

Park Board  
November 4, 2021

A regular meeting of the City of Waxahachie Park Board was held on Thursday, November 4, 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  
Dr. William Major  
Julissa Martinez

Members Absent: Jenny Bridges  
Jon Garrett

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

**1. Call to Order**

Chairman Chad Hicks called the meeting to order.

**2. Public Comments**

Resident shared her appreciation of how well the parks are taken care of in the City of Waxahachie. She stated that when people come or go to the Hike and Bike Trail people have to walk on the grass. She is asking if there could be improvements done at the entrance to Getzendaner Park to the Hike and Bike Trail for people who use the trail.

**3. Reorganize the Board**

**Action:**

*Dr. William Major moved to nominate Chad Hicks as Chairman. Ms. Ginger Cole seconded, All Ayes.*

*Dr. William Major moved to nominate Ginger Cole as Vice Chairman. Mr. Chad Hicks seconded, All Ayes.*

**4. Approval of minutes of the Park Board meeting of September 2, 2021**

**Action:**

*Ms. Ginger Cole moved to approve the minutes of the Park Board meeting of September 2, 2021. Dr. William Major seconded, All Ayes.*

**5. Discuss park events and activities**

Mr. Gumaro Martinez, Executive Director of Parks & Leisure Services, welcomed new board member Ms. Julissa Martinez.

Mr. Martinez updated the board on previous events and activities. He shared about the Texas Country Reporter Festival event expansion to Railyard Park and noted the estimated number of people in attendance was 30,000. He discussed events taking place at the Railyard Park and Ms. Ginger Cole recommended getting more parking area near Railyard Park. He also reviewed the upcoming Tree Lighting Event on November 30<sup>th</sup> and discussed the parade route.

**6. Hear update on park projects**

Mr. Martinez updated the board on the approved of the long-term vision of Lake Parks. He gave an update on the Dog Park ground breaking noting dirt work has begun. Mr. Martinez also shared an update on Penn Park Pool and stated that the demolition has been completed and they are now moving into grading and excavation for the project.

Vice Chairman Cole shared information on the Tree Arborist Day and Mr. Martinez noted the event is scheduled for November 5<sup>th</sup> at 9am until supplies last.

**7. Adjourn**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:21 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Yadira Campos  
Recreation Specialist