

Park Board
July 6, 2023

A regular meeting of the City of Waxahachie Park Board was held on Thursday, July 6, 2023 at 3:00 p.m. in the City Council Conference Room, 401 South Rogers, Waxahachie, Texas.

Members Present: Ginger Cole, Vice Chairman
 Dr. William Major
 Jenny Bridges
 Julissa Martinez
 Andrew Henderson

Member Absent: Chad Hicks, Chairman

Others Present: Michael Scott, City Manager
 Gumaro Martinez, Executive Director of Parks & Leisure Services
 Kyle Cooper, Director of Parks & Recreation
 Yadira Campos, Recreation Specialist

1. Call to Order

Vice Chairman Ginger Cole called the meeting to order.

2. Public Comments

None.

3. Approval of minutes of the Park Board meeting of May 4, 2023

Action:

Jenny Bridges moved to approve the minutes of the Park Board meeting of May 4, 2023. Julissa Martinez seconded, All Ayes.

4. Hear update on park activities and events

Kyle Cooper, Director of Parks and Recreation, shared on the Crape Myrtle Festival and 4th of July parade. Andrew Henderson expressed his gratitude to the City & Parks Department staff for their assistance with the Crape Myrtle Festival and Juneteenth Celebration.

Jenny Bridges announced the Waxahachie ISD Back to School Bash at Railyard Park will be held August 12th.

Chairman Cole asked for an update on the proposed trail from Waxahachie to Midlothian. Mr. Cooper explained the project was given a \$1.8 million budget to begin the project. Ms. Cole asked where the trail will begin. Gumaro Martinez, Executive Director of Parks and Leisure Services, reported the bike trail will begin at Getzendaner Park and extend to FM 875 where it will meet TxDOT's portion of the trail.

Julissa Martinez asked for an update on the pickle ball court at the Salvation Army. Mr. Cooper explained construction will begin in August and the electrical portion will be first. He also shared he will be attending a Salvation Army Board Meeting to provide an update.

5. Hear update on park projects

Mr. Cooper reported MSB Constructors, Inc. is leaving the Lee Penn Pool Project. Ms. Bridges asked if staff is aware of underlying issues with the pool and Mr. Cooper noted the project engineers will assess the current work completed. Ms. Bridges asked if there will be a message release to the community, Mr. Cooper stated there will a statement released to the public. Mr. Martinez explained the City is working with our legal team to address. Ms. Bridges asked how long has the pool been closed and Mr. Martinez stated it has been closed since July 2021. Mr. Henderson asked if there is a surety bond and Mr. Martinez stated that there is and it will cover all expenses. Dr. William Major asked if the green water will be removed soon and Mr. Cooper stated staff will know how to proceed after a third-party assessment.

Mr. Cooper announced the Boat Dock Park pre-bid will be on July 18th. Mr. Martinez explained the pre-bid will be for Boat Dock parking. Mr. Cooper announced the 5-Year Capital Improvement Plan will be presented to the board soon for input. Mr. Cooper reported the Railyard Park gate is currently being installed.

6. Adjourn

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Yadira Campos
Recreation Specialist