

MINUTES

On September 11th, 2024 the Parks and Recreation Board met at 01:00 p.m. at the Parks and Recreation Board Room located at 509 S. Johnson Street Amarillo, TX, 79107 for a Regular Meeting.

VOTING MEMBERS	PRESENT	NO. MEETINGS HELD SINCE APPOINTMENT	NO. OF MEETINGS ATTENDED
Mr. Howard Smith	YES	9	9
Mr. Ronnie Walker	YES	8	7
Mr. Robert Altman	YES	54	50
Ms. Tiffany Podzemny	YES	43	44
Mr. Rodney Hill	NO	8	7
Mr. Thomas Riney	YES	8	7
Mr. Ronny Head	YES	8	8
Mr. Shelby Massey	YES	26	25
Mrs. Skylar Gallop	YES	15	11
Mr. Josh Craft	YES	11	7
Mr. Hobert Brown	NO	8	6

STAFF IN ATTENDANCE:

MICHAEL KASHUBA	DIRECTOR OF PARKS AND RECREATION
JAMES STOW	ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF PARKS AND RECREATION
BECKI DRYER	ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF PARKS AND RECREATION
SARA BARTEL	MARKETING COORDINATOR
AUSTIN FARLEY	AQUATICS SUPERVISOR
CINDY PEREZ	BEAUTIFICATION AND PUBLIC ARTS COORDINATOR
GEORGE PRIOLO	GENERAL MANAGER OF GOLF OPERATIONS
KARI BACHMAN	SENIOR SERVICES COORDINATOR
LANDON MILLER	WARFORD SUPERVISOR
SAMANTHA THOMPSON	RECORDING SECRETARY

ITEM 1 Call to Order

Chairman, Ms. Tiffany Podzemny, established a quorum and called the regular scheduled meeting of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board to order at 01:01 p.m.

ITEM 2 Public Comments

No comments were made.

ITEM 3 Discuss and Consider Minutes

A motion was made by Mr. Thomas Riney, said motion seconded by Mr. Ronny Head, voting aye were 9 members, voting no were none, carried to approve meeting minutes from August 14th, 2024.

ITEM 4A The Parks and Recreation Board will Discuss or Receive Reports on the Following Current Matters or Projects:

- A) Department Divisional Updates
 - 1) Administration: Mr. Kashuba updates the board on the items as it pertains to the 24/25 fiscal budget:
 - a. Bones Hooks Lighting project – Applying for Energy Efficiency Community Block Grant to potentially fund it.
 - b. Mary Hazelrigg Lighting project - (scheduled to start at a later date)
 - o ARPA and Neighborhood Initiative Funding.
 - c. Eastridge Neighborhood Project:
 - o ARPA funds
 - d. Padel Courts at ANTC:
 - o The O'Brien Foundation has offered to split the cost.
 - e. Thompson Pool Funding leftover potentially allocated for following projects:
 - o Amarillo Zoo
 - o Padel courts at ANTC
 - o Miscellaneous Projects
 - f. JSM Fields:
 - o Fencing south soccer fields would be beneficial.
 - g. SE and SW Pools:
 - o Quote to replaster is \$400,000 for each pool.
 - h. Debt Funding: Projects that can't fund out of E&I

