



**MINUTES  
PARK BOARD MEETING**

The City of Grand Prairie Park Board Committee convened at 6:30 PM on September 23, 2020 at City Hall's Council Briefing Room, 300 College Street, Grand Prairie, Texas.

**PARK BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT**

BJ Nichols	Emita Garcia	Greg Mullen	VanDella Meniffee
John Stewart	Mal Earl	Jerry Partain	Malcom Chakery

**PARK BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT**

Bryan Parra

**CITY STAFF PRESENT:**

Duane Strawn	Andrew Snyder	Brian Chapin
Gary Yakesch	Krista Marrs	Joey Sanchez
Erin Hart	Steve Plumer	Addie Carr

**CITIZEN COMMENTS**

No comments

Item #1: APPROVAL OF August 26, 2020 MINUTES-B.J. Nichols

Greg Mullen made a motion for approval of the August 26, 2020 minutes and VanDella Meniffee seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Item #2: AWARDS – Duane Strawn and B.J. Nichols

Addie Carr, The Epic Lifeguards received the Exemplary Employee award for her quick response to a guest's health and safety.

Item#3: BUSINESS ITEMS: Election of Park Board Chair and Co-Chair  
Malcom Chakery nominated B.J. Nichols as the 2020 Chair. Greg Mullen seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.

VanDella Meniffee nominated John Stewart as the 2020 Co-Chair. Jerry Partain seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.

Item#4 BUSINESS OF THE TREE BOARD, Presented by Andrew Snyder  
The following is a list of tree related activities for Parks Arts and Recreation Divisions for the month of August 2020:

## Lake Parks

### Lynn Creek

- 15 Man hours – Tree trimming.

### Loyd Park

- 15 Man hours – Tree trimming.

## Golf Courses

### Prairie Lakes

- 80 Man hours – Pruning and maintenance.

### Tangle Ridge

- 80 Man hours – Pruning and maintenance.

## Parks Maintenance

- 215 Man hours – Pruning, removal, chipping, storm clean up, watering etc.

## Cemetery

- 10 Man hours – Pruning and maintenance

## Planning

- 10 Man hours - Development, design, mitigation, inspection

## Totals for Tree Related Activities

- \* **425– Total man hours**

## Item#5

### PARK BOARD REPORTS –

- Special Events (Malcom Chakery)
  - Street ‘N Treat is Canceled
  - Veteran’s Day – Virtual
  - Prairie Lights – Drive Thru ONLY
- Recreation (Mal Earl)
  - Aquatics - Kirby Creek is hosting swim practices
  - Charley Taylor, Dalworth & Tony Shotwell - After-School Program begins Oct 5 to 20 Following same protocols as GPISD.
  - Dalworth - Capital Improvement Projects:
    - Completed: Playground Resurfacing with two new benches, Computer lab: 1 new workstation and 2 new computers, and Air Hockey & Arcade Games
    - Fencing project to be completed this week
    - Ballroom AV Upgrade to be completed in October
- The Summit (John Stewart and Emita Garcia)
  - New Parking Lot addition and Roof repair Project completed
  - Painting project and Chemical Room Project
  - 2 New Capital Improvement Projects to be completed by November
- Uptown/Market Square (Bryan Parra and Jerry Partain)
  - Series for season ticket holder only - in person
- Playgrounds (Mal Earl)
  - LBJ Park – grounds looked great
  - Waggoner Park – parents were out with their children
- Ruthe Jackson Center (Bryan Parra)
  - Bryan Parra absent so VanDella Meniffee gave report in his place
  - Corporate clients have begun requesting proposals

- g. Golf (Greg Mullen)
  - Golf is doing well during the pandemic
  - Facilities wonderful and clean well taken care of
- h. Epic Recreation Center (John Stewart and Malcom Chakery)
  - Started accepting non-resident memberships September 18<sup>th</sup>
  - New uniforms effective Monday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>
- i. PlayGrand Adventures (Emita Garcia)
  - 80% completion for parking lot 99 new spaces
  - Drainage, painting of parking lot, landscaping needed – Mid Oct.
  - Staff goes by daily to check equipment
  - PlayGrand Study – Officially started as of Tuesday by Taylor Bunn
- j. Cricket/Rugby (B.J. Nichols)
  - Adult Cricket resuming play Saturday, September 26<sup>th</sup>
  - GP Maverick Rugby has not reached out about a fall season
- k. Lake Parks (VanDella Meniffee and Jerry Partain)
  - Forest of Fear – changes: no candy | Oct 16 17 and 23 24
  - Lynn Creek – end of season on Sept 27 to set up for Prairie Lights
- l. Memorial Gardens (VanDella Meniffee)
  - 23 burials for month of August
- m. Alliance Skate Park (B.J. Nichols)
  - Reopened to limited operations April 13<sup>th</sup>
  - Canceled everything on event calendar with exception of a few youth programs
- n. Pickleball (Greg Mullen)
  - Pickleball is still available at The Charley Taylor Recreation Center
  - Schedule subject to change Oct. 5 when ASP begins at Charley Taylor

Item #6

**STAFF REPORTS**

- a. Steve Plumer – Project Updates
  - Fish Creek Central Linear Park – Complete on time and under budget
  - Splash Factory Improvements – Construction Phase
  - Summit Aquatic Chemical Relocation – Finalizing
  - Lone Trail Extension – Complete by end of October
  - Great Southwest Nature Park – Bidding and Negotiation Phase
  - CentrePort Trail Phase II – Design Phase
  - Mountain Creek Lake Park Master Plan – Project Discovery Phase

Item #7

**PARK BOARD CHAIR UPDATE, Presented by B.J. Nichols**

- Thank you for support and looking forward next year
- Thank you to Director for new reporting format

Item #8

**DIRECTOR UPDATES, Presented by Duane Strawn**

- a. COVID-19 Reopening Updates
- b. The Summit
  - Construction has been going on in the area

- HVAC issues – hoping to fix before reopening
- Meeting with CMO waiting for approval for opening day
- c. PlayGrand Adventures
  - A few construction projects preventing from opening
- d. Epic Central
  - Gas, water, and sewer down due to construction
  - New Summit Manager – internal candidates
  - Chicken and Pickle first of the year 2021
- e. ERC Drive Thru
  - Employee drive thru luncheon – RJC
  - Michael Levy, The Summit is Employee of the Year
- f. Forest of Fear
  - Last 2 weekends of October – Sold out both weekends
  - In car experience and no Candy giveaway
- g. Farmer's #1 in TEXAS!

Adjournment: There being no further business, the Park Board Meeting was adjourned at 8:13 P.M.



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Krista Marrs, Recording Secretary