MINUTES
PARK BOARD MEETING
PARKS, ARTS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT
400 COLLEGE
GRAND PRAIRIE, TEXAS
APRIL 23, 2014
6:30 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT	MEMBERS ABSENT
David Pecor	
B.J. Nichols, Chair	
Emita Garcia	
Tony Lawrence	
Jerry Partain	
Jonathan Head	
Jim Dart	
Sallye Moore	
John Stewart	

STAFF PRESENT: Rick Herold, Director of Parks and Recreation; Tim Shinogle, Planning and Development Manager; Danny Boykin, Recreation Superintendent; Duane Strawn, Parks & Lake Manager; Glen Sockwell, Prairie Lakes Golf Course; Susan Henson, Horticulturist; Mae Smith, Recording Secretary.

I. CALL TO ORDER
B.J. Nichols called the meeting to order at 6:30.

II. APPROVAL OF MARCH 26, 2014 MINUTES
David Pecor made the motion to accept the March 26, 2014 minutes.
Tony Lawrence seconded the motion and the minutes were approved unanimously.

III. AWARDS
Brandon Huether, Admin Marketing received the March Employee of the month award for his creativity to the development of the Life is Grand magazine

IV. CITIZEN COMMENTS
No Comment

V. BUSINESS ITEMS
Mark Viskozki, Golf Pro for the Tangle Ridge Golf Course gave an update 2013/2014 fiscal year of the golf course.

- The greens were affected by winter freezes. It was the worst winter in the past 30 years. Mark has had several professionals come out to look at the greens and they are very optimistic that the grass will come back.
- Due to weather we are down 1100 rounds from last year.
- Avid Golfer voted Tangle Ridge having the best professional staff.

Glen Sockwell, Golf Pro for the Prairie Lakes for Golf Course gave an update 2013/2014 fiscal year of the golf course.

- The weather has hit all the golf course bad. The course was closed due to weather 28 days. Also, we have had 18-20 days of less the 30 rounds of golf due to weather.
- GolfNow has helped with producing profit.
- Scottish Rite hospital came out to learn golf. There were various disabilities but they all learn a little about golf. It was a great event.

BJ Nichols stated that we have had a lot of informational meetings on the continuation of the sales tax. There have been people who are opposed but there have been a lot in favor as well.

B.J. Nichols stated that the city attorney said we can proceed with getting a 501C3 for the Parks, Arts and Recreation Dept. In the next couple of months we can take a look at the various bylaws that we have requested from other cities.

VI. BUSINESS OF TREE BOARD

Susan Henson, presented an update on the March tree report

VII. PARK BOARD REPORT

- Special Events
  - Recreation - (David Pecor & Jim Dart)
    - Main Street Fest this weekend
  - Disc Golf – (Jim Dart)
    - No issues with nutria
    - Mr. Dart asked if we should paint the areas were the nutria damaged the trees. Ms. Henson stated that we don't need to.
    - Tournament this week. It was completely backed.
    - Tournament in June
- The Summit – (Emita Garcia, John Stewart & Sallye Moore)
    - The new 8 handicap parking places have been put in and we have had lots of good comments
    - Active members 5200 for the Summit. Only 86 needed scholarships. 1800 meals for served in the nutrition program for the month.
    - Summit has a new band called "97 road house"
    - The Garden Club is selling plant at the Farmers Market
    - Susan is coming by once a week to share information with the Garden club.
    - The Garden club has put together a brochure. It will be ready for Susan's review in the next couple of weeks.
    - Marty Party is on May 10th

- Uptown/Market Square (Jonathan Head and Jerry Partain)
    - April 25th Main Street Fest

- May 3-4 Little Mermaid
- May 17-18 Little Mermaid
- May 23rd and 24th Hank Williams
- Mama's Party every Thursday
- May 6th Cinco De Mayo
- May 31 Arts and Crafts/Waggin Waggon

- Dalworth Community Improvements (Jonathan Head & Sallye Moore)
  - Grand Opening July 26th
- Golf/Golf Academy (Tony Lawrence & David Pecor)
  - No Report
- P-3 2013 (Jonathan Head, Jim Dart and Emita Garcia
  - No Report
- Central Park/Epic Recreation Center (B.J. Nichols)
  - No Report
- Parks Ball Fields, Playgrounds & Trails (Jerry Partain, Tony Lawrence)
  - Mr. Partain asked if the department will be making improvements in other smaller parks. Mr. Herold stated that a part of the Master Plan. Mr. Partain said he would get more information from his neighbor to what she would like to have updated in her neighborhood park.

VIII. STAFF REPORTS

Duane Strawn, Manager of Parks and Lake presented the March update for Park Maintenance.
Danny Boykin, Recreation Superintendent presented the March update for Recreation.
Tim Shingle, Manager of Planning and Development presented the March update for Planning and Development.

IX. PARK BOARD CHAIR UPDATE

BJ Nichols enjoyed the Kirby Creek Nature Center and PBS day. The Easter egg hunts were fantastic. It is so rewarding to be a part of this Park Board and all the exciting things going on.
Get out and vote on May 10th

X. DIRECTOR'S UPDATES

Today is Administrative Assistant Day. We have the hardest working staff.

VIIII. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 8:25P.M.

THE FOREGOING MINUTES WERE OFFICIALLY APPROVED BY THE PARK BOARD ON MAY 28, 2014.

Mae Smith, Recording Secretary