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**MINUTES**  
**PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD**  
**City Hall, 385 S. Goliad, Rockwall, TX 75087**  
**January 6, 2015**  
**6:00 PM**

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**Call To Order**

8 The meeting was called to order in the Council Chambers at 6:00pm by Chairman Brad  
9 Bassett with the following Board Members present: Bob Lewis, Charles Johnson, and  
10 Wayne Larson. Board Members Ray Harton and Kevin Moffatt were absent. Also  
11 present were Parks and Recreation Manager Andy Hesser, Administrative Secretary  
12 Wendy Young, Recreation Superintendent, Andrew Ainsworth, Parks Superintendent  
13 Aaron Dobson, and Recreation Coordinator, Sarah Hurst.

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**Consider approval of amended minutes from the December 2, 2014 Park Board meeting and take any action necessary.**

17 The minutes from the December 2, 2014 Park Board meeting were provided to the Board  
18 for their review and approval. Board Member Charles Johnson made a motion to  
19 approve the minutes. Board Member Larry Denny seconded the motion which passed by  
20 a vote of 5-0 (2 absent, Moffatt and Harton).

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**Discuss and consider Castle Ridge Estates Phase III final plat and take any action necessary.**

24 Parks & Recreation Manager Andy Hesser explained that Castle Ridge Phase III is a  
25 19.521 acre subdivision with 62 lots located west of SH 205 and north of Dalton Rd.  
26 Castle Ridge Phase III is a 19.521 acre subdivision with 62 lots located Castle Ridge is  
27 located within Park District #1. Jewel Park is the designated neighborhood park for  
28 district #1 and is already developed. Since Jewel Park does not connect to Castle Ridge,  
29 City Council approved Park Board's recommendation to accept cash-in-lieu of land fees  
30 in 2008 for phases I and II. The developer provided approximately 5.22 acres of open  
31 space to be maintained by the HOA. Within that open space the developer also proposed  
32 to provide amenities that meet or exceed the required pro-rata equipment fees. At the  
33 time of phase 1 & 2 final plats, the equipment fees required equaled \$131,120. The  
34 developer proposed building and maintaining an amenity shelter with stone and iron  
35 fence, concrete jogging trail, site furniture, landscaping and irrigation along the trail and  
36 shelter. The total value of these amenities equaled \$311,220, which clearly exceeded the  
37 minimum. Park Board made a recommendation to accept the developer's proposal and  
38 was approved by City Council. The minutes from previous meetings are included in your  
39 packet. After a brief discussion Chairman Bassett made a motion to accept cash-in-lieu  
40 of land fees for 62 lots at \$493 per lot with a total of \$30,566 including the 15 ft access  
41 right-of-way to be maintained by the HOA for the City to have access to future park land  
42 development within the City of Dallas takeline property on the west end of the property  
43 located between lots 30 and 31. Bob Lewis seconded the motion which passed by a vote  
44 of 5-0 (2 absent, Moffatt and Harton).

46 **Discuss and consider Eagle Scout Project proposal by Caleb Davis and take any**  
47 **action necessary.**

48 Mr. Hesser announced that Caleb Davis is an Eagle Scout candidate who has proposed an  
49 educational sign project along the Squabble Creek Mountain Bike Trail. His signs will  
50 include pictures and information of native tree species that can be found along the  
51 mountain bike trail. He has worked with an arborist to identify the trees. Caleb will be  
52 responsible for raising the funds, printing the signs and installing them according to  
53 agreed upon guidelines. Installation will be coordinated with City staff and Dallas Off-  
54 road Bicycle Association (DORBA), who maintains the trail. The company he plans on  
55 using to the print the signs is i-Zone. This is the same company that the Parks  
56 Department uses on the City's way finders, park maps and interpretive signs. They are  
57 full color high definition pictures and text and have a 10 year warranty. Caleb Davis  
58 came forth and presented a powerpoint that depicted is project in full detail. Mr. Larson  
59 suggested that he get a letter from Mr. Hesser in support of his fundraising efforts so that  
60 Caleb can present the letter when requesting funding. Park Board members expressed  
61 their support and excitement in seeing this project come together. Board Member Bob  
62 Lewis made a motion to accept this Eagle Scout proposal. Board Member Larry Denny  
63 seconded the motion which passed by a vote of 5-0.

