FRANKLIN MCMILLAN

Born April 12, 1928

Died April 15, 2007

Son of: William Franklin McMillan and Kathryn Drake McMillan of Wylie

Descended from the pioneer McMillan family that received Peter's Colony grants in Texas in 1945, prior to Texas becoming a state.

Known as "Mr Mac" to friends and students.

Dedicated 36 years to the education field as a teacher, coach, principal and superintendent.

He was a veteran, holding the rank of Captain in the US Army. He was assigned as a statistician at the Pentagon and served as a Peach Corp advisor to President Lyndon B. Johnson. He was later active in civil defense work

He was an avid freelance photographer, photographing hundreds of special events. His photos were carried by the Dallas Morning News and the Wylie News

The Wylie News featured his "Candid Camera Corner" for several years.

Howard and his family built their home in Sachse in 1978 where they became members of the First Baptist Church in Sachse.

In 1983 he opened the Sachse Hardware Store on Hwy 78 which also featured furniture upholstery and refinishing and used furniture.

When the "old city hall" was moved to the "old" city hall site on Hwy 78, he handcrafted the Sachse logo for the city council voting board and donated it to the city.

The Sachse Memorial afghan that was displayed in the city hall was mounted and hung from a frame crafted and donated by Howard.

He assisted many times in the setting up and taking down of Fallfest tents and booths.

After he retired he began coaching girl's fastball pitching. He coached more than 400 girls from 1993 until his death. Many of these girls came from Sachse but many also came from other cities in our area. No one was turned away and no one had to pay for his training. He was glad to provide the coaching for free. He opened his home and provided a place for camaraderie and friendship among the parents and the kids.

Many of those girls went on to win state championships and to receive college scholarships because of his training.

Howard enjoyed fishing, carpentry, and telling jokes. He was a good Samaritan and was always ready to lend a hand to help anyone.

Mrs. McMillan,

I express my deepest condolences. I can't onway how much "Mr. Mac" has impacted my pitching career. I am in my senior year at Tarleton State University as one of the pitchers for the Texans. If it wasn't for that day that Mr. Mac watched me throw a ball over my dad's head to the creek river and over, and Mr. Mac offering his guidance and expertise, I would not be where I am today. Through all of the glove throwing, dumping, and tears, he was right... it was all worth it! I am still throwing the pitches he taught me, including the low side fastball he told me to never be afraid to throw. That low inside heater is what I am known for. It's great seeing hitters bail out of the box, thinking it's going to hit them, and to hear the ump say STRIKE 3! Mr. Mac has made such a great impact on my pitching, even today!

As I noted earlier, I am in my last season of softball. It's hard to imagine what I am going to do with my time after it's all over. I graduate this May with my Bachelors. I hope to coach in the schools and pass on my softball knowledge and coaching expertise. I am also recently engaged to a pitcher from Wylie. We are both pitchers at Tarleton. I feel that we

are meant to be because he can actually catch me! I'm moving back in with my parents for a few months until we get married. We say our kids are going to follow in our footsteps and be pitchers too. It's going to be different to be on the other end of the glove throwing, stomping, a tears. I may have to take up cigars!

It's difficult to bear the loss
of one so very dear.

But may it help a bit to know
that caring thoughts are near,
And may your special memories
be a comfort to you, too,
And keep the one you loved so much
still very close to you.

I just wanted to let you and the girls know that ya'll are in my thoughts and prayers. I wish ya'll the best!

I will always remember to...

ROCK N' FIRE!

Meagan Schaefer #1
TS4
@

4-20-07

MARGARET, Paula and SARAH

My daughter ANNA was 10 when she wanted to learn how to fastpitch. She is nearly 16 now, so it has been 6 years since we met Howard. I had seen him at Snichse Hardware and seen his cased truck at Luna Elementary picking up kids, but I'd never really met him. Meeting & getting to know Howard took some time for me. He let us come to his home, gave us time and instruction, patiently helped every girl - yet - asked nothing in return. I could not figure out what his angle was! But ANNA was learning & loved going over there. THERE WAS A COMARADARIE AND FRIENDSHIP among the parents & kids. Most of all, ANNA and I were learning together, spending time & becoming buddies. Eventually, (and it took me awhile) I realized, Howard had NO angle. He had taught his daughters & being Howard, extended that opportunity to all daughters and Dads who wanted to come. I learned more by coming than anyone, not just pitching, but to trust. Many nights, we sat in the cage and talked long after the lesson about far more than softball.

