

**MINUTES OF THE CITY OF SHERMAN PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD
MEETING HELD WEDNESDAY MARCH 3, 2010 AT 5:15PM AT THE
SHERMAN YOUTH CENTER, 407 W. WASHINGTON**

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

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

GUESTS: None

MEMBERS ABSENT: Member Casey Peacock

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Trent Bass called the meeting to order at 5:15pm with a quorum present.

APPROVE MINUTES

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

ACTION TAKEN

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

REPORT OF CIP PROJECTS '09-'10

Pecan Grove Phase II – Mr. Winkler reported that Pecan Grove Phase II is still under construction with progress being made. Mr. Winkler announced that the concrete is ninety percent poured. The framework for the pavilions is complete. Mr. Winkler reported that Mrs. Hutchinson has been taking pictures of the progress being made at Pecan Grove Park Phase II and that she will post them on the website. Member John Murphy suggested that the next Parks and Recreation Board meeting be held at Pecan Grove Park Phase II so the board could see the progress being made. Mr. Winkler announced that if anyone wanted to go to Pecan Grove Park Phase II to see the progress he would be glad to take them. Mr. Winkler reported that people couldn't enter the park by themselves due to the fact that the playground equipment isn't installed and someone could get injured. Mr. Winkler reported that the concrete pad for the amphitheater has been poured and work has begun on the pier. Mr. Winkler reported that more work could take place on the pier when everything dried up. Mr. Winkler reported that the grand opening of Pecan Grove Park Phase II would be July 3, 2010. Mrs. Hutchinson is working with Mrs. Patterson in tourism on the grand opening fireworks display.

Hawn Park and MLK – Mr. Winkler reported that the soccer goals at MLK were taken down so work could take place on the park. Mr. Winkler announced that the ground would be leveled and when it is completed more soccer goals would be placed at the park. Mr. Winkler reported that Mr. Garner had

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purchased an irrigation system for Hawn Park and that grass would be put out soon. Mr. Winkler announced that hopefully by fall the practice fields at Hawn Park would be complete.

REPORT ON PARKS AND RECREATION ACTIVITIES

Mrs. Hutchinson announced that the City of Sherman would be having two Easter Egg Hunts. This will be the second year for the Flashlight Easter Egg Hunt. The Flashlight Egg Hunt will be Friday, March 26, 2010 at 8:30pm at Baker Park. Mrs. Hutchinson reported that the Flashlight Egg Hunt is for ages 9-14 and was a big success last year with around fifty participants. Mrs. Hutchinson announced that the Traditional Easter Egg hunt would be Saturday March 27, 2010 at Fairview Park at 10:00am. The Traditional Egg hunt is for kids up to age 9. Mrs. Hutchinson announced that Learn to Swim registration will begin April 1st. Registration is being taken now for a Babysitting class that begins March 16th and for a Lifeguard Training class that begins April 30th. Mrs. Hutchinson announced that she is attending a TRAPS conference this week and the one thing that has been talked about the most is budget cuts. Mrs. Hutchinson announced that pool rentals will begin on Saturday May 1, 2010 at 10am. Mrs. Hutchinson reported that applications are now being taken for "Splash" employees.

OTHER BUSINESS

Chairman Trent Bass introduced Member Larry Ward. Member Larry Ward announced that he was a real estate appraiser. Member Larry Ward discussed a project regarding the City of Sherman taking ownership of a railroad and bridge that wasn't being used and using it for trails. The staff and board members discussed the Rails to Trails program with Member Larry Ward. Member Shane Best made a motion for Member Larry Ward to continue to pursue the railroad and bridge and second by Member John Murphy. Member Shane Best reported that the first week of soccer for TSA went good. Member Shane Best reported that he really liked the new signs and recycle cans. Mr. Winkler explained the changes in the field usage policy. Mr. Winkler reported that the usage fee didn't increase but that the fee hadn't been enforced in the past. Mr. Winkler reported that there would be a \$5.00 reservation fee, \$20.00 light fee, and a \$20.00 surcharge fee for lights. Mr. Winkler reported that the \$20.00 surcharge fee is applied to anyone making a light reservation the day of the field usage to help cover costs of sending an employee out on overtime to turn the lights on. Mr. Winkler reported that field reservations made in advance gives his employees time to get the fields ready and the ability to stay on a schedule. Member Shane Best asked how the information was given out on the changes. Mr. Winkler reported that the information was distributed at the Sherman Youth Sports Baseball/Softball meeting.

SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING DATE

The next regular meeting of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board was set for Wednesday, April 7, 2010 at 4:45 at Pecan Grove Park Phase II.

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

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Trent Bass,
Advisory Board Chairman

Date

Kevin Winkler,
Parks and Recreation Administrator

Date