

**NOTICE OF MEETING  
OF PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD  
OF THE  
CITY OF SHERMAN, TEXAS**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY OF SHERMAN'S PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD WILL BE HELD ON THE 7th DAY OF MARCH 2024 AT 4:00 P.M. AT THE GLENNIE O. HAM CENTER, 1002 N. MUSIC ST. SHERMAN, TEXAS AT WHICH TIME THE FOLLOWING WILL BE DISCUSSED.

- 1) Call to Order, Quorum Determined, Meeting Declared Open
- 2) Approve Minutes of January 4, 2023
- 3) 2024-2025 Preliminary Budget Discussion
- 4) Projects Update
  - a) PGAC Shading & Lighting
  - b) Pecan Grove East Trail Lighting & Restroom
  - c) Fairview Tennis Court Resurfacing
  - d) Southwest Trail
  - e) Fairview Park Playground
  - f) Shark Tooth Park
- 5) Monthly Activity Report
  - a) Parks Maintenance
  - b) Senior Center
  - c) Athletics & Taylor Street Gym
  - d) Recreation & Aquatics
- 6) Other Business
- 7) Set Next Meeting Date & Agenda Items
- 8) Adjournment

CITY OF SHERMAN, TEXAS

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
THERESA HUTCHINSON  
PARKS AND RECREATION MANAGER

I, the undersigned authority, do hereby certify that the above Notice of the Regular Meeting of the Sherman Parks and Recreation Advisory Board is a true and exact copy of said notice and that I posted a true and correct copy of said notice on the bulletin board at the City Hall of the City of Sherman, Texas, a place convenient to the public, and said notice was posted on the 4th day of March, 2024 at 2:00 p.m. and remained so posted continuously for at least three (3) days immediately preceding the date of said meeting.

**MINUTES OF THE CITY OF SHERMAN PARKS AND RECREATION  
ADVISORY BOARD MEETING HELD THURSDAY JANUARY 5TH  
AT 4:00PM AT THE GLENNIE O. HAM CENTER, 1002 N. MUSIC ST.**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Chairman Brantley Blackburn, Member Ronald Rose, Member Michelle Casey, Member Christy Baca, Member Nathaniel Lightfoot, and Member Shane Martin

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Theresa Hutchinson, Parks and Recreation Manager  
Dylan Johnson, Recreation Coordinator  
Ryan Maxson, Recreation Coordinator  
Sean Hemperley, Maintenance Superintendent  
Steven Pine, Recreation Specialist  
Deena Lowry, Senior Center Coordinator

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Brantley Blackburn called the meeting to order at 4:04 pm with a quorum present.

**APPROVE MINUTES**

Chairman Blackburn asked if there were any questions or amendments to the minutes from November 2, 2023.

**ACTION TAKEN**

Member Shane Martin made a motion to approve and seconded by Member Nathaniel Lightfoot.

## **PROJECTS UPDATE**

Mrs. Theresa Hutchinson gave the following Project Updates:

PGAC shading and lighting: The ballfield lighting is working. We are waiting on the fixtures for the trail. They have been placed on backorder. The shading will be installed in February.

Binkley Park Pump Track: Construction of the Pump Track is complete. Mrs. Hutchinson showed a video of the construction crew riding the track. Brantley Blackburn reported that the track has been very busy, and he has received a lot of positive feedback. More parking is needed.

Pecan Grove East Trail Lighting & Restroom: We have received the 60% design schematics for the trail lighting and restroom. We have also received the drainage plan for the playground.

Fairview Park Restroom/Concessions: the project is still delayed due to working in the contract. We will need to research another vendor.

## **MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORTS**

### **Parks Maintenance**

Mr. Sean Hemperley updated the Board on the December/January projects beginning with the removal of dead trees in Fairview Park. Irrigation was also installed in the Dog Park at Fairview.

