

Minutes Parks and Recreation Board Meeting Monday, July 22, 2019 – 6:00 pm

Meeting called to order at 6:10 pm

Members Present: Kevin Hart, Commissioner, Chad Gochanour, Toni Hofland, Donna Gates-Shewey

Members Not Present: Allen Green

Vacancies: The committee has two vacancies. One community position and one SD10 position. They have been advertised. Donna Gates-Shewey will meet with Justin Barnes (School Superintendent) to ask for a school representative.

The meeting did not have the required number of attendees for a quorum. No votes were taken.

Old Business:

- Vacancies: The committee has two vacancies. One community position and one SD10 position. They have been advertised. Donna Gates-Shewey will meet with Justin Barnes (School Superintendent) to ask for a school representative.
- Update from Commissioner Hart as to the Ordinances and By-Laws of the Parks and Recreation Board At this time, Commissioner Vermeire is still reviewing these and we will receive further updates at future meetings.
- Update on the Archery Range – Ben Krakowka was unable to attend. He did update us via email. He has procured \$1200.00 for six additional targets and built two. He is writing more grant requests to secure additional funding.

New Business:

- Signage for route to Beaver Dam Park – Toni Hofland expressed concern that Beaver Dam Park is difficult to find and suggested signage along the route. Chad Gochanour offered to get quotes on three signs from MT Correctional Enterprises. Jessica Wicks (Public attendee) suggested getting a second estimate from Newman Signs. Toni Hofland will contact Newman Signs.
- Kennedy Commons Alcohol Discussion – Commissioner Kevin Hart clarified that the Parks & Recreation Board was being asked for a recommendation to form a special committee to review the alcohol issue and to allow additional time for public comment. Discussion continued between board members and public attendees over the following considerations of forming this committee:
 - 1) Commissioner Hart stated that there were many other issues to consider when making this decision. Such as condition of the sod, band stand, etc.
 - 2) Commissioner Hart was in favor of allowing more time to gather public opinion.
 - 3) Donna Gates-Shewey also stated other environmental concerns and described the formula that other Park Departments use to make these decisions.
 - 4) Public comment from Rose Nyman as to the legality of serving alcohol near a public school. She recommended that the County Attorney research this.
 - 5) Public comment from Jessica Wicks that forming another committee seemed to be an unnecessary delay to the Commission decision.

- 6) Toni Hofland commented that she would like to see Kennedy Commons used for more events as it is ideally located and adds to our scenic value. She encouraged the board to approach the county if there were repairs that needed done before more Special Use Permits can be issued.

Decision was made to write a letter of support for the special committee. It will be prepared by Toni Hofland and will state that “although there was no quorum, the members present discussed the proposed committee and all four members supported forming a special committee”. The Parks & Recreation Board will also request that two spots be reserved for our board members on the review committee.

- Next meeting date – The next meeting is scheduled for September 16, 2019 at 6:00 pm.

Miscellaneous:

- Chad Gochanour voiced concern over the lack of maintenance at West Valley Park. Toni Hofland will discuss these concerns with the County Parks Director and verify that the Park is on a regular maintenance schedule.
- Rose Nyman received \$1500.00 in grant money to install picnic tables at Kennedy Commons. She will purchase some tables with these funds. Rose is looking into other options to cover the shipping costs.
- Kevin Hart addressed complaints that had been received about the restrooms being locked during large events. This has already been addressed at the County and they should be unlocked in the future.

Public Comment:

N/A