

Park Board  
January 10, 2019

A regular meeting of the City of Waxahachie Park Board was held on Thursday, January 10, 2019 at 3:00 p.m. in the City Council Conference Room at City Hall, 401 S. Rogers, Waxahachie, Texas.

Members Present: Chad Hicks, Chairman  
Ginger Cole, Vice Chairman  
Coy B. Sevier  
William Major  
Betsy Engelbrechtsen  
Byron Gibson

Others Present: Gumaro Martinez, Assistant Director of Parks and Recreation  
Amber Villarreal, Assistant City Secretary  
Melissa Olson, Council Representative  
Chris Seale, Horticulturist

Others Absent: John Smith, Director of Parks and Recreation

**1. Call to Order**

Chairman Chad Hicks called the meeting to order.

**2. Reorganize the Board**

**Action:**

*Mr. Coy Sevier moved to nominate Mr. Chad Hicks as Chairman. Mr. William Major seconded, All Ayes.*

*Mr. Coy Sevier moved to nominate Ms. Ginger Cole as Vice Chairman. Ms. Betsy Engelbrechtsen seconded, All Ayes.*

**3. Public Comments**

None

**4. Approval of minutes of Park Board meetings of September 6, 2018 and November 1, 2018**

**Action:**

*Mr. Coy Sevier moved to approve the minutes of the Park Board meetings of September 6, 2018 and November 1, 2018. Ms. Betsy Engelbrechtsen seconded, All Ayes.*

**5. Discuss park construction projects and take any necessary action**

{Ms. Ginger Cole arrived at 3:05 p.m.}

Mr. Gumaro Martinez, Assistant Director of Parks and Recreation, discussed the following park construction projects:

- Penn Park Phase 2-Rain briefly delayed the fill dirt; moving forward with pavement, new restroom, bidding for lights and fencing for the baseball field
- Construction at Chapman Park is underway for Little Creek Trail

**6. Discuss park activities and take any necessary action**

Mr. Martinez updated the Board on the following park activities:

- Successful holiday season including the lighted parade and Bethlehem Revisited
- The Parks and pavilions are still being booked for events. Upcoming events include:
  - Tulip Festival on March 30, 2019
  - Wonderful Women in Waxahachie Camping Event on April 25-28, 2019
  - Hachie 50 Marathon, Ultra and Relay on May 4, 2019

Chairman Hicks suggested updating the Christmas decorations at Chapman Park and Mr. Martinez noted updates for next year are being discussed.

Ms. Betsy Engelbrechtsen asked about the tree-climbing event and Mr. Martinez explained they have showed interest to host another event in Waxahachie.

**7. Discuss upcoming park capital projects and take any necessary action**

Mr. Martinez presented pictures showing the following park capital projects:

- Tree removed from the creek will be placed in Getzendaner Park with wood carving work.
- The trail near Lions Park will be cleaned up.
- Little Creek Trail is under construction .
- New pads will be added for the disc golf course.
- Chapman Park is closed due to the construction of Little Creek Trail.
- M&M playground at Getzendaner Park was updated by an Eagle Scout with a “search and find” activity. The playground also received a new coat of paint and the rubber flooring will be replaced. Auditory playground equipment will also be added.
- Settler’s Glen nine acre park space will have a playground for ages 2-12.
- The City is still waiting on the release from Oncor at Matthew’s Park.
- The entrance of the Hike and Bike Trail at Getzendaner Park is being reviewed by the City’s engineering department to re-establish that portion of the trail.

**8. Adjourn**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Amber Villarreal  
Assistant City Secretary