

MINUTES

On November 13th, 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	11	10
Mr. Ronnie Walker	YES	10	9
Mr. Robert Altman	YES	56	52
Ms. Tiffany Podzemny	YES	45	46
Mr. Rodney Hill	NO	10	9
Mr. Thomas Riney	YES	10	9
Mr. Ronny Head	YES	10	10
Mr. Shelby Massey	YES	28	27
Mrs. Skylar Gallop	NO	17	11
Mr. Josh Craft	YES	13	9
Mr. Hobert Brown	NO	10	7

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
GEORGE PRIOLO	GENERAL MANAGER OF GOLF OPERATIONS
LANDON MILLER	WARFORD SUPERVISOR
SARA BARTEL	MARKETING COORDINATOR
CINDY PEREZ	BEAUTIFICATION & PUBLIC ARTS COORDINATOR
AUSTIN FARLEY	AQUATICS SUPERVISOR
ERIC ANDERSEN	CIP MANAGER
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. Ronny Head, said motion seconded by Mr. Robert Altman, voting aye were 8 members, voting no were none, carried to approve meeting minutes from October 9th, 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. Michael Kashuba updates the board on the following items:

a. Board Appointments: Mr. Robert Altman and Mr. Shelby Massey were appointed for another term. Mr. Alan Cox was appointed to succeed Mr. Joshua Craft.

b. Kickapoo Tribe: A group from the Kickapoo tribe completed their annual October trip to harvest cattails surrounding the lake at Thompson Park. The cattails are traditionally used by the Kickapoo Tribe for home construction.

c. My Paramount My Park: Mr. Shelby Massey gave a brief update on the open house for Paramount Park. Feedback was given from the public regarding amenities and improvements they would like to see happen at Paramount Park.

d. Thompson Park Inclusive Playground: Community Feedback on themes for park.

2) Amarillo Zoo: Mr. Michael Kashuba updates the board on the following items:

a. Boo at the Zoo: The Amarillo Zoo held Boo at the Zoo event on October 18-19. The event made \$24,280.00.

3) Beautification and Public Arts: Ms. Cindy Perez updates the board on the following items:

- a. Bronco Wild Fund: Bronco Wild Fund and Greater Texas Ford Dealers donated \$10,000 to Amarillo Parks and Recreation Department. The department is considering using the donation to expand the pollinator patch program.
- 4) Athletics: Mr. James Stow and Mr. Kashuba updates the board on the following items:
 - a. City Softball and Volleyball League
 - b. Amarillo Soccer Association
 - c. Review Bylaws
 - d. Cricket Fields
- 5) Aquatics:
 - a. Swim Lessons at Warford
 - b. Water Aerobics – 20 to 40 users per day
 - c. Pumpkin Patch at the Pool (October 12th)
 - d. Feasibility Study on viability of pools
 - e. SE Pool pressure testing pipes
- 6) Capital Projects: Mr. James Stow updates the board on the following items:
 - a. Mary Hazelrigg Lighting
 - b. Amarillo National Tennis Center Facility Improvements
 - c. SE Pool Restroom Remodel
 - d. Medi Park South Lake Concrete
 - e. JSM Fencing South Field
 - f. Comanche Trail Golf Course Irrigation Repairs
 - g. Thompson Inclusive Playground
 - h. Soccer Goals and Bleachers
 - i. Autonomous Mowers at JSM
 - j. Eastridge Master Plan
- 7) Golf Operations: Mr. George Priolo updates the board on the following items:
 - a. Final revenue numbers for 2024 Fiscal Year to be reported
 - b. Irrigation Costs
 - c. Golf Tournaments and Charities raised \$1.4 million for year
 - d. Hosted approximately 130 events (Majors, Charity, Corporate, Junior, Outing)
 - e. “Explore the Four” will be sold November 29th- December 31st
- 8) Park Maintenance: Mr. James Stow updates the board on the following item:
 - a. Winter Projects
 - b. Christmas Decorations
 - c. Closing Restrooms for Winter
- 9) Recreation and Special Events: Ms. Becki Dryer updates the board on the following items:
 - a. Father/Daughter Adventures October 12th – 10 families participated
 - b. Nerf Gun Wars October 11th – 16 participants
 - c. Kids Day Out October 11th and 14th – 35 participants
 - d. PCHEA P.E. Classes held every Monday
 - e. Monster Park October 26th – 1500-2000 citizens attended
- 10) Senior Services: Ms. Becki Dryer updates the board on the following items:
 - a. Lunch and Learn monthly event – On October 20th, Kaley Schmidt presented upcoming changes to Medicare
 - b. 483 Scans and 335 Medicare Advantage Plus Scans for October 2024
- 11) Tennis Operations: Mr. James Stow updates the board on the following items:
 - a. Junior Camps
 - b. Monster Matches October 18th-20th
- 12) Warford Activity Center: Ms. Becki Dryer updates the board on the following items:
 - a. 10-12 rentals per week
 - b. 186 memberships in October
 - c. 1600 membership scans
 - d. Retiled steps outside of locker room
 - e. Inflatable Fest November 9th – 90 participants
 - f. Sensory Time – 12 Participants

ITEM 5 Present, Discuss, and Consider Code of Conduct and Pool Rules

The Parks Board reviewed a draft Code of Conduct for Thompson, Southeast, and Southwest pools. Rule enforcement will be handled by pool managers, with rules prominently posted at facilities. Feedback from the board included allowing empty containers for water refilling to accommodate lower-income families. A motion to approve the rules with this amendment was made by Mr. Shelby Massey. Seconded by Mr. Howard Smith, the motion received unanimous support from the 8 members present.

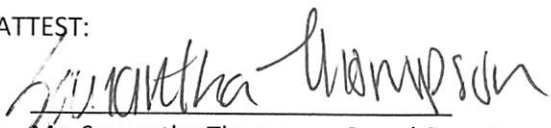
ITEM 6 Discuss Items for Future Agendas:

- Independent Contractors Code of Conduct
- Renaming a park after John Ward
- Paramount Park Funding
- Community Feedback for Thompson Inclusive Playground
- Realignment

ITEM 8 Adjournment

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 2:16 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