

**MINUTES OF THE CITY OF SHERMAN PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD
MEETING HELD WEDNESDAY APRIL 7, 2010 AT 4:45 PM AT PECAN GROVE PARK,
2300 PECAN GROVE ROAD**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman Trent Bass, Member John Murphy, Member Shane Best, Member Aaron Wilson, Member Larry Ward

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

GUESTS: None

MEMBERS ABSENT: Member Casey Peacock, Member Jason Bethel

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Trent Bass called the meeting to order at 5:00pm with a quorum present.

APPROVE MINUTES

Chairman Trent Bass asked if there were any corrections, additions, or deletions to the minutes of March 3, 2010. There were no corrections.

ACTION TAKEN

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

REPORT OF CIP PROJECTS '09-'10 – Tour of Pecan Grove Park

Pecan Grove Phase II – The Parks and Recreation staff and Park Board members toured Pecan Grove Park. Mr. Winkler announced that progress was being made at the park and the grand opening will be July 3, 2010 with a fireworks show. Mr. Winkler reported that the playgrounds will have mulch around them and that the restroom/concession will be built on site and be covered in rock. Mr. Winkler announced that the parking lot was reduced to allow for lighting on the walking trail. This will be a safety benefit. Park Board members asked Mr. Winkler about safety concerns at Pecan Grove Park and Mr. Winkler reported that he had been talking to the police department and they would be patrolling and he is also looking into purchasing security cameras that can be installed at the park. Mr. Winkler said in the future he would like to have a park ranger position to help with vandalism at the parks. The restrooms at Fairview Park were vandalized and the damages were \$2700.00. Member Aaron Wilson asked if there would be a gate at Pecan Grove Park and Mr. Winkler reported that there would be no gate that would close daily. A gate would be at the park to close in cases of emergency. Chairman Trent Bass asked if the park would have sod and Mr. Winkler reported that sod would cost too much so the park would be seeded. Mr. Winkler announced that they were going to keep as many trees as possible at the park.

DISCUSSION OF PAVILION USAGE POLICIES & FEES

Mr. Winkler announced that the Parks & Recreation Department would like to start charging fees for pavilion reservations. Handouts were distributed to board members with the proposed fees. Mr.

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Winkler explained that the fees collected could help fund a park ranger position in the future. Pavilion fees were broken down for residents and non-residents. Mrs. Hutchinson distributed the Pavilion Usage Policies that explained the rules of pavilion reservations. Reservations can be made from 9am-3pm or 4pm-10pm. Citizens reserving a pavilion will receive a copy of the reservation form to have with them the day of their reservation. Mr. Winkler asked the board members to compare the pavilion fees to other cities and they will meet on the pavilion reservations at the next board meeting.

REPORT ON PARKS AND RECREATION ACTIVITIES

Mrs. Hutchinson reported that she is working on the summer activity guide that will be distributed on May 7, 2010. Mrs. Hutchinson announced that some of the new summer activities included Twinkle Toes, Art for Kids, Musikgarten, Ballroom Dancing, Cake Decorating, and a Babysitting class that will be scheduled in June. Mrs. Hutchinson reported that Karate, Tai-Chi, and Jazzercise classes are on-going. Mrs. Hutchinson announced that private pool rentals will be on Saturday, May 1 at 10:00am. Learn to Swim registration started April 1st for Sherman Residents and will open up for non-residents on April 15th. Some of the Learn to Swim classes are filling up quickly. Mrs. Hutchinson announced that the "Splash" brochures are ready and can be picked up at the Youth Center. Mrs. Hutchinson reported that the hiring process for the pool staff has begun. Mrs. Hutchinson announced that adult Flag Football and Softball started last week. The Flag Football league has nine teams and softball has four leagues. Chairman Trent Bass suggested the next activity guide have a place for citizens to fill out for suggestions or comments. Mrs. Hutchinson said that she would add a place to the activity guide.

OTHER BUSINESS

Member Shane Best reported that he counted 13 kids playing at the playground on Center Street and it was dark without lights at the playground. His concern is for the safety of the kids after dark without lights at the playground.

Member Larry Ward reported that he had met with the mayor about the trails program and the mayor suggested that he get with City Manager George Olsen to discuss the trails program. Mr. Olsen reported that Mr. Winkler would have the file on the trails program from previous years. Mr. Winkler will get the information to Mr. Ward.

SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING DATE

The next regular meeting of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board was set for Wednesday, May 5, 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 6:00pm.

SIGNATURES

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Trent Bass,
Advisory Board Chairman

Date

Kevin Winkler,
Parks and Recreation Administrator

Date