



MINUTES OF THE TEXAS TOWNSHIP PARKS & TRAILS COMMITTEE

Held on February 28, 2023

A meeting of the Charter Township of Texas Parks & Trails Committee was held on February 28, 2023, at 5:00 p.m.

ITEM 1 & 2. CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL

James Whittaker called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. and the following committee members were in attendance: Larry Loeks, Ellen Hector, Linda Kerr, Jennifer Bussies, James Whittaker, Emily Beutel, Tricia Keala and Deputy Superintendent Brooke Hovenkamp.

ITEM 3. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was none.

ITEM 4. ADOPTION OF MEETING AGENDA

Mr. Whittaker offered a motion, supported by Ms. Keala, to adopt the meeting agenda as presented. Motion carried.

ITEM 5. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Motion by Ms. Beutel, seconded by Ms. Kerr, motion carried, to approve the minutes of the January 24, 2023 meeting.

ITEM 6. NEW BUSINESS

a. Maple Hill Splash Pad

Amenities Discussion

Deputy Superintendent Hovenkamp stated that the board approved the seating purchases of the fixed tables for the Splash Pad. Ms. Keala inquired about the ADA tables, which 2 will be accessible. It is the recommendation of the committee to not purchase umbrellas at this point due to logistics and security.

Operational Dates/Hours

Deputy Superintendent Hovenkamp presented a spreadsheet of local splash pad operating hours of days and times. Ms. Keala stated Memorial to Labor Day was reasonable. Mr. Whittaker stated closing at 8pm was reasonable. The committee finalized their recommendation of opening the Splash Pad to the community from 10AM-8PM daily between Memorial Day weekend to Labor Day weekend.

Rules of Use



Deputy Superintendent Hovenkamp presented Splash Pad rules from a variety of resources including: Ferndale, Clinton Township, River Oaks, and Auburn Hills. Ms. Hovenkamp stated that she would like feedback from the committee to make a final proposal or rules for our March meeting.

The committee thought the following rules need to be included for the Splash Pad in addition to the park rules:

- Appropriate swimming attire
- No amplified sound
- No food/beverage/gum
- No water balloons/water guns
- No minors under 16 without a parent/guardian present
- No bicycles, skateboards, scooters, in-line skates
- No soaps, detergents, or shampoos
- No objects (lawn chairs, etc.)

b. Texas Drive Park Mural

Deputy Hovenkamp stated that the artist will be putting together a design for the March committee meeting. There will be a community engagement event including the opportunity for community members to paint part of the project and providing a coloring page to match the mural. Ms. Hector inquired about a fundraising idea with handprints.

c. Project Updates

6th Street Park Restroom

Ms. Kerr explained that the township board does not want to move forward with only providing gender neutral bathrooms at 6th street. The concern stems from keeping the footprint of the building the same while providing as many restrooms as possible. Ms. Beutel explained that we should focus on the number of bathrooms in each restroom (male/female) and incorporate one single stall restroom as an option.

SPARK Grant Application

Deputy Hovenkamp stated that the township will not be receiving a SPARK grant as part of Round 1 review. There were no scoring criteria and/or feedback provided. The state is supposed to be providing these remarks in March. The board is not interested in submitting a new MDNR grant at this time. The board will be moving forward with the restroom project at 6th Street Park.

6th Street Multipurpose Field

Deputy Hovenkamp stated that the board approved the purchase of the goals for the multipurpose fields at 6th Street Park. JAM Sports will be renting the fields two days a week throughout the summer. They will be focused on playing kickball and ultimate frisbee. Adult recreation leagues will be available.

ITEM 7. OLD BUSINESS

There was none.



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ADDITIONAL ITEMS

Vandalism occurred at the Pavilion at Texas Township Dr. Park. The ceiling has also collapsed in parts of the pavilion due to age. Security cameras, which are motion activated, were on order and will be installed soon. Lighting will also be upgraded.

ITEM 8. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mr. Whittaker, seconded by Mr. Loeks, motion carried to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at approximately 5:57 p.m.

Next meeting date: March 28, 2023, at 5:00 p.m.

Submitted
Jennifer A. Bussies, Secretary

Approved: March 28, 2023