

Park Board
July 30, 2020

A regular meeting of the City of Waxahachie Park Board was held on Thursday, July 30, 2020 at 4:00 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
Byron Gibson
Jenny Bridges

Others Present: John Smith, Director of Parks and Recreation
Gumaro Martinez, Assistant Parks & Recreation Director
Michaela Drewry, Recreational Specialist
Lori Cartwright, City Secretary

Others Absent: Melissa Olson, Council Representative

1. Call to Order

Chairman Chad Hicks called the meeting to order.

2. Public Comments

None

3. Approval of Minutes of the Park Board meeting of March 12, 2020

Action:

Ms. Betsy Bell moved to approve the minutes of the Park Board meeting of March 12, 2020. Dr. William Major seconded, All Ayes.

4. Consider Penn Park football field usage fee

Assistant Director of Parks & Recreation Gumaro Martinez presented a schedule to generate some field use revenue noting staff is recommending a field usage fee of \$75.00 per game. He explained the fee was established in congruence with the football field fees currently paid at the Sports Complex. He noted, in an effort to preserve the field and prevent excessive wear, staff recommends limiting the number of games held per day to three. The Parks department will also have the ability to limit or cancel games as deemed necessary, for the preservation of the field or any public safety or health issues.

Action:

Vice Chairman Ginger Cole moved to approve the Penn Park football field usage fee as presented. Mr. Byron Gibson seconded. All Ayes.

5. Hear Park projects and activities update

Director of Parks and Recreation John Smith stated the City Parks and Trails have been heavily

used and has received great feedback and compliments from visitors using them. He reported Phase 3 of Penn Park will soon be completed and Mr. Martinez is working on the pool design for the park. Mr. Smith reported the Little Creek Trail is almost complete.

Chairman Hicks asked about funding from the Waxahachie Community Development Corporation (WCDC) to assist Park projects. City Manager Michael Scott explained the budget process and Capital Improvement process for projects throughout the City. He stated projects would be identified throughout the Park budget process noting this year some of the park projects will be funded from the WCDC fund noting the WCDC fund has more needs than limited dollars. Mr. Scott stated at the next WCDC meeting the Board will continue discussion of future funding.

6. Adjourn

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lori Cartwright
City Secretary