

MINUTES
PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD
City Hall, 385 S. Goliad, Rockwall, TX 75087
May 5, 2015
6:00 PM

Call To Order

The meeting was called to order in the Council Chambers at 6:00pm by Vice Chairman Bob Lewis with the following Board Members present: Wayne Larson, Kevin Moffatt, Charles Johnson and Ray Harton. Board Members Brad Bassett and Larry Denny were absent. Also present were Parks and Recreation Manager Andy Hesser and Administrative Secretary Wendy Young.

Consider approval of the minutes from the April 7, 2015 Park Board meeting and take any action necessary.

The minutes from the April 7, 2015 Park Board meeting were provided to the Board for their review and approval. Board Member Kevin Moffatt made a motion to approve the minutes. Board Member Charles Johnson seconded the motion which passed by a vote of 4-0 (Bassett and Denny absent, 1 abstain - Harton).

Open Forum

Vice Chairman Lewis explained how Open Forum is conducted and asked if anyone in the audience would like to come forth and speak during this time. There being no one wishing to speak, Vice Chairman Lewis then closed the Open Forum.

Discuss and consider Eagle Scout final presentation by Caleb Davis and take any action necessary

Mr. Hesser introduced Caleb Davis to the Board again. Caleb Davis made an Eagle Scout project proposal to Park Board at the January 2015 meeting. His project to design and install educational signs along Squabble Creek Mountain Bike Trail was approved. His signs included pictures and information of native tree species. Caleb was able to raise funds and install the signs according to the agreed upon guidelines. Caleb explained that they had 172 hours of service devoted to this project and a total of 19 people helping. Along with the project there were 120 pounds of trash that was picked up along the trail. The Board expressed their appreciation and a job well done. No action taken.

Discuss and consider possible changes to the coach eligibility policy and take any action necessary

Mr. Hesser came forth and stated that Park Board Member Charles Johnson requested that there be some discussion regarding the appeal process within the coach eligibility policy. The policy provides a frame-work to determine whether a volunteer youth sports coach is eligible to be a coach with the Rockwall Baseball and Softball League (RBSL) by performing a criminal history search using public records. If a prospective coach has an offense that falls within the policy guidelines, then the staff deems that person ineligible to coach. The policy provides for an appeal process that is made up of three Park Board Members appointed by the Park Board Chairman, a City of Rockwall

47 Municipal Judge (non-voting member) and the Rockwall Police Chief or designee. As
48 the policy currently reads, an applicant has the right to appeal the staff's eligibility
49 determination. These determinations are made generally after consultation with the City
50 Attorney and may require additional records to be gathered. The question has come,
51 should everyone who requests an appeal be granted an appeal? Should there be a criteria
52 established to determine whether the appeal board should hear the applicant's appeal?
53 Contingent on Park Board recommendations and in consultation with the City Attorney,
54 staff would be prepared to bring back a draft with recommendations to amend the policy.
55 After a brief discussion and some comments, Johnson made a recommendation to delete
56 appeal process altogether as written and consult with City Attorney. The appeal process
57 should be handled at the Staff level unless there is a factual ground for appeal. Larson
58 seconded the motion and passed 5-0 (Bassett and Denny absent).
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60 **Discuss and consider a recommendation to City Council to amend the Parks and**
61 **Open Space Master Plan Neighborhood Park District Map and take any action**
62 **necessary.**

63 Mr. Hesser explained that the adopted Parks and Open Space Master Plan provides the
64 ability to create neighborhood park spaces to be within convenient distances to serve the
65 majority of the residents. Park districts are established within the Master Plan to provide
66 prima facie proof that any given park is established within such convenient distances.
67 The ordinance has a pro-rata share of land dedication and recreation facilities required of
68 each residential developer to provide the necessary amenities for each district. The pro-
69 rata share of required dedication and equipment fees in a neighborhood park district
70 establishes the per dwelling unit cost by dividing the 11 acre park by ultimate residential
71 dwelling unit holding capacity for that district in which the park is located. These
72 districts are represented as map exhibit within the adopted Master Plan. As land uses
73 change, new areas are annexed and roads are built, the park district map should be
74 updated. Your packet includes a map showing the existing park district map. It consists
75 of 29 districts. It also shows an area of commercial and light industrial zoning that does
76 not include any districts. The proposed map expands to 35 park districts. This is due to
77 the expanded Extraterritorial Jurisdiction (ETJ) and incorporates the commercial and
78 light industrial zones as well as a few cleaned up district boundaries. The significance of
79 the proposed map is that it allows a park dedication and equipment fee to be required in
80 areas that were previously not thought to contain residential development. The proposed
81 map is based on the newly adopted Future Land Map and Land Use Assumptions. If a
82 developer rezones a property from one use to a residential use, we would then have a
83 park district to accommodate the required fees and land dedication. Moffatt made a
84 motion to City Council to amend the Parks and Open Space Park District Map. Harton
85 seconded the motion which passed by a vote of 5-0 (Bassett and Denny absent).
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87 **Discuss and consider a recommendation to City Council to amend the Mandatory**
88 **Park Land Dedication Ordinance Acreage Factor Dwelling Unity table and take any**
89 **action necessary.**

90 Mr. Hesser stated that each year Park Board makes a recommendation to City Council to
91 adopt the "per acre" price for land and the cost to develop an 11 acre neighborhood park.
92 From that cost, the fee per dwelling unit is adopted by resolution each year. Staff

requests that Park Board consider a recommendation to City Council to amend the Park Land Dedication Ordinance by updating the fee tables. The updated tables take into account the current land use assumptions utilizing the adopted future land use map and the maximum dwelling units per park district. Contingent upon the approval of the neighborhood park district map, the Park Dedication Acreage Factor tables will need to be updated as well. Johnson made a motion to recommend to City Council to amend the Mandatory Park Land Dedication Ordinance Acreage Factor Dwelling Unit table. Moffatt seconded the motion which passed by a vote of 5-0 (Bassett and Denny absent).


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

Swimming pools will open for the Summer on June 9th. There are many new summer camps in addition to the existing camps for 2015. The next Family Fun Friday is May 22nd at The Park at Foxchase, featuring Finding Nemo. The first Concert by the Lake Series kicks off May 7th, featuring With or Without U2 (U2 Tribute Band). Founders Day is May 16th, Sawyer Brown Band. Yellowjacket Park is coming along, the only thing left is the surfacing which has been held back due to the rain.

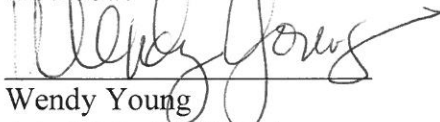
Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 6:58 p.m.

PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE PARK BOARD OF THE CITY OF ROCKWALL, TEXAS, this 2nd day of June 2015.


Brad Bassett
Chairman, Park Board

ATTEST:


Wendy Young
Administrative Secretary