

Park Board  
September 2, 2021

A regular meeting of the City of Waxahachie Park Board was held on Thursday, September 2, 2021 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  
Byron Gibson  
Jenny Bridges

Members Absent: Dr. William Major  
Betsy Bell

Others Present: Gumaro Martinez, Executive Director of Parks & Leisure Services  
Brad Barnes, Assistant Parks & Recreation Director  
Yadira Campos, Recreation Specialist  
Travis Smith, Council Representative  
Jami Bonner, Assistant City Secretary

### **1. Call to Order**

Chairman Chad Hicks called the meeting to order.

### **2. Public Comments**

Jacob Calvit expressed his gratitude for trash cans.

Mr. Dan Morton, 125 Lakeshore Drive, stated he has shared the lake plan with neighbors and they have expressed excitement.

### **3. Approval of minutes of the Park Board meeting of July 1, 2021**

#### **Action:**

*Ms. Jenny Bridges moved to approve the minutes of the Park Board meeting of July 1, 2021. Mr. Byron Gibson seconded, All Ayes.*

### **4. Discuss park events and activities and take any necessary action**

Mr. Gumaro Martinez, Executive Director of Parks and Leisure Services, introduced Yadira Campos as the new Recreation Specialist.

Mr. Martinez presented upcoming events to be held at Railyard Park, Getzendaner Park, Chautauqua Park, and Downtown. Ms. Jenny Bridges shared details on a successful Waxahachie I.S.D. back to school bash held at Railyard Park. Ms. Ginger Cole recommended updating the website to make it easier to find Railyard Park events. Council Member Travis Smith stated the City's recent website update may have made it easier to find event information.

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

Mr. Gumaro Martinez updated the board on the master plan for lake parks. City staff is working with the consultant to prepare the final executive summary and plan to move forward soon. Mr.

Martinez stated staff is discussing dates in September to present the master plan to City Council and will notify the Park Board when a date is confirmed. Council Member Travis Smith requested the projected cost to complete the plan. Mr. Martinez shared the projected cost to be \$10 million to complete the three lake park projects. Ms. Ginger Cole asked if grants are available to assist with the cost. Mr. Martinez responded that there may be grants available.

Mr. Brad Barnes, Assistant Parks and Recreation Director, reported the park restrooms at Lions Park, Chapman Park, and the cemetery are completed. He stated renovations at the dog park and Penn Park Pool are underway. Mr. Barnes noted the goal is to open Penn Park Pool at the beginning of summer 2022.

Mr. Martinez noted staff is working to replace lights at the Chautauqua Auditorium. He shared the Parks Department has implemented an internal work order system and city wide time clock.

## **6. Adjourn**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jami Bonner  
Assistant City Secretary