



MINUTES OF THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

September 17, 2018

REGULAR MEETING 5:30 P.M.

Call to Order

Chair JaneAnn Oldrup, called the September 17, 2018 meeting to order at 5:30 pm.

The following were present:

Members: Chair JaneAnn Oldrup, Barry Mathison, Kim Elliott, and Becky Joyce.

Members absent: James Edwards, Maegan Sanders, and Hannah Robertson

Staff present:

Jim Burress, Director of Parks and Recreation, Elizabeth Gilbert, Director of Administrative Services, and Lisa Rosales, Administrative Assistant.

Public present:

Barry Foster, Bob Edwards, and Kelly Smith

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Member Barry Mathison made a motion to approve the agenda and to include moving the Regular Items (Action Items) ahead of Non-Action Items. Member Becky Joyce was the second. A voice vote was 4-0 in favor with Members James Edwards, Maegan Sanders, and Hannah Robertson being absent.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Member Barry Mathison made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 20, 2018 meeting. Member Becky Joyce was the second. A voice vote was 4-0 in favor with Members James Edwards, Maegan Sanders, and Hannah Robertson being absent

NON-ACTION ITEMS

2. Informational discussion on Night of the Living Zoo event

Kelly Smith stated the Night of the Living Zoo is an event where the proceeds will benefit the zoo enrichment program. The event will be October 20, 2018, from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Children 3 and under are free, \$3 for kids and \$5 for adults. There will be a haunted train ride, carnival games, a costume contest and a glow in the dark carousel ride.

3. Discussion of trail etiquette, bike, and pedestrian guidelines

Jim Burress-received complaints from citizens on trail etiquette. Mr. Burress informed the commission that he is looking into proper bike etiquette and would like to have rules posted to keep everyone safe.

4. Future use of Zoo Rocket Play Structure

The rocket play structure at the zoo has been closed for some time now. Elizabeth Gilbert informed the Commission members that Councilor Jacob Roebuck would like to have the rocket restored and place it somewhere down town as a "shrine" to the zoo. After a brief discussion it was suggested that in the future the structure be restored and left at the zoo.

REGULAR ITEMS (ACTION ITEMS)

5. Consider approval of plan to connect the Spring River Trail to the Cielo Grande Trail

Jim Burress informed the Commission members he plans to connect the trail from midway between Sycamore and the Golf Course maintenance entrance to cut across to the old taxi way. Member Barry Mathison motioned to approve the plans to connect the trail, Member Becky Joyce was the second. A voice vote was 4-0 in favor with Members James Edwards, Maegan Sanders and Hannah Robertson being absent.

6. Consider approval of a Bike Rental Program

Member Bob Edwards stated the Spring River Corridor Foundation would like to donate 10 bikes to the Parks and Recreation Department for citizens to rent. After a brief discussion Member Barry Mathison made a motion to accept the bike donation from the Spring River Corridor Foundation to implement a bike rental program with the Recreation Department. Member Becky Joyce was the second. A voice vote was 4-0 in favor with Members James Edwards, Maegan Sanders and Hannah Robertson being absent

OTHER BUSINESS

None

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Barry Foster suggested the commission to be put on the next agenda to discuss and vote on developing a new park next to the Elks Pool where the old Chisum School was torn down. He stated children in the neighborhood have no nearby Park to go to. He also suggested naming it the Johnny Gonzales Park.

ADJOURN

Next meeting will be October 15, 2018 at 5:30 p.m. Meeting adjourned at 6:51 p.m.