

MINUTES

On May 12, 2015, the Parks and Recreation Board met at 1:30 p.m. in City Hall at 509 E. 7th Avenue, Room 306 for a Regular Meeting.

VOTING MEMBERS	PRESENT	NO. MEETINGS HELD SINCE APPOINTMENT	NO. OF MEETINGS ATTENDED
Ms. Jackie Payne	Yes	77	61
Ms. Renee McCown	No	36	23
Mr. Rob Chafin	Yes	23	19
Mr. David Hudson	Yes	23	19
Mr. Terry Easterling	Yes	17	13
Mr. Daniel Bradley	No	7	2
Mr. George DeCoux	No	7	5

Also in attendance were:

<u>ROD TWEET</u>	DIRECTOR OF PARKS AND RECREATION
<u>PAT WESTBROOK</u>	ASST. DIRECTOR OF PARKS AND RECREATION
<u>SHERYLENE MORRIS</u>	RECORDING SECRETARY
<u>CLINT STODDARD</u>	PARK SUPERINTENDENT
<u>PAM COGNASI</u>	RECREATION SUPERVISOR
<u>ANDY TARKINGTON</u>	ATHLETIC SUPERVISOR
<u>BRYAN SHELHAMER</u>	PARK DEVELOPMENT MANAGER
<u>MIKE BOLEY</u>	VISITOR SERVICE COORDINATOR

ITEM 1: Call to Order and Approval of Minutes from Meeting held March 10, 2015 and the joint session of the Parks and Recreation Board, Amarillo Planning and Zoning Commission and the Traffic Advisory Board held on April 15, 2015. Chairman, Mr. Rob Chafin, established a quorum and called the regularly scheduled meeting of the Parks and Recreation Board to order at 1:30 p.m. Motion was made by Ms. Jackie Payne, seconded by Mr. Terry Easterling and unanimously carried to approve such minutes as written.

ITEM 2: Presentation and Discussion of the Monthly Reports for the Parks and Recreation Department. Bryan Shelhamer updated the Board members on the Ambucs playground project at Medical Center Park and the progress of the Glenwood Park Splash Pad project.

Andy Tarkington, Athletic Supervisor, reported on all volleyball and softball activities/registration dates and deadlines and the upcoming Memorial Day Budweiser Softball Tournament. Copy of the report is attached.

Pam Cognasi, Recreation Supervisor, reported on hiring for the recreation and aquatics staff, summer presentations at various elementariness, working on tennis website and upcoming 2015 summer events to be held in our parks. The 2015 Park Guide was handed out to each Park Board member. Copy of the report is attached.

Clint Stoddard, Park Superintendent, reported on Park Maintenance repairs and improvements throughout the parks as well as zoo activities and revenues for the months of January and February. Copy of the report is attached.

Rod Tweet invited the Park Board to the Splash Pad ribbon cutting ceremony to be held at Glenwood Park on May 28th at 11:30 a.m. Rod thanked Park Board members who attended the Rock Island Rail Trail Master Plan joint meeting held April 15, 2015. Rod stated that the FY 2015-16 budgets and CIP budgets have been submitted for approval. Rod stated that the 11th Annual Tree Care and Safety Workshop that was held on April 28th at the Amarillo College Business and Industry Center was a tremendous success with a great turnout. Copy of the report is attached.

ITEM 3: Presentation and Discussion on Amarillo Zoo Programs and Events. Mike Boley, Visitor Service Coordinator, stated that the Amarillo Zoo received notification from the Amarillo Area Foundation that the recently submitted grant application for the Distance Learning Program was awarded in the amount of \$15,000. This grant will help zoo staff to teach zoo education programs by way of video conferencing to those out of town schools unable to afford regular fees charged for mileage to travel to their town. Mike also stated that the Amarillo Zoo will be celebrating their 60th birthday on Saturday, May 16th with several activities planned for everyone.

ITEM 4: Presentation and Discussion on the Update to the City of Amarillo Boards and Commissions Structure. Rod Tweet presented a PowerPoint presentation that outlined the recent update to the City Boards and Commission structure and changes directly associated with the Parks and Recreation Board.

ITEM 5: Public Comments. No comments from public.

ITEM 6: Next Meeting Date. June 9, 2015

ITEM 7: Adjournment. There, being no further business, Rob Chafin moved to adjourn the meeting. Motion was made by Mr. Terry Easterling and seconded by Ms. Jackie Payne. The meeting adjourned at 2:13 p.m. This meeting was recorded and all comments are on file with the City Parks and Recreation Department.


Rob Chafin, Chairman

ATTEST:

Sherylene Morris, Board Secretary