

Park Board
November 3, 2022

A regular meeting of the City of Waxahachie Park Board was held on Thursday, November 3, 2022 at 3:00 p.m. in the City Council Conference Room, 401 South Rogers, Waxahachie, Texas.

Members Present: Chad Hicks, Chairman
Dr. William Major
Jenny Bridges
Julissa Martinez
Andrew Henderson

Member Absent: Ginger Cole, Vice Chairman

Others Present: Kyle Cooper, Director of Parks & Leisure Services
Brad Barnes, Assistant Director of Parks & Recreation
Amber Villarreal, City Secretary
Travis Smith, Council Representative

1. Call to Order

Chairman Chad Hicks called the meeting to order. Brad Barnes, Assistant Director of Parks & Recreation, introduced Kyle Cooper, Director of Parks & Leisure Services.

2. Public Comments

None

3. Reorganize the Board

Action:

Dr. William Major moved to nominate Chad Hicks to serve as Chairman. Ms. Jenny Bridges seconded, All Ayes.

Action:

Ms. Julissa Martinez moved to nominate Ginger Cole to serve as Vice Chairman. Dr. William Major seconded, All Ayes.

4. Approval of minutes of the Park Board meeting of September 8, 2022

Action:

Ms. Jenny Bridges moved to approve the minutes of the Park Board meeting of September 8, 2022. Dr. William Major seconded, All Ayes.

5. Hear update on Penn Park Pool and Boat Dock Park

Mr. Barnes provided the following updates:

- Penn Park Pool: Pool house building is 80% complete, infrastructure is nearing completion, and the parking lot is completed. The new pool sub-contractor began three weeks ago and anticipates a completion in early January 2023.

- Boat Dock Park: 90% of the bid documents are completed with the remaining portion to be completed from the landscape architect. The project is anticipated to bid before the end of 2022. Once construction begins, Boat Dock Park will not be open to the public.

The Board discussed ways to proactively notify the public of the upcoming closure of Boat Dock Park through signage and social media.

6. Review past events:

- **Texas Country Reporter**
- **C-10's in the Park**
- **Chautauqua Celebration**
- **Stampede of Speed**

Mr. Barnes provided an update on the following past events:

- Texas Country Reporter: Vendor booth spaces increased by 50 this year and the event was well attended. The 2023 event will take place on Saturday, October 28th.
- C-10's in the Park: The event was sold out with about 1,200 vehicles on-site and 200 more on the waiting list. The event was well attended.
- Chautauqua Celebration: The event partnered with the Cowboy Poets and was very successful.
- Stampede of Speed: This was the second year to partner with the Texas Motorplex for this event and it was a success.

7. Discuss upcoming events:

- **Christmas Parade and Tree Lighting**
- **Christmas decorations**

Mr. Barnes provided an update on the following upcoming events:

- Christmas Parade and Tree Lighting: The lighted parade will take place on Tuesday, November 29th at 6:30 p.m. and will begin at Getzendaner Park and end at Railyard Park.
- Christmas decorations: Christmas decorations will begin soon with the Parks Department decorating City Hall, downtown Waxahachie, Railyard Park, Getzendaner Park, and Chapman Park.

Council Member Travis Smith inquired about adding bleachers downtown during the parade to assist spectators. The Board also discussed a special viewing area for Board/Commission member volunteers during the parade.

8. Set date for next Board meeting

The Park Board set their next meeting for Thursday, February 2, 2023 at 3:00 p.m.

9. Adjourn

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Amber Villarreal
City Secretary