At his funeral, Howard's oldest daughter expressed concern about his spiritual state and resolved that it was good. It was great to hear in his own words, his sincere response that he was fine. THIS IS WHAT I KNOW.

Howard did not need to sit in church and be lectured every 7 days on "how to live".

FATHER set for him.

1. HE TREATED OTHERS AS HE WISHED TO BE TREATED
2. HE KNEW THAT "PURE RELIGION - UNDEFILED WAS TO CARE FOR THE FATHERLESS AND THE WIDOW."

Nothing gave him GREATER JOY than to give an underprivileged girl the opportunity to hold her head up and believe in herself. Nothing gave him more sorrow than when she failed herself.

3. HE GAVE THE GLORY TO OTHERS. HE HAD A WAY OF ENCOURAGING ALL OF US TO ATTEMPT THAT WHICH WE DIDN'T THINK WE COULD DO. THEN, WHEN IT WAS ACHIEVED, HE'D PUT HIS HAND ON OUR SHOULDER, SMILE THAT SMILE OF HIS, AND SAY, I DON'T DESERVE ANY THANKS, YOU DID ALL THE WORK.

4. HE TURNED AWAY NO ONE WHO WANTED TO COME. WE ALONE DISQUALIFIED OURSELVES BY OUR ATTITUDES OR BY QUITTING.

5. HE GAVE HIS KNOWLEDGE AND TIME TO ALL WHO CAME AND ASKED FOR IT. HE DIDN'T CHARGE FOR HIS KNOWLEDGE. WE HAD TO SEEK IT, BUT WHEN WE ASKED - HE FREELY GAVE.

I AM NOT WORRIED ABOUT HOW AND ANYMORE.

THAT MAN'S SPIRIT WAS INTACT! HE DID NOT NEED LECTURES ABOUT GOD'S WAY OF LIFE - HE WAS BUSY LIVING A LIFE THAT REFLECTED GOD'S CHARACTER. HE LOVED MAKING SOMETHING OUT OF THE

things that others deemed unworthy - whether it was in his shop or in the pitching cage. I always got the impression from Howard that he had a special place in his heart for Anna. At the funeral, I realized, all the girls and dads standing beside me felt the same thing. It was true. To Howard, they were all special!

I'm so thankful for the last 6 years. MARGARET - THANK YOU FOR PUTTING UP WITH ALL OF US PARKING IN YOUR DRIVEWAY AND TAKING UP YOUR HUSBAND'S TIME. Paula & SARAH. THANK YOU FOR SHARING YOUR DAD WITH ME, MY DAUGHTER AND THE HUNDREDS OF OTHER LITTLE GIRLS WHO NEEDED HIM. DESPITE ALL THE TIME HE GAVE TO OTHERS, PLEASE KNOW, YOU ALWAYS CAME FIRST. I NEVER HEARD HIM UTTER AN UNKIND WORD ABOUT HIS WIFE OR KIDS. HE GLOWED & SMILED WHEN SPEAKING OF YOUR ACCOMPLISHMENTS. HE SET A WONDERFUL & POSITIVE EXAMPLE AS A HUSBAND & FATHER. HIS CHARACTER REFLECTED HIS FATHER'S, AND HE PASSED THAT BLESSING & LEGACY ON TO YOU.

I will always be grateful that I knew Howard. I don't have a lot of trusted close friends. HE WAS MY FRIEND! His loss hurts, and I miss him terribly. THANK YOU AGAIN FOR SHARING HOWARD WITH ALL OF US.

LOVE -

Kevin & Anna Hudson