

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

MEMBERS PRESENT: Member Rhonda McCollum, Member Lauren Roth,
Member Jencie Bolin, 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
Mark Williams, Athletic/Recreation Specialist

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

CALL TO ORDER

Member Lauren Roth called the meeting to order at 4:05pm with a quorum present.

INTRODUCTION OF STAFF AND BOARD MEMBERS

The Parks & Recreation staff and the Park Board members each introduced themselves. Mark Williams introduced himself as the new Athletic/Recreation Specialist. Rhonda Lockett, Ben Crouse, and Michael Waitt are the new Park Board Members.

ELECTION OF BOARD CHAIRMAN

Member Lauren Roth was chosen to be Chairman.

APPROVE MINUTES

Chairman Lauren Roth asked if there were any corrections, additions, or deletions to the minutes of September 10, 2015. There were no corrections.

ACTION TAKEN

Motion by Member Jencie Bolen to approve minutes as written; second by Member Rhonda McCollum. All voted aye.

DISCUSSION OF CIP PROCESS

Mr. Winkler reported that the CIP process will begin earlier this year than normal. The deadline will be January 18th. The five year plan will basically be the same that was submitted last year. The only project that was funded from this budget was the new playground at Fairview Park. The new playground will be the first handicap playground for Sherman.

REPORT ON PARKS AND RECREATION ACTIVITIES

Mrs. Hutchinson announced that the Candy Cane Hunt was at Pecan Grove Park West on December 19th with around 200 kids participating. Parks & Recreation is a distribution site for Toys for Tots. This

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year toys for around 300 families were filled at this location. Mrs. Hutchinson reported that the Father/Daughter Dance will be held on February 6th. Tickets are \$15 per couple and \$5 for each additional child.

REPORT ON PARKS AND RECREATION SPORTS

Mr. Reeves announced that he is having a new softball league and tournament. The fences are normally 300ft and they are playing with 250ft fences. The league has 10 teams participating and the tournament has 7 teams. Mr. Reeves will be working with Mr. Williams to bring new programs to the Taylor St. Complex. Mr. Reeves said that the fields look good and that the basketball league didn't make.

REPORT ON PARKS MAINTENANCE

Mr. Mrozinski passed out a packet showing the Mission Statement, Maintenance Goals, and Duties of the Park Maintenance Department. The packet showed the cemetery, fields, pavilions, and playgrounds that his department is responsible for maintaining. Mr. Mrozinski stated that his department had 23 full time employees and also seasonal workers. Mr. Mrozinski reported that Austin College softball, SHS baseball and softball, and JV soccer are all about to begin their seasons. Mr. Mrozinski is hoping the new playground at Fairview can be opened by next weekend.

REPORT ON SENIOR CENTER

Mrs. Howard passed out the January Newsletter. Mrs. Howard stated that January is a slow month for the Senior Center. January 5th was "Bring a New Friend Night". This event brings new seniors to the center. Some of the upcoming activities at the center include Operation Warm Fuzzy Project, Let it Snow Bingo, MLK Trivia, and the annual Washer Pitching Tournament.

OTHER BUSINESS

Dylan Johnson reported that his Lifeguard class held in December had 11 participants and they all passed the course. He will have another Lifeguard class in March over Spring Break. Participants need to be at least 15 years old. The class will be held at Austin College. Mrs. Hutchinson stated that sixty kids are hired at The Splash each summer.

SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING DATE

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

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Chairman Lauren Roth to adjourn the meeting; All voted aye. The meeting was adjourned at 4:41pm.

SIGNATURES

Lauren Roth,
Advisory Board Chairman

Date

Kevin Winkler,
Parks and Community Service Director

Date