

Park Board
March 7, 2019

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

Members Present: Ginger Cole Vice Chairman
 Coy B. Sevier
 William Major
 Byron Gibson

Members Absent: Chad Hicks, Chairman
 Betsy Engelbrechtsen

Others Present: John Smith, Director of Parks and Recreation
 Albert Lawrence, Assistant City Manager
 Amber Villarreal, Assistant City Secretary

Others Absent: Melissa Olson, Council Representative

1. Call to Order

Vice Chairman Ginger Cole called the meeting to order.

2. Approval of minutes of Park Board meeting of January 10, 2019

Action:

*Mr. Coy Sevier moved to approve the minutes of the Park Board meeting of January 10, 2019.
Mr. William Major seconded, All Ayes.*

3. Discuss park projects and activities and take any necessary action

Assistant Parks and Recreation Director Gumaro Martinez reviewed the following park projects:

- Penn Park improvements continue. Football field is moving along and irrigation is in place. The Baseball field is getting chain link fence and new dugouts. The lighting will also be redone.
- Little Creek Trail at Chapman Park is progressing. The relocation of the ADA pedestrian bridge is started. Concrete for the trail is coming soon.
- M&M Playground is nearing completion and is lacking finishing touches on the paint. The rubber is coming soon and estimated completion is the end of March 2019, weather permitting. Ribbon cutting will be in April.
- Rerouting of the trail that was undercut at Getzendaner is complete to make it safer for pedestrians.

Assistant City Manager Albert Lawrence noted the Amphitheater project is progressing and will hopefully be completed at the beginning of Fall 2019, weather permitting.

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

- Pavilion rentals at the parks is ongoing.
- Chautauqua improvements are complete and ready to use for the upcoming events scheduled.
- Tulip Festival will be held the last Saturday of March.
- Planting at Matthews Park will begin this summer.

4. Discuss park improvements and take any necessary action

Mr. Martinez presented a layout for Spring Park parking improvements at Lake Waxahachie. He explained he worked with the City Engineer to develop a pedestrian friendly layout. The proposed design includes the following parking: 3 handicap spaces, 61 regular spaces, and 9 boat spaces.

Mr. Lawrence explained the City Engineer slightly redesigned the previous layout to make it easier for trailers and boats to move through the area. The proposed design increases boat parking and makes the area near the restrooms more accessible.

Mr. William Major asked if the improvements will be completed before the upcoming holidays when the lake is heavily used. Mr. Lawrence explained once the Park Board approves the design, council will need to approve funding and the project will have to go out for bid.

Councilmember Mary Lou Shipley expressed concern for turning the green space into parking spaces.

Mr. Byron Gibson noted he wants to use the extra green space for something. Mr. Lawrence explained additional improvements can be made in phases over time.

The board also discussed different options for portable restrooms at the park.

Action:

*Mr. Coy Sevier moved to approve the new parking improvements at Spring Park as presented. Mr. William Major seconded, **All Ayes.***

5. Public Comments

None

6. Adjourn

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Amber Villarreal
Assistant City Secretary