



# MINUTES OF THE TEXAS TOWNSHIP PARKS & TRAILS COMMITTEE

## Held on March 28, 2023

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

### ITEM 1 & 2. CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL

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

### ITEM 3. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was none.

### ITEM 4. ADOPTION OF MEETING AGENDA

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

### ITEM 5. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Motion by Ms. Beutel, seconded by Ms. Keala, motion carried, to approve the minutes of the February 28, 2023 meeting.

### ITEM 6. NEW BUSINESS

#### a. Maple Hill Splash Pad

##### Review Draft Rules of Usage

Deputy Hovenkamp presented a draft of the splash pad rules based on dialogue at the last meeting. Through email, James Whittaker recommended a start time of 9:00am. Ms. Bussies recommended to leave off the rule of no chairs and strollers. The Committee discussed coloring the concrete for the splash zone. Deputy Superintendent Hovenkamp reiterated that colored concrete was not included in the original bid specs due to the anticipated cost. She also shared that staining could be a potential issue due to rust in the water. Mr. Loeks stated that staining would not be an issue and requested that cost estimates for coloring the concrete be obtained, to delineate the splash zone versus the passive zone. Ms. Bussies recommended adding no vaping or alcohol. Ms. Keala stated that there should be verbiage indicating all park rules apply, with a QR code linking to the rules.

##### Table Color Selection

The Committee selected Blue Ash for the table color.



Splash Pad Signage

Ms. Beutel recommended adding signage on the back, Thank You for Visiting the Maple Hill Auto Splash Pad! The recommendation from the committee would be to go back to the company for some mock up changes including how many logos, sponsors are needed with an overall splash feel instead of one wave.

**b. Concert in the Corners**

Deputy Hovenkamp explained the two events occurring this summer with live bands.

**c. Potential Funding Source: 6th Street Park Phase II**

Representative Morse is advocating for State Enhancement funding for this project with a request for \$1.45M in funding. The Township should know around October whether this funding will be awarded.

**d. 2023 Priorities**

Tabled until next month.

**ITEM 7. OLD BUSINESS**

**a. Project Updates**

***Texas Drive Park Pavilion Improvements***

Lighting upgrades and security cameras have been installed. Quotes have been asked for WIFI, but they are cost prohibitive.

***Texas Drive Park Swing Set***

Installation in mid-April

***6<sup>th</sup> Street Park Restroom Project***

RFP was issued for design of restroom facility; proposals due by 3:00 PM on April 17.

***6<sup>th</sup> Street Multipurpose Field***

Installation in mid-April

***SPARK Grant Rounds 2 & 3***

No Update

**ITEM 8. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Ms. Beutel, seconded by Ms. Keala, motion carried to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at approximately 5:48 p.m.

Next meeting date: April 25, 2023, at 5:00 p.m.

Submitted  
Jennifer A. Bussies, Secretary

Approved: April 25, 2023