

**MINUTES OF THE CITY OF SHERMAN PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD
MEETING HELD WEDNESDAY JUNE 2 , 2011 AT 4:00 AT THE
GLENNIE O'HAM CENTER, 1002 N. MUSIC**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman Trent Bass, Member Larry Ward,
Member Jason Howard, Member Lauren Bolin,
Member John Murphy

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

GUESTS: Jerry Dollinson

MEMBERS ABSENT: Member Casey Peacock, Member Aaron Wilson

CALL TO ORDER

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

APPROVE MINUTES

Chairman Trent Bass asked if there were any corrections, additions, or deletions to the minutes of May 4, 2011. There were no corrections.

ACTION TAKEN

Motion by Member Larry Ward to approve minutes as written; Second by Jason Howard.

INTRODUCE NEW PARK BOARD MEMBERS

Chairman Trent Bass introduced the new Park Board Members. Member Lauren Bolin is a member of Kiwanis and attends Grayson County College. She is employed by United American Insurance. Ms. Bolin said she would like to see the parks grow and get used more. Member Jason Howard announced that he has lived in Sherman a few years and works at Walgreens.

INTRODUCE GUEST JERRY DOLLINSON

Mr. Winkler introduced guest speaker Jerry Dollinson. Mr. Dollinson lives on the southeast corner of Hillcrest and Bryant Street near Hillcrest Park. Mr. Dollinson spoke to the Parks & Recreation staff and Park Board Members regarding the problems he is having with the people at the park. Mr. Dollinson stated that the employees of the hospital will walk in his yard to go to the park to smoke since the hospital is a non-smoking facility. Mr. Dollinson reported that people let their dogs run in the park and that kids aggravate his dogs that are in his back yard. Mr. Dollinson would like for the park to be a non-smoking park and have the hours changed to 7am-9pm. Chairman Trent Bass suggested someone meet with the hospital staff to discuss the issue and discuss it at the next board meeting.

TOUR OF MLK BUILDING

Mr. Winkler took the Park Board Member's on a tour of the MLK Building that will be used by the Park & Recreation Department for activities. Mr. Winkler reported that the Glennie O'Ham and MLK Building will provide twice the square footage and will have multiple rooms available for having

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several activities at the same time. MLK Park will also be used for activities. Mr. Winkler reported that some walls would be taken out to allow for a big room for activities like jazzercise and karate.

REPORT ON PARKS AND RECREATION ACTIVITIES

Mrs. Hutchinson reported that "The Splash" had over 2000 people attend during the Memorial weekend. The 8th annual Fishing Derby will be held on June 11th from 8-noon. There will be trophies for the Biggest Fish, Smallest Fish, Heaviest Stringer of Five, and the Casting Contest. A hot dog lunch donated by Wal-Mart will be provided. Mrs. Hutchinson announced that this summer the Parks and Recreation Department would be having "Popsicles in the Park" at Hawn Park on June 17th, MLK Park on July 15th, Fielder Park on July 19th, and Ely Park on August 10th. Each event will have crafts and entertainment for the kids and free popsicles will be handed out. "Popsicles in the Park" is an event to promote neighborhood parks. Mrs. Hutchinson reported that the summer activity guides have been distributed. Chairman Trent Bass said the activity guides look great. The practice fields at Hawn Park haven't had enough water getting to them so hopefully they will be usable by fall. Full irrigation is taking place at the Pecan Grove Park amphitheater.

OTHER BUSINESS

Member Larry Ward filled the new Park Board members in on the discussions regarding the railroad corridors. No progress has been made on the trails. Member Jason Howard announced that there was a piece of property on Cherry Street and Crockett Street that a few churches would like to see turned into a park. He believed the property was once a law firm.

Chairman Trent Bass discussed donations and fundraising ideas. Mrs. Hutchinson announced that Atmos Energy had made a \$500 donation that would cover the costs of "Popsicles in the Park".

"Lights on the Lake" will be on July 2nd and will begin earlier this year than last year. More children's activities are being planned and they are working on a better way to load the buses after the event is over.

SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING DATE

The next regular meeting of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board was set for Thursday, July 7, 2011 at 4:00p.m. at the Youth Center.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Chairman Trent Bass to adjourn the meeting; All voted aye. The meeting was adjourned at 5:10pm.

SIGNATURES

Trent Bass,
Advisory Board Chairman

Kevin Winkler,
Parks and Recreation Administrator

Date

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