



**MINUTES
PARK BOARD MEETING**

The City of Grand Prairie Park Board Committee convened at 6:00 PM on September 19, 2019 in the Epic (Multi-Media Rm-2nd floor), 2960 Epic Place, Grand Prairie, Texas.

Tour of PlayGrand

PARK BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

BJ Nichols	Emita Garcia	Jerry Partain
Malcom Chakery	John Stewart	

AD HOC PARK BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Jim Dart	Jonathan Head
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CITY STAFF PRESENT:

Cheryl De Leon	Erin Hart	Mae Smith
Steve Plumer	Chip Nami	

CITIZEN COMMENTS

No Comments

Item #1: APPROVAL OF JUNE 26, 2019 MINUTES-B.J. Nichols
John Stewart made a motion for approval of the August 28, 2019 minutes and Jerry Partain seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Item #2: AWARDS – Cheryl De Leon and B.J. Nichols
Irma Rodriguez, The Summit, received the June Exemplary Employee award. Irma has been a major factor in the turnaround of the cleanliness of the Summit. Within the past year since she started we have turned raging fans into raving fans based on her pride in her work and attention to detail. Irma never complains and gives her all when she is working.

David Rhea, Lake Parks, received the August Employee of the month award. David filled in and took the lead for several weeks during vacations of several people in the department. He organized the crew and lined out the work based on priorities he had discussed with the supervisor. Several of his peers commented how well he was doing, and it was actually that peep who endorsed of this nomination.

Item #3: BUSINESS ITEMS

Election of Park Board Chair and Co-Chair

Emita Garcia nominated BJ Nicholas as the Park Board Chair. Jerry Partain seconded the motion and was approved unanimously.

Malcom Chakery made a motion to nominate John Stewart as co-Chair and Jerry Partain seconded the motion and was approved unanimously.

Item #4: PARK BOARD REPORTS:

a. Special Event Update:

- o Recreation Division - (VanDella Meniffee)
No Report
- o The Summit – (Emita Garcia, John Stewart & Greg Mullen)
Building scans 30,206
Over 5500 members
- o Uptown/Market Square (Jonathan Head & Jerry Partain)
GPAC-Legally Blond Oct 4-13
Farmers Market -Sept. 21st sock donation day
Sept. 28th – 10th Birthday/Free Zumba
Oct. 5th – Annual Health Fair Day
Oct. 12th Start of Fall-Frank Henry
Oct. 19th – Pink Out Walk with the Mayor-Breast Cancer
Awareness/Pumpkin Give-a-way
Oct. 31st-Streat and Treat
- o Disk Golf (Jim Dart)
No Report

b. Boy's Baseball (Greg Mullen and John Stewart)

Baseball is doing well in Grand Prairie

c. Playgrounds-(Mal Earl)

No Report

d. Ruthe Jackson Center-(Bryan Parra)

No Report

e. Golf/Golf Academy (Greg Mullen)

f. Epic Central/Epic Recreation Center (B.J. Nichols & Malcom Chakery)

Summer concert today/Sunny Sweeney

Crompton's is open tonight for Happy Hour and every Thursday-Sunday during the Football season

Marketing for the Sunny Sweeney was great

Epic Program is at your place showing all that is happening at the facility.

There is an adapted GPISD - PE class here at the Epic

g. PlayGrand Adventures-(Emita Garcia, Jim Dart, Jonathan Head, Malcom Chakery and VanDella Meniffee.)

PlayGrand is still moving forward and is getting ready for the soft opening in the fall.

We need to start thinking about fundraising for MA's café

Item #5: PARK BOARD CHAIR UPDATE, Presented by B.J. Nichols

Event Updates

- PlayGrand tour was so great to see it all coming together. Thanks to Steve Plumer for all his hard work.
- The November and December meeting will be combined for a Holiday Dinner and Meeting on December 4, 2019.
- Crompton's Pub is opening tonight

Item #6: DIRECTOR UPDATES:

2019 Projects/Events Updates

- Cemetery will be having three event: SIDS 6-7:30, Day of the Dead 4-6, and Candlelight Service 5:30-7

- The Epic Artist in Residence-Jesse Sawyer- has moved in and is ready to get started to teach classes and do studio work. She will be going out to the Farmers Market a couple of time.
- Clarification on the Summit member's numbers. There are 5474.
- Crompton's will be open during the Football season and it can be rented for private parties.
- Congratulations to BJ and John on their nomination of Chair and Co-Chair.
- Congratulations to Erin Hart for her nomination for the TRAPS, State President.

Adjournment: There being no further business, the Park Board Meeting was adjourned at 6:42P.M.



Mae Smith, Recording Secretary