



**MINUTES
PARK BOARD MEETING**

The City of Grand Prairie Park Board Committee convened at 5:30 PM on December 4, 2019 the Ruthe Jackson Center, 3113 S. Carrier Parkway, Grand Prairie, Texas.

PARK BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

BJ Nichols	Emita Garcia	Bryan Parra	Jerry Partain
Van Della Meniffee	Mal Earl	Malcom Chakery	Greg Mullen
John Stewart			

AD HOC PARK BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Jonathan Head

CITY STAFF PRESENT:

Cheryl De Leon	Erin Hart	Mae Smith	Susan Henson
Steve Plumer	Gary Yakesch	Chip Nami	Melonda Pugh

CITIZEN COMMENTS

No Comments

Item #1: APPROVAL OF OCTOBER 23, 2019 MINUTES-B.J. Nichols
Malcom Chakery made a motion for approval of the October 23, 2019 minutes and VanDella Meniffee seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Item #2: AWARDS – Cheryl De Leon and B.J. Nichols

Gary Yakesch received the Exemplary Employee of the Month award for performing miracles every day as the guru of PARD finances. No matter how many plates that he has spinning in the air at the same time, he is always there to answer those questions that we all pepper him with on a daily basis. I don't think the Parks Dept. would be able to do what WE do every day, without Gary doing what He does every day.

BJ Nichols Introduced Elba Garcia, County Commissioner, for Grand Prairie. She thank everyone for the wonderful work they are doing for the City of Grand Prairie.

Items#3: PARK BOARD CHAIR UPDATE, Presented by B.J. Nichols
Thanked everyone for coming

Item #4: DIRECTOR UPDATES:

2019 Projects/Events Updates

PlayGrand is almost done. The department is looking to have a mid-January Grand Opening. Thank you to everyone who came out to our first annual Prairie Lights Parks Family night.

Adjournment: There being no further business, the Park Board Meeting was adjourned at 6:43 P.M.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "J. Mae Smith".

Mae Smith, Recording Secretary