- Thompson Park lighting (trails and parking)
 - JSM Lighting (trails, dog park, volleyball courts)
- Ms. Becki Dryer updates the board on the following:
- a. Staffing: Two new employees were hired.
 - Mady Agin – Administrative Technician for Parks Admin
 - Kari Bachman –Senior Services Coordinator
- 2) Amarillo Zoo: Mr. Kashuba updates the board on the following items:
- a. Boo at the Zoo Event
 - b. Electrical and Internet issues
 - c. Water mainline that broke has been repaired.
- 3) Beautification and Public Arts: Ms. Cindy Perez updates the board on the following:
- a. Murals for 2023/2024 fiscal year have been completed.
 - b. Applications for the 2024/2025 fiscal years murals will open earlier.
 - c. National Clean-up Day on September 21st at 9th Street Trails
 - d. Zoo Clean-up on September 28th
- 4) Athletics: Mr. James Stow updates the board on the following items:
- a. TTYSL Football at Rick Klein will be moved to JSM.
 - b. Texas Panhandle Sports Youth Foundation started (baseball and softball)
 - c. San Jacinto Football play at Rick Klein
 - d. Holy Cross, St. Andrews, and PCHEA Football play at Glenwood
 - e. Softball – Fall season started 9/9/24.
 - Bombfest Softball Tournament (9/21 – 9/22)
 - f. Volleyball – Fall season will start 9/16/24.
 - g. ASA Soccer will start 9/21/24.
 - h. Umpire and Official Training
- 5) Capital Projects:
- a. 9th Street Trails (completed)
 - b. Thompson Park Gates (scheduled at later date)
 - c. Medi Park South Lake Concrete (in progress)
- 6) Golf Operations: Mr. George Priolo updates the board on the following items:
- a. Last Major Tournament for the year was completed.
 - b. Revenue increased in August. Year to date is up by over \$400,000.
 - c. Ross Rogers had a fungus outbreak, but recover is expected.
- 7) Park Maintenance: Mr. James Stow updates the board on the following item:
- a. Staff is short 12 positions.
- 8) Recreation and Special Events: Ms. Becki Dryer updates the board on the following items:
- a. Starlight Cinema at Stephen F Austin Park – 73 attendees.
 - b. Father/Son Adventures at Warford – 31 attendees.
 - c. Pop-Up Party at Stephen F. Austin Park - 60 attendees.
 - d. Hooked on Fishing at Med Park – 50 attendees.
 - e. First meeting for next year July 5th event.
- 9) Senior Services: Ms. Becki Dryer updates the board on the following items:
- a. Kari Bachman, the new Senior Services Coordinator is meeting with members to determine programs and events.
- 10) Tennis Operations: Mr. James Stow updates the board on the following items:
- a. Beginners Clinic September 14th.
 - b. Halloween themed tournaments
 - c. Padel Courts
- 11) Warford Activity Center: Ms. Becki Dryer updates the board on the following items:
- a. 6S Sports and Quiet Storm Martial Arts – Long term rentals
 - b. Fall fitness schedule has been released.
 - c. Painting in the gym and lobby
 - d. Toddler Play Program
 - e. \$5.00 Friday Program

ITEM 5
Facilities

Present, Discuss, and Consider Recommendation on the Operation of City of Amarillo Aquatics

Mr. Michael Kashuba provides the board with the following information:

- a. The Pool Cost Recovery Percentage for each pool is as follows:
 - SE Pool – 31%
 - SW Pool – 39%
 - Thompson Pool – 97%
- b. Thompson Pools extended opening and the decline in attendance during that time.
- c. In July all three pools saw a downward trend. Southwest Pool trended downward despite the addition of the inflatable.
- d. Replastering SE and SW Pool estimated costs \$400,000 per pool.
- e. Remodel SW Restrooms estimated cost is \$50,000.
- f. Amarillo High's swim team uses SW Pool during the summer for practice.

After extensive deliberation, Mr. Shelby Massey made a motion to have the Strategic Sub-Committee review further. Seconded by Ms. Skylar Gallop, the motion received unanimous support from the 9 members present.

ITEM 6 Discuss Outdoor Amarillo Park Initiative

Mr. Shelby Massey announces to the board that Outdoor Amarillo has won a grant of \$25,000 from Park Hill. Paramount Park was selected to be the first park that Outdoor Amarillo works with. A sub-committee has been formed and there will be community outreach to help with the planning.

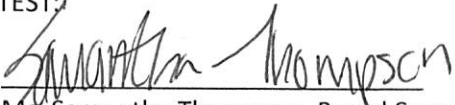
ITEM 7 Discuss Items for Future Agendas:

- Aquatics Operations
- Recap of CIP

ITEM 8 Adjournment

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 3:06 P.M. This meeting was recorded, and all comments are on file with the City Parks and Recreation Department.

ATTEST:



Ms. Samantha Thompson, Board Secretary



Ms. Tiffany Podzemny, Board Chair