A section of trees near the highway at Binkley Park was cleared out. The clearing of the trees makes the park more visible from the highway. A path made out of asphalt millings was added from the concrete to the Pump Track to reduce the amount of mud on the track.

He went on to add that his Team had been working on improving the conditions of the fields at Pecan Grove Athletic Complex. Benches were added at the Pickleball Courts this week also.

### **Recreation/Aquatics**

Mr. Dylan Johnson reported that the Nights of Lights event held on December 1, drew over 2,000 people on opening night. There were food vendors, hot chocolate, smores, bounce-houses and a camp-fire. This year we had two performances from a local school and dance studio. The two performances drew a lot of spectators. We would like to add more performances next year.

Mr. Johnson reported that 41 families and 74 children were served by Toys for Tots this year at Parks and Recreation.

Mr. Johnson reported that the Activity Guide was completed today and will be added to the website tomorrow and physical copies will be in hand mid-February.

The annual Father Daughter Dance will be held February 9 & 10. It is one of our largest events each year.

Lifeguard Recertification class will be held January 17<sup>th</sup> at Austin College.

### **Athletics/Taylor Street Gym**

Mr. Ryan Maxson reported that T-Ball registration will be opening soon. This will be a six-game season with games beginning on April 6.

Ryan began by stating that Adult Slow-Pitch Softball for the Fall Season has begun and will run through November 16<sup>th</sup>. There were 7 Men's teams and 15 Co-Ed teams currently playing.

Mr. Maxson informed the Board that Kickstarter Soccer Training will begin for ages 3-6 on March 19. We added additional times for ages 3-4 due to the popularity of the class.

Tennis Lessons will begin again on February 8 at Fairview Park.

Mr. Maxson reported that Parks and Recreation will be offering three sports camps over Spring Break. The camps that will be offered will be Soccer, Basketball and Tennis.

Slow Pitch Softball will take registration through February 18. We are offering Men's League on Monday evenings and Co-Ed League on Thursdays. This season we will add a new Women's League on Monday evenings. No one else in the area is offering a Women's League.

Mr. Maxson also reported that we will be starting two new adult leagues this spring. The leagues will be self-reporting Tennis and Pickleball Leagues. Participants register through Parks and Recreation. Participants will schedule games with their opponent and then report scores back to Parks and Recreation. The deadline to register is March 11.

There will be two Pickleball Tournaments scheduled this spring as well as both indoor and outdoor Pickleball lessons. Pickleball social play days have sold out every time, so we have increased the number of offerings to once per month.

March 30<sup>th</sup> Parks and Recreation will host a Summer Camp and Activity Fair at the Municipal Ballroom.

### **Senior Center**

Miss Deena Lowry reported that there were 423 new registrations at the Sherman Senior Center in 2023.

She also reported that December was very busy with 79 activities in 19 days.

In January, the Senior Center will continue to offer Information Wednesdays. On January 17<sup>th</sup>, the Emergency Coordinator will talk about Emergency Preparedness and on January 24<sup>th</sup>, seniors will learn about the warning signs of dehydration.

The Senior Center will be hosting the Winter Olympics the week of January 22. Cornhole, Chair Badminton, Snowball Pong, Axe Throwing and Chair Volleyball will be offered throughout the week.

Staff are preparing for a dessert contest on February 20, and a big Solar Eclipse Party on April 8.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

In Other Business, Mr. Johnson reported that Parks and Recreation is switching Recreation Software from Rec Pro to Rec Desk. The transition should take place in January and should be easier for online users. Each person will have to register a new account. The new software will be promoted through social media once live date is determined.

**SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING DATE**

The next scheduled meeting will be held on Thursday, February 1st at 4:00 p.m. at the Glennie O Ham Center, 1002 N. Music St.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 4:36pm.

**SIGNATURES**

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Brantley Blackburn,  
Advisory Board Chairman

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Theresa Hutchinson,  
Parks and Recreation Manager

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