

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

MEMBERS PRESENT: Member Rhonda McCollum,
Member Brian Jones, Member Rhonda Lockett,
Member Ben Crouse, Member Michael Waitt

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

GUESTS: Dennis Sims, Dunkin Sims Stoffles, Inc.

CALL TO ORDER

Member Brian Jones called the meeting to order at 4:02pm with a quorum present.

APPROVE MINUTES

Member Brian Jones asked if there were any corrections, additions, or deletions to the minutes of March 3, 2016. There were no corrections.

ACTION TAKEN

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

PARKS MASTER PLAN DISCUSSION-DENNIS SIMS, DUNKIN SIMS STOFFLES, INC

Mr. Winkler introduced Mr. Dennis Sims with Dunkin Sims Stoffles, Inc. Mr. Sims designed Pecan Grove Park East, Pecan Grove Park West, and Center Street Park. Mr. Sims will be developing a Master Plan for the City of Sherman to plan for the future. Mr. Stoffles showed a slideshow with the existing parks, priorities, and needs of citizens. Once the masterplan is finished it can be submitted to Texas Parks & Wildlife for grants. Two public hearing dates will be set for citizens to say what they would like to have, select priorities, and develop a priority list. The masterplan will take about 4-6 months to complete. Mr. Jones asked if Mr. Stoffles had seen trends and Mr. Stoffles said trails, spraygrounds, and dog parks had been the trends. Mr. Winkler reported that a skatepark had been at the top of the CIP list for years. Mr. Winkler discussed usage of facilities from SISD.

SET DATES FOR PUBLIC INPUT FOR PARKS MASTER PLAN

The first public meeting will be on Thursday, May 5th from 6:30pm – 8:00pm.

REPORT ON PARKS AND RECREATION SPORTS

Mr. Reeves reported that adult softball, high school baseball, high school softball, SYSA, and TSA are all into their seasons and doing good. Mr. Reeves announced that some new activities would be taking place including a Kickball tournament.

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REPORT ON SENIOR CENTER

Mrs. Howard announced that 42 people participated in the dance on Tuesday. The Senior Center will be having a garage sale Saturday from 8am-1pm. The Sher-Den Home Health will be having bingo on the 12th, The Benefits of Humor will be on April 18th, Income & Retirement Planning Workshop on the 19th, and on the 21st Humana Insurance will have the Battle of the Bulge. On April 26th there will be a Jam Session and Coping with Depression will be on April 28th. Mrs. Howard passed out the new Senior Center registration form. This form will be given to each person that attends the Senior Center yearly to update their contact information and for them to sign the code of conduct. The Parks Board Members approved the registration form.

REPORT ON PARKS AND RECREATION ACTIVITIES

Mrs. Hutchinson reported that the Flashlight Egg Hunt had 135 participants and the Eggstravaganza had 200 kids participate. It's My Park Day is this Saturday at Hillcrest Park. Volunteers will be trimming shrubs, laying stones, repairing gates, and planting trees. Keep Sherman Beautiful is having a trash pickup from 9-11am and we are hoping to get volunteers from that. A hot dog lunch will be provided. Earth Day is April 23rd and Touch A Truck is April 30th. The Touch A Truck will have different city vehicles available for kids to climb in and take pictures. There will also be bounce houses and concessions. Mrs. Hutchinson announced that the Activity Guides have been changed for this time. Popsicles in the Park will be May 6th at Fairview Park. Learn to Swim registration started April 1st for Sherman residents and April 15th for non-residents. Splash rentals will begin May 2nd for Sherman residents and May 16th for non-residents.

REPORT ON PARKS MAINTENANCE

Mr. Mrozinski reported that his department is busy with all the activities in the parks. The contractors have started mowing and cleaning the park restrooms. Positions are still available for seasonal work. Mr. Winkler announced that clearing has taken place at Pecan Grove Park West for more parking.

OTHER BUSINESS

SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING DATE

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

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Member Brian Jones to adjourn the meeting; All voted aye. The meeting was adjourned at 5:21pm.

SIGNATURES

Brian Jones,

Kevin Winkler,

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Park Board Member

Parks and Community Service Director

Date

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