

Park Board
November 7, 2019

A regular meeting of the City of Waxahachie Park Board was held on Thursday, November 7, 2019 at 3:00 p.m. in the City Council Conference Room, 401 South Rogers, Waxahachie, Texas.

Members Present:	Chad Hicks, Chairman Ginger Cole, Vice Chairman Dr. William Major Betsy Bell Jenny Bridges
Member Absent:	Byron Gibson
Others Present:	John Smith, Director of Parks and Recreation Amber Villarreal, Acting City Secretary
Others Absent:	Melissa Olson, Council Representative

1. Call to Order

Chairman Chad Hicks called the meeting to order.

2. Public Comments

Ms. Michaela Drewry introduced herself as the new Parks and Recreation Specialist.

3. Approval of Minutes of the Park Board meeting of October 3, 2019

Action:

Ms. Jenny Bridges moved to approve the minutes of the Park Board meeting of October 3, 2019. Dr. William Major seconded, All Ayes.

4. Discuss Park activities and take any necessary action

Parks and Recreation Director John Smith reviewed the following park activities:

- New Parks and Recreation Specialist and three additional maintenance workers due to park additions and future opening of Railway Park.
- Amphitheater hopefully completed by the end of November with an official grand opening in March 2020.
- Disc Golf Tournament this weekend at Brown-Singleton Park.
- World War II Re-enactment this weekend in Downtown Waxahachie.
- Penn Park Football is wrapping up soon. Phase 2 of Penn Park improvements will include fencing around the football field.
- Eagle Scout projects include bluebird houses on the trail, interpretive sign panel at M&M park, and bench and planter seats to be used at the Farmers Market.
- Christmas decorations will go up starting next week.
- Christmas Parade will begin at Getzendaner Park on December 3, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. and conclude in Downtown Waxahachie for the community tree lighting.

- Junior Service League is hosting movie night on November 10, 2019 at the Chautauqua from 4 p.m.-6 p.m.

5. Discuss Park projects and lake park improvements and take any necessary action

Mr. Smith explained the antiquated playground equipment at Boat Dock Park has been removed over the years and now there is only two pieces remaining. He noted City Council and City Management would like the Park Board to recommend a playground equipment style for installation at Boat Dock Park. The board discussed styles, color, and age appropriateness.

Action:

Ms. Betsy Bell moved to approve adding Kraftsman playground equipment, Item PS5-70427 and PS3-70426 at Boat Dock Park in the amount of \$40,000, including installation. Ms. Jenny Bridges seconded, All Ayes.

Mr. Smith reviewed the two bids for irrigation at Lions Park.

Action:

Dr. William Major moved to accept the bid from Lantana Lawn Care in the amount of \$19,800 for irrigation improvements at Lions Park. Ms. Betsy Bell seconded, All Ayes.

{Ms. Ginger Cole arrived at 3:34 p.m.}

Mr. Smith reviewed the following park projects:

- Oak Lawn Park will be improved with parking spaces, new basketball court, landscaping, and picnic areas with coverings.
- Penn Park Phase 3 is moving forward with design concepts including renovating or replacing the current swimming pool.
- Little Creek Trail is still under major construction and should be completed by the end of December/early January. He explained the contractor will now provide weekly updates and meetings with city staff.
- Landscaping improvements at Spring Park are continuing.
- Matthew's Park is moving forward with naturalization including planting wildflowers and native grass.
- A restroom will be installed at George Brown Plaza near the splash pad area.

Horticulturist Chris Seale presented his landscape proposal for Spring Park. He also noted he has hired a new employee to assist with the watering.

6. Adjourn

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Amber Villarreal, Acting City Secretary