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65 **Discuss and consider Eagle Scout Project final presentation by Nick Bowyer and**  
66 **take any action necessary.**

67 Mr. Hesser introduced Nick Bowyer to the Board again. Mr. Hesser explained that Nick  
68 Bowyer made an Eagle Scout project proposal to Park Board at the April 2014 meeting.  
69 His project was approved to design and install a pedestrian bridge on the disc golf course  
70 on hole number nine. This bridge is intended to better assist disc golfers in crossing the  
71 creek at the tee box that may be using strollers or rolling bags/coolers. Nick Bowyer  
72 came forth and presented his final project presentation to the Board that explained some  
73 hurdles along the way, the safety guidelines he followed. A total of 238 volunteer hours  
74 worked on this project. The Board expressed their appreciation and a job well done. No  
75 action taken.

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77 **Hear report from Leo Rodriguez regarding update on proposed batting cages at**  
78 **Leon Tuttle Sports Complex and take any action necessary.**

79 Mr. Hesser stated that Park Board has requested an update on the status of this project.  
80 At the April 2014 meeting, Park Board approved a recommendation to the City Council  
81 to enter into a concession agreement with Leo Rodriguez for the purposes of providing,  
82 installing and operating batting cages at the Leon Tuttle Athletic Complex. City Council  
83 approved the agreement in May of 2014 and was subsequently executed between the City  
84 and Mr. Rodriguez. As part of the agreement, the concessionaire is required to submit  
85 drawings and information regarding the proposed equipment, supplies, dimensions and  
86 materials to be used in the batting cage for City approval prior to beginning construction  
87 and operation. To date this has not been submitted to the City staff for review. The  
88 Rockwall Baseball Softball League is scheduled to begin games on February 16<sup>th</sup>. Staff  
89 requests that Park Board consider a firm date for submission of drawings and for  
90 construction to be completed. Staff also requests Park Board to consider recommending  
91 that the contract be terminated if these dates are not met. A copy of the April 2014 Park

Board minutes and executed agreement are included in your packet. Leo Rodriguez came forth and gave an update on the progress of the batting cages. Mr. Rodriguez stated that he has been waiting on architectural drawings but they didn't come through as promised and has overcome several obstacles after getting approval to begin work on the batting cages. After much discussion Chairman Bassett made a motion requesting Mr. Rodriguez to submit plans no later than Friday, Jan 16 at 5pm and approved by the City on Wednesday, Jan 21. If these deadlines are not met, the Board recommends termination of the contract. Board Member Denny seconded the motion which passed by a vote of 4-1 (Larson against).

**Discuss and consider Dick's Sporting Goods sponsorship and take any action necessary.**

Parks Superintendent Andrew Ainsworth explained that our agreement with Dick's Sporting Goods contract will be a 3 year contract. Dick's would be our exclusive sporting goods sponsor. The contract will include new dugout screens, coaches kits, coupons, general in store marketing support exclusive sporting goods sponsor. Board Member Denny made a motion to recommend that Staff move forward with this 3 year exclusive sponsorship.


**Staff updates on upcoming programs and events and take any action necessary.**

Parks Superintendent gave an update on Phelps Lake improvements and showed photos of the finished project of the fishing pier and kayak launch. Construction is under way at Tuttle with the parking lot being re-paved and a new fence going up around the complex. Staff is preparing a volunteer calendar for the coming year that will be included in the Fun Guide coming out next month. The Daddy Daughter Dance will be on Saturday, Jan 31<sup>st</sup> at The Hilton.

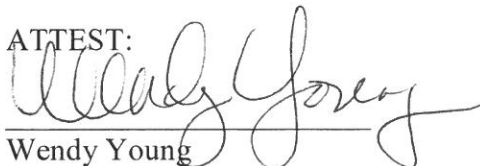
**Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before the Board at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE PARK BOARD OF THE CITY OF ROCKWALL, TEXAS, this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of February 2015.

  
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Brad Bassett  
Chairman, Park Board

ATTEST:

  
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Wendy Young  
Administrative Secretary