

**MINUTES
PARK BOARD MEETING
PARKS, ARTS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT
400 COLLEGE
GRAND PRAIRIE, TEXAS
APRIL 24, 2013
6:30 P.M.**

MEMBERS PRESENT

Jerry Partain
Jim Dart
Sallye Moore
Patrick Greenwade
B.J. Nichols, Chair
David Pecor

MEMBERS ABSENT

Christina Kang, Co-Chair
Tony Lawrence
Jonathan Head

STAFF PRESENT: Rick Herold, Director of Parks and Recreation; Danny Boykin, Recreation Superintendent; Tim Shinogle, Park Planning Manager; Duane Strawn, Parks & Lake Manager; Mae Smith, Recording Secretary.

I. CALL TO ORDER

B.J. Nichols called the meeting to order at 6:30.

II. APPROVAL OF MARCH 27, 2013 MINUTES

David Pecor made the motion to accept the March 27, 2013 minutes. Jim Dart seconded the motion and the minutes were approved unanimously.

III. AWARDS

- March Exemplary Employee Award- Stevie Gabaldon presented by B.J. Nichols and Rick Herold
- April Exemplary Employee Award-Javier Ramirez presented by B.J. Nichols and Rick Herold
- Partnership Award-Jim Sparks- presented by B.J. Nichols and Rick Herold

IV. CITIZEN COMMENTS

No Citizens Comments

V. BUSINESS ITEMS

- Mr. Ed Hemphill presented historical information on Mr. & Mrs. Eltee Dave who came to Grand Prairie in 1953 and owned one the largest ranges in Grand Prairie. Mr. & Mrs. Eltee Dave was one of the first African America millionaires in the Dalworth. He was an anchor of our community.
Mr. Hemphill would like to propose the naming of the Dalworth Recreation to the Eltee Dave Recreation Center.

- Libby Clawson, Executive Director of the GP Arts Council. Ms. Clawson introduced the Art Council Board. Mrs. Clawson presented an update on the Arts Council and the many event and programs they provide for the Grand Prairie citizens.

VI. PARK BOARD REPORT

- Special Events
 - Recreation - (David Pecor & Jim Dart)
 - Several Events in the next few days
 - Arbor Day
 - Dalworth Ground Breaking
 - DFW Directors Lunch
 - Cinco De Mayo
 - Disc Golf – (Jim Dart)
 - Tournament this weekend and we had a great turnout. The tournament was supposed to be in Duncanville but due to unexpected circumstances we were able to host the tournament.
 - The Summit – (B.J., Tony & Sallye)
 - The pool will open this next Monday.
 - Uptown/Market Square (Patrick & Jonathan)
 - Main Street Festival will be starting Friday and run through Sat.
- Dalworth Community Improvements (Jonathan Head & Sallye Moore)
 - Ground breaking will be tomorrow at 2pm.
- Golf/Golf Academy (Tony Lawrence & David Pecor)
 - New brochure to roll out this week.
- P-3 2013 (Christina Kang, Jonathan Head, Jim Dart & B.J. Nichols)
 - No Report
- Tree Ordinance Update – (Christina Kang & Patrick Greenwade)
 - In Transition and we have a draft

VII. STAFF UPDATES

- Duane Strawn, Manager of Parks and Lake presented a report on the Park Maintenance projects for March, 2013.
- Danny Boykin, Recreation Superintendent presented a Recreation report on the events and programs for March, 2013.
- Tim Shinogle, Manager of Planning and Development presented a report on the CIP projects for March, 2013.

VII. PARK BOARD CHAIR UPDATE

- The Summer E-Reading Program will have their next meeting on May 2nd at 4pm. GPISD has been a great partner and have open 4 school computer labs for this program. The E-Reading program will also have games available for the kids to play.
- We need a new light at the Weeping Mother of Pearl Tree.
- Tony Lawrence will chair the Chairman Naming Committee for the Parks Dept.

VIII. DIRECTOR'S UPDATES

- The City announced the new name for the Bowles Life Center. Bowles has been renamed the “Tony Shotwell Life Center.” We will be naming the Tangle Ridge clubhouse to “The Jim Swafford Clubhouse”
- Please take a look at the Sports Corporation Appreciation wall at the Park Administration Building.
- We will be dedicating the HOF Conference room the day before the HOF banquet. We will also have a HOF golf tournament.
- We will be inducting the following people into the 2013 HOF;
 - Randy Calloway
 - Mayor Charles England
 - Mildred Walker
 - Doug Beich
- The Big 12 tournament packet was turned in on Friday April 19th.
- We have now have won the Playful City USA for the 4th year.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 8:20 P.M.

THE FOREGOING MINUTES WERE OFFICIALLY APPROVED BY THE PARK BOARD ON MAY 22, 2013.



Mae Smith, Recording Secretary