

*City of Bastrop, TX
Parks Board and
Public Tree Advisory Board Meeting
MINUTES*

*Bastrop City Hall
City Council Chambers
1311 Chestnut Street
Bastrop, TX 78602
(512) 332-8800*



February 1, 2018, at 6:00 P.M.

City of Bastrop Parks Board and Public Tree Advisory Board meetings are available to all persons regardless of disability. If you require special assistance, please contact the City Secretary at (512) 332-8800, or write to 1311 Chestnut Street, Bastrop, TX 78602, or call Relay Texas through a T.D.D. (Telecommunication Device for the Deaf) at 1-800-735-2989 at least 48 hours in advance of the meeting.

1. **CALL TO ORDER**
 - 1A. MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 6:04PM
2. **ROLL CALL AND CONFIRMATION OF A QUORUM OF BOARDS MEMBERS PRESENT**
 - 2A. THOSE ABSENT WAS MITCHELL HARDIN, BARBARA WOLANSKI, ALLISON HEWETT
3. **CONSENT AGENDA**
 - 3A. Discuss and consider action to approve Minutes from the October 05, 2017, Board meeting.
 - Dorothy made motion to approve Minutes as read. Seconded by Kelly Dawson which passed by all.
4. **STAFF, BOARDS, AND COMMITTEE REPORTS**
 - 4A. Parks & Recreation Department – David Junek, PARD Superintendent filled in for Trey
 - Monthly overview of events, maintenance, repairs, and projects.
 - Cleaned all of the dead trees in Fisherman Park along the Nature trails had about 13 dead trees making a little beach area.
 - Assisted in cutting down dead trees in the Cemetery.
 - The mowing was contracted out and they started today, they were amazed that we could do everything that was done with only two mowers. This would free up 200 man hours in a week for the City guys to be able to do more.
 - Next big event is not till March, unless we have a celebration on if the city win the Small Business Award to be announced 02/13

- Dorothy asked if Trey was able to confirm the meeting dates with the Kerr Center, per David he did not know.

4B. Bastrop State Park – Jamie Creacy, Superintendent

- Monthly overview of events, maintenance, repairs, and projects.
 - Revenue was up 16% from December 2016 – 14% Down for the year.
 - Visitation down 3% from December 2016, down 8% for the year
 - Campsites are full every weekend through May and Spring Break is already full
 - Group Barracks renovation is ongoing should open Sept/Oct 2018 they hold 56
 - Tree Planting has been completed – 200,000 trees planted some along the road on the Golf course area
 - Still planning on the Golf course t has been submitted for review to the Parks board.
 - Did the last RXFire burn, this one really got the attention a lot of calls. 284 Acres total – done for the year
 - Cabin 1
 - Ran into some issues on engineering with the cost and design, but back up rolling again August 2019 to have contract in place.
 - Park Operations Trainee position has received 240 applications to sort through.
 - Park Interpreter/Volunteer Coordinator position – received 161 applications to sort through.
 - Yoga classes was changed to Wednesday and Sunday Mornings

4C. YMCA – Terry Moore, Director (Terry was not in attendance)

- Monthly overview of projects and activities.

4D. Youth Parks Activity Committee – Allison Hewett (Alliston was not able to attend)

- Monthly overview of projects and activities.
- David did report that the exercise equipment is being used a lot by the kids

5. CITIZEN COMMENTS

At this time, three (3) minute comments will be taken from the audience on any topic. To address the Board, please submit a fully completed request card to the Board chairperson prior to the beginning of the Citizens' Comment portion of the Board meeting. In accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, if a citizen discusses any item not on the agenda, city Boards cannot discuss issues raised or make any decision at this time. Instead, city Boards are limited to making a statement of specific information or a recitation of existing policy in response to the inquiry. Issues may be referred to city staff for research and possible future action.

It is not the intention of the City of Bastrop to provide a public forum for the embarrassment or demeaning of any individual or group. Neither is it the intention of the Board to allow a member of the public to slur the performance, honesty, and/or integrity of the Board, as a body or any member or members of the Board, individually or collectively, nor any members of the city's staff. Accordingly, profane, insulting, or threatening language directed toward the Board and/or any person in the Board's presence will not be tolerated.

6. WORK SESSION

Closed Regular session at 618 to go into work session

6A Update on wheels sports complex to be located in Fisherman's Park

- Charles Burditt was again in attendance to give us an update and he brought with him Diane Wilson – was a part of the Art Culture project so she knows the area.
- Mr. Burditt brought with him a printout of Improvements packet of information
- Shows a list of our interested that we discussed last meeting and out in to 4 categorizes Goals, Facts, Concepts, Needs
- Next page showed Existing Conditions – pictures of problems area of concern Paths, Topography and Vegetation (drainage, overhead utilities, vegetation area)
- Next page was Site Analysis Diagram of all the areas around, entrance roads Forested, Current Family Recreation, Active Zone

- Next page was Comparable Sites outlined out from other Parks (Smithville, Lockhart, Bryan, College Station) had a colored highlighted outline of each of these parks and laid them on top of our area to see which one would fit our area. We all agreed and liked the Conroe one and Charles stated the estimated cost was about \$600,000

6B Agenda & Staff Reports Due Dates – David Junek

- David will send out the dates. The City Manager has outlined new requirements for the agendas of all board and commissions. This work session is to educate the Parks Board on the requirements and the due dates for the staff reports and agenda each month.

6C. Discuss a plan to develop a dedicated funding source for the city parks system

- Need 40% operating Budget
- Need to discuss how we can raise money to be able to add to parks.
One thing that was discussed was the River usage (River Company), exercise groups that are using our parks or a service that people pay for and the parks gets nothing from them.

Lease out concession stand or add food court vendors to host for our larger events. Note per David: our two largest event now are Car Show and Bastrop Homecoming

7. ITEMS FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION

7A. Discuss and consider action on the following:

- Search for new Youth Representative. - ongoing
- The committee picked 3 dates for the Public hearing March 5, 16, or 26th for Trey to see if Kerr Center is available to have to discuss development of a park on property across from Kerr Center. **Still have not gotten confirmation of dates we selected.
- Trey, David & Charles Burkett to schedule Public meeting for wheeled sports complex.

7B. Discuss and consider action on items for placement on next month's agenda.

- None was received so this was tabled till next month - Application review or status of applicants for Allison Replacement
- Jamie made a Motion to Schedule a date for Planning Workshop to discuss Business Plan, motion was seconded by Dorothy

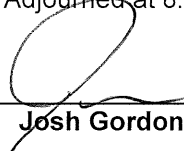
7C. Future Agenda items

- New Rooftop
- Losing Habitat – "Certified Wildlife Habitat" in back yards, encouraging people to make these – Will need to investigate what this is. Josh noted he has bee's in his back yard – could host classes on "Bee Keeping" for a fee.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting Adjourned at 8:19 next meeting will be March 1st.

APPROVED:

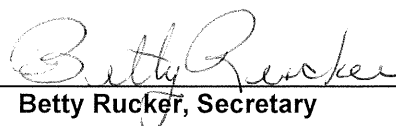


Josh Gordon, Chairperson

DATE:

3/1/18

ATTEST:



Betty Rucker, Secretary

DATE:

3/1/18