

**MINUTES OF THE CITY OF SHERMAN PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD
MEETING HELD WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 1, 2010 AT 5:15 AT THE
SHERMAN YOUTH CENTER, 407 W. WASHINGTON**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman Trent Bass, Member Casey Peacock, Member Shane Best, Member Larry Ward

STAFF PRESENT: Kevin Winkler, Parks and Recreation Administrator
Theresa Hutchinson, Deputy Parks and Recreation Administrator
Kim Hobbs, Secretary

GUESTS: April Patterson, Director of Tourism
Jada Brawner, Big Brothers/Big Sisters

MEMBERS ABSENT: Member Jason Bethel, Member John Murphy,
Member Aaron Wilson

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Trent Bass called the meeting to order at 5:25pm with a quorum present.

APPROVE MINUTES

Chairman Trent Bass asked if there were any corrections, additions, or deletions to the minutes of July 7, 2010. There were no corrections.

ACTION TAKEN

Motion by Chairman Trent Bass to approve minutes as written; second by Member Casey Peacock. All voted aye.

DISCUSSION OF CITY OF SHERMAN WEBSITE – APRIL PATTERSON

April Patterson with the City of Sherman Tourism Department attended the meeting to discuss the purchase of a new website for the City of Sherman. Handouts were passed out that contained a checklist of the information that the website would offer. No decision has been made yet on the company that the website will be purchased from. Most companies offer the same products so the decision will be based on money. Once the council has approved the budget there should be about \$75,000.00 for the City's website. There will be a separate budget for the Tourism website. The City of Sherman is working on a new logo that will be launched with the new website. The website should be Facebook and Twitter friendly and they are hoping to have it launched by next summer. Mrs. Hutchinson said that she would like the website to be able to take payments and allow people to sign up for activities.

**DISCUSSION OF BIG BROTHERS/BIG SISTERS MIDNIGHT SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT-
JADA BRAWNER**

Chairman Trent Bass introduced Jada Brawner with Big Brothers/Big Sisters. Ms. Brawner announced that they would like to have a midnight madness softball tournament as a fundraiser to benefit Big Brothers/Big Sisters. They would like to have the softball tournament next spring around the end of April. Mr. Winkler told Ms. Brawner to set up a meeting with Mrs. Hutchinson to discuss the tournament. Ms. Brawner said they would like to get younger people involved with the program.

DISCUSSION OF PECAN GROVE PARK RULES

Mr. Winkler asked if there should be any changes made from the Center Street Park Rules to the Pecan Grove Park Rules and the only suggestion was Member Shane Best suggested we add something to include the fishing pier at Pecan Grove Park in the rules. Member Casey Peacock said when he was at Pecan Grove Park he noticed a lot of trash down at the water and Mr. Winkler said in the future he would like to add some trash cans that were mounted near the lake so people didn't put the trash cans in the lake. Member Shane Best said overall the park was very clean. Member Shane Best motioned to approve the park rules for Pecan Grove Park and Member Larry Ward second the motion.

DISCUSSION OF RAILROAD CORRIDOR

Member Larry Ward discussed that the railroad corridor was in jeopardy of being abandoned and that the City of Sherman needs to make a contract with the railroad to take ownership of the corridor. Mr. Ward said that he needs permission from the city council to make contact with the railroad on behalf of the City of Sherman. Mr. Ward explained that this would be a long term project for the city.

REPORT ON PARKS AND RECREATION ACTIVITIES

Mrs. Hutchinson announced that the Fall Activity Guide had been distributed and there are a lot of new classes that will be starting at the Glennie O. Ham Center. A Flag Football tournament took place on August 28th. A team from Dallas won the tournament. The Flag Football league will begin on Sunday, September 12th. Adult Softball will begin on Monday, September 13th. SYSA and TSA will soon begin their seasons and the Youth Art Show will be on September 18th. Mrs. Hutchinson reported that the "Splash" would close for the season on Monday, September 6th. The senior center will be having a fishing tournament on September 17th.

OTHER BUSINESS

Member Shane Best asked if disc golf would be something that Sherman Parks & Recreation could offer and Mr. Winkler reported that he looked at the goals and each one of them were between \$800 - \$1,000 so that would make the investment between \$8,000 - \$10,000. Mr. Winkler reported that with budget restraints it wouldn't be possible this year but that he would put in the budget again for next year. Member Casey Peacock asked about a dog park and Mr. Winkler said it was on the 5year CIP list. Metal shade structures for Old Settler's Park are in the budget. April Patterson said that she receives a lot of phone calls regarding trails in Sherman.

SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING DATE

The next regular meeting of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board was set for Wednesday, October 6, 2010 at 5:15.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Chairman Trent Bass to adjourn the meeting; second by Member Larry Ward. All voted aye. The meeting was adjourned at 6:15pm.

SIGNATURES

Trent Bass,
Advisory Board Chairman

Date

Kevin Winkler,
Parks and Recreation Administrator

Date