MINUTES OF THE CITY OF SHERMAN PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD MEETING HELD THURSDAY NOVEMBER 3, 2011 AT 4:00 AT THE GLENNIE O'HAM CENTER, 1002 N. MUSIC

MEMBERS PRESENT:	Chairman Trent Bass, Member Jason Howard, Member Lauren Bolin, Member John Murphy, Member Michael Gillum
STAFF PRESENT:	Kevin Winkler, Parks and Community Service Director Theresa Hutchinson, Recreation Manager Kim Hobbs, Secretary Al Penn-White, Recreation Coordinator Keith Bibb, Recreation Specialist Shonkista Stephens, Recreation Coordinator Patsy Howard, Senior Citizens Activities Coordinator Jimmy Mrozinski, Parks Maintenance Superintendent Jacqueline Banfield, Library Services Administrator
GUESTS:	None
MEMBERS ABSENT:	Member Aaron Wilson, Member Larry Ward

CALL TO ORDER
Chairman Trent Bass called the meeting to order at 4:05pm with a quorum present.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW ADVISORY BOARD MEMBER MICHAEL GILLUM
Member Michael Gillum is a Physical Education teacher at Fairview Elementary School. Mr. Gillum came to Sherman the fall of 1978 and played basketball for Austin College. Mr. Gillum has an interest in helping Parks & Recreation and has good connections when ordering equipment. Chairman Trent Bass asked each person to introduce themselves to Member Michael Gillum.

APPROVE MINUTES
Chairman Trent Bass asked if there were any corrections, additions, or deletions to the minutes of October 6, 2011. There were no corrections.

ACTION TAKEN
Motion by Chairman Trent Bass to approve minutes as written; All voted aye.

REPORT ON SHERMAN SENIOR CENTER
Patsy Howard distributed handouts with the daily, weekly, monthly activities and special events held at the Senior Center. Mrs. Howard announced that on Tuesday, November 15th there will be a Redneck Golf Tournament at the Senior Center. Mrs. Howard reported that the meal program has 429 registered people, 125 on a daily basis, and 76 new people for this year. Member John Murphy asked if any of the seniors would like to participate in the Veteran's Parade at Fairview Park. Mrs. Howard said she would ask them and let him know. Mrs. Howard announced that the Senior Center would be having a chili supper on November 8th for all veteran's. Chairman Trent Bass asked if the board members should spread the word about the chili supper and Mrs. Howard said yes that the supper was for all veteran's.

REPORT ON PARKS AND RECREATION ACTVITIES

Theresa Hutchinson reported that the Halloween Carnival held on October 22nd at Pecan Grove Park had between 200 -300 people attend. The carnival was recommended for kids ages 8 and under. Mrs. Hutchinson announced that there were a lot of volunteers from Austin College, RAFT, and FBI groups that helped make the carnival a success. Mrs. Hutchinson reported that on Friday, October 28th Parks & Recreation had their Haunted Trail. The Haunted Trail had about 60 people to walk through it. Mrs. Hutchinson said she thought the number of people attending would have probably been higher if the Texas Ranger game wasn't on the same night. Mrs. Hutchinson announced that the new website should go live on November 11th and the Staple would also be on the 11th. A men's softball tournament will be held at Fairview Park on November 19th. Mrs. Hutchinson reported that Sherman Youth Sports is finished for the season and that Texoma Soccer Association will finish on November 19th. Chairman Trent Bass asked how the open house went. Mr. Winkler reported that the open house was a success with the council members, city staff, and media attending. The Herald Democrat printed a picture taken during open house of Mrs. Hutchinson and Member John Murphy. Member Michael Gillum suggested sending flyers of activities to the coaches at the local schools to be distributed to the students. Mrs. Hutchinson let him know that she would do that for the next event. The Sherman Parks & Recreation will have their first Candy Cane Hunt on Saturday, December 3rd at 1:00pm. This is a free event with a small fee for Santa photos. Member Lauren Bolin said she posted the event on the Chamber website.

Ms. Banfield reported that the library had finished all their Halloween activities. They had over 200 kids to trick or treat at the library. The library has pajama story time at Halloween and Christmas. Ms. Banfield announced that the read to win program is privately funded and is in need of funds. Ms. Banfield announced that the library would be open on Sunday, November 13th for a Geneaology Work Day. Mr. Miller will be on hand to provide assistance. Ms. Banfield reported that the library has an author come once a year and that the library has a volunteer group of teenagers, book reviews, and they help with Monday Madness.

OTHER BUSINESS

The Parks Maintenance department has been busy watering winter grass and Member John Murphy said that Herman Baker Park looks nice.

Chairman Trent Bass reported that Member Larry Ward is still working on the railroad corridor.

Chairman Trent Bass asked about having a tennis program. Mr. Winkler reported that the tennis program going on now isn't a Parks & Recreation program but they are paying for the courts and they are offering a service that Parks & Recreation isn't at this time. Mr. Winkler stated that Parks & Recreation activities would come first so when the Quickstart tennis program is offered that would be the first priority. Mr. Winkler reported that there was a CIP for backstop netting and with the savings on the netting it could be used for the tennis courts. The person that hit the fence at the tennis court had no insurance. Mr. Winkler announced that the light pole at the tennis court was being replaced that week. Mr. Mrozinski is getting bids for the fencing and windscreens. Chairman Trent Bass asked if it would be possible to get a backboard at the north end to hit off of. Mr. Winkler said he would have to check on the price. Chairman Trent Bass suggested getting a community level tennis league started. Mr. Penn-White suggested a few names of people who might be interested in helping. Member Lauren Bolin volunteered to take charge of the tennis committee. Chairman Trent Bass suggested putting the

Parks & Recreation logo on the windscreens and Mr. Winkler said he would have to check the cost. Member Jason Howard suggested adding the police non-emergency phone number to the windscreens.

Member Jason Howard asked if a decision had been on smoking in the parks and Mr. Winkler said that he hadn't heard anything new. Chairman Trent Bass said that he would call the hospital and talk with them about their smoking policy.

Chairman Trent Bass asked if anyone knew what the Girls Inc. building was going to be used for and Mr. Winkler said he didn't have any knowledge on the matter.

SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING DATE

The next regular meeting of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board was set for Thursday, January 5th at 4:00p.m. at the Glennie O'Ham.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Chairman Trent Bass to adjourn the meeting; All voted aye. The meeting was adjourned at 4:45pm.

SIGNATURES

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Trent Bass, Advisory Board Chairman	Kevin Winkler, Parks and Community Service Director
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Date	Date