

**MINUTES OF THE CITY OF SHERMAN PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD
MEETING HELD THURSDAY JULY 7TH AT 4:00 AT THE
GLENNIE O'HAM CENTER, 1002 N. MUSIC**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Member Rhonda Lockett, Member Sarah Pierce
Member Michael Waitt, Chairman Sholdon Daniels

STAFF PRESENT: Theresa Hutchinson, Recreation Manager
Kim Hobbs, Secretary
Jimmy Mrozinski, Parks Maintenance Supervisor
Ben Reeves, Athletic Manager
Dylan Johnson, Recreation Specialist/Aquatics
Patsy Howard, Senior Citizens Activities Coordinator

GUESTS: George Mason, Fred & Marilyn Zickrick

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Sholdon Daniels called the meeting to order at 4:00pm with a quorum present.

APPROVE MINUTES

Chairman Sholdon Daniels asked if there were any corrections, additions, or deletions to the minutes of June 9th, 2016. There were no corrections.

ACTION TAKEN

Motion by Member Michael Waitt to approve minutes as written; second by Member Sarah Pierce. All voted aye.

APPROVE DATE FOR NEXT PUBLIC INPUT MEETING

The next public input meeting will be held July 19th at 6:30pm at the Sherman Municipal Ballroom. Motion by Member Rhonda Lockett to approve and second by Member Michael Waitt. All voted aye.

SET DATE FOR PARKS TOUR

The Parks Tour date has been set for July 30th from 9am-Noon. Motion by Member Michael Waitt and second by Member Rhonda Lockett.

REPORT ON PARKS & REC DEPARTMENT & ADVISORY BOARD MISSION & BYLAWS

Mrs. Hutchinson presented a slide show of an overview of the Parks & Recreation Department including Park Maintenance, Taylor St. Complex, The Splash, and the Senior Center. Mrs. Hutchinson also passed out the Mission Statement of the Sherman Parks & Recreation Advisory Board.

Mr. Mrozinski is in charge of Park Maintenance which includes West Hill Cemetery. The parks have over 463 acres with Pecan Grove being the largest park. His department is in charge of fields for games and practices, and maintaining the playground equipment and pavilions. Sherman has 1 employee for every 27 acres and the national average is 1 employee for every 11 acres. Additional staff has been requested but probably won't be filled until the next budget year. The cemetery has 29,000 burial plots to maintain. Mr. Mrozinski said some mowing is contracted out. Chairman Sholdon Daniels recommended having people with community service to work at parks. Mr. Mrozinski said community service wasn't allowed in the parks because of all the kids.

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Chairman Sholdon Daniels and Member Michael Waitt want to take the idea to the City Council to have a program created to allow people who are homeless the opportunity to help maintain the parks. Chairman Sholdon Daniels said this would help keep the city cleaner and take people off the streets and give them dignity. Mrs. Hutchinson said more research from other cities should be done first before sending it to the City Council. The Park Board Members voted to send the idea to the City Council.

Mr. Reeves is in charge of youth and adult sports. This includes SYSA softball and baseball, TSA soccer, football, and SISD baseball and softball. He's also in charge of the Parks & Recreation adult softball leagues.

Mr. Williams is in charge of the activities at the Taylor St. Complex.

Mrs. Hutchinson is in charge of the 130 recreation programs offered each year. This includes adult, youth, and special events.

Mr. Johnson is in charge of the Splash swimming pool. The pool has 53 staff members. The pool offers Learn to Swim, special events, and private rentals. The pool opens Memorial Day weekend and closes the weekend before school starts.

Mrs. Howard and Ms. Stephens coordinate the activities at the Senior Center. The Senior Center had over 39,000 visitors last year. The center has meals, screenings, and recreational activities.

Mrs. Hutchinson discussed CIP projects and the Masterplan with the Park Board Members. CIP projects are projects that are over \$50,000. The Fairview playground was the CIP project for this year. Next year the CIP is the Park Masterplan and the land purchase at Pecan Grove Park. A 5 year CIP plan has been submitted. The Masterplan update includes meetings with the public for input for selecting priorities and research. An updated Masterplan is necessary to receive grants. Mrs. Hutchinson reported the drawing of Pecan Grove is an idea not set in stone.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

Mr. Mason is a bicyclist who would like to see the parks connected for biking and walking.

Mr. & Mrs. Zickrick are Denison Residents that are members of the bike club and would like to see Sherman and Denison work together for trails. They would also like to see the leash law enforced.

REPORT ON PARKS AND RECREATION ACTIVITIES

Mrs. Hutchinson announced that Lights on the Lake went well with around 5,000 people in attendance. Popsicles in the Park is scheduled for July 22nd at Hawn Park. Christmas in July is on July 9th.

Mrs. Hutchinson said the department is now planning fall activities.

REPORT ON PARKS AND RECREATION SPORTS

Mr. Reeves reported that the Summer Softball League is finishing up in the next few weeks. A new digital sign has been installed at the Taylor St. Complex that will allow for advertising of programs.

Mr. Reeves announced that youth fall softball, baseball, soccer, and football will be starting soon. The adult Fall Softball League will be starting soon after the Summer League is finished.

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REPORT ON PARKS MAINTENANCE

Mr. Mrozinski reported that during Great Days of Service 288 trees were planted. Mr. Mrozinski said the grass is slowing down and the park maintenance workers are working their summer schedule coming in earlier. Mr. Mason said he noticed how hard the park maintenance workers were working at Pecan Grove Park West.

REPORT ON SENIOR CENTER

Mrs. Howard invited everyone to stop by the Senior Center to see the Wall of Honor for Veteran's. The wall has 90 names with 50 being active and 40 being memorial. The Senior Center will be hosting a Friends & Floats Bingo on July 12th, Vintage Vinyl Day on July 14th, an Ice Cream Social on July 19th, and "Let's Make A Deal" on July 28th. Thursday evenings at the Senior Center is a class called Fuzzy Project. This class makes fleece blankets to give to the Child & Family Guidance Center and the Children's Advocacy Center.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Mason requested that the restroom at Pecan Grove Park West be opened at 6am during the summer months. His bicycle club meets there at 6:30am. Mr. Mrozinski said he would have the park maintenance workers to unlock that restroom first in the mornings.

SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING DATE

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

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Chairman Sholdon Daniels to adjourn the meeting; All voted aye. The meeting was adjourned at 4:40pm.

SIGNATURES

Sholdon Daniels,
Advisory Board Chairman

Kevin Winkler,
Parks and Community Service Director

Date

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