

**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**



May 7, 2018, at 6:00 P.M.

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1. CALL TO ORDER

1A. MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 6:00PM

2. ROLL CALL AND CONFIRMATION OF A QUORUM OF BOARDS MEMBERS PRESENT

JAMIE WAS ABSENT

3. PRESENTATION

Update on wheeled sports complex to be located in Fisherman's Park

- Diane Wilson and staff members attended this meeting with the Burditt Group.
- ? handed out a Public Input Summary from the two-public meeting that were held.
- Public Meeting #1 – Outcome
 - Strong emphasis on street-course, small bowls, Skatable paths, amphitheater, performing arts, dirt rack/mountain bikes, pump tracks, BMX friendly rock climbing, “not Smithville”, course should have flat space, setup space, concrete coping for BMX, dirt bike elements, skinnies, table tops, 3' paths, dirt rollers, flow track, water, “simple is better”
- Public Meeting #2 - Outcome
 - Strong emphasis on street-Course, small Bowls, Skatable paths, BMX friendly, rock climbing concern (should be separate), separation of ages, color coded concrete for difficulty levels, again “not Smithville”, course should be stairs, ledges, shade, hangout space, art, foam pit, electrical outlets and Wi-Fi like? for (Guitar Hero)
 - Concerns Lighting in the directions of the Skate Park Area?
 - Traffic concerns for children
 - General Budget is \$300,000 and this would need to go to Council in July
 - Use Local Art our Town history?

- Adding a skateboard sidewalk down the hill, like an entry road for skaters, to enter skating area from the road

4. STAFF, BOARDS, AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

4A. Parks & Recreation Department

- Monthly overview of events, maintenance, repairs, and projects.
- Cable for Pecan Tree in Fisherman's Park will be finished this Friday
- Safety gates were installed at each end of the old Bridge to prevent driving across and they were also installed at River boat docks to be used when flooding is happening rather than having to set up barricades and cones.
- Don Calvert Plaque was installed at Riverside Grove
- LCRA – Step Forward program painted Fisherman's Park picnic tables
- Columbia Space Shuttle at Riverside Grove – looking at updating it as it is becoming very weathered and looking bad.

4B. Bastrop State Park report – Jamie Creacy – Superintendent – not present

Monthly overview of events, maintenance, repairs and projects

- Revenue is up by 7% and visitation is up by 10% for the month of March
- Presented a calendar of events for the month of May that is posted on the State Park webpage.
- Pool is closed for renovations
- Group barracks renovation is ongoing
- Dam Project is in engineering/design phase and will be included in funding 2019
- Park Operation Trainee – Robbie Boyer has filled this position
- Park Interpreter/Volunteer Coordinator – conducting interviews
- Maintenance Specialist – conducting interviews
- Buescher Site Manager reviewing candidates
- Assistant Lead Ranger – have posted for this vacancy

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

4D. Youth Parks Activity Committee – Allison Hewett

- Allison reported that she hears the exercise equipment is being used. Trey had stated the Youth Task Force Advisory Board has been selected, he will now approach to determine if one of them could replace Allison as the youth representative.

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.

Note: We had 4 skaters attend our meeting. Diane Wilson went to Fisherman's Park before the meeting and saw them skating. She invited them to attend as we were discussing the future Skate Park.

6. CONSENT AGENDA

6A. Consider Action to approve Parks & Tree Advisory Board meeting minutes for the March 1, 2018 regular meeting.

- Barbara ? made the motion to approve the minutes as read. Seconded by Kelly Dawson and carried unanimously.

7. ITEMS FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION

7A Discussion and consider recommendation on the placement of a Purple Heart Memorial in the City of Bastrop.

- An Eagle Scout is requesting a location to install. David suggested Ferry Park and Fairview Cemetery but they did not like this suggestion. The committee liked the idea of Ferry Park because another Eagle Scout had rebuilt the little gazebo there last year. Another suggestion the committee gave was at the American Legion by the airplane, or the Kerr Center.
- No action was taken.

7B. Discuss and consider action on the placement of a commemorative plaque on the chimney of the small pavilion at Fisherman's Park.

- Ken Kesselus contacted Parks Superintendent David Junek in regard to placing a commemorative plaque on the chimney of the smaller pavilion at Fisherman's Park. His family requested to make a presentation.
- Trey will need to research the history of this discussion item to Chimney Sweep History? to see if it was previously included in a grant and not something that was built by the family. Approval for a plaque cannot be approved until this is determined.
- No action was taken.

7C. Discuss and consider recommendations on a fee for overnight parking in the parks.

- Research by? they are having parking in the parks, river riding trips, if it is through one of the business along the river they should provide them with a safe place to park.
- A suggestion was made that they park at the Library which is more secure, lighted public parking.
- We would not be responsible for vehicles left in park overnight if they are broken into.
- No action was taken.

7D. Discuss and consider recommendations for new board member recruitment.

- There are currently three vacancies on the Board.
- A Volunteer Fair with Council will be hosted at the Convention Center on ***, Volunteers from the Board are requested to be present to discuss why they serve on the Parks Board and answer questions. The goal is to get interest to fill our vacancies. The hours of the Fair are 7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m. Betty? Barbara ? and Dorothy ? stated they would be able to attend the Fair to represent the Board.
- A suggestion was posted if we could post on social media – Trey replied yes

7E. Discuss and consider recommendations on items to be placed on next month's agenda.


- Momentary??? plaques
- Draft a policy for plaque placement: charge a fee to the family; what sizes are allowed
- Certified Habitat – create a stake holders and task force group
- Revenue generators for the Parks

8. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting Adjourned at 7:25

APPROVED: 
Josh Gordon, Chairperson

DATE: 6/7/18

ATTEST: 
Betty Rucker, Secretary

DATE: 6/7/18

