



# MINUTES OF THE TEXAS TOWNSHIP PARKS & TRAILS COMMITTEE

## Held on April 25, 2023

A meeting of the Charter Township of Texas Parks & Trails Committee was held on April 25, 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: Tricia Keala, Larry Loeks, Jennifer Bussies, James Whittaker, Ellen Hector (5:13), and Emily Beutel. Also present were Deputy Superintendent Brooke Hovenkamp and Superintendent Erik Wilson (5:30).

### ITEM 3. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was none.

### ITEM 4. ADOPTION OF MEETING AGENDA

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

### ITEM 5. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Motion by Mr. Loeks, seconded by Ms. Beutel, motion carried, to approve the minutes of the March 28, 2023 meeting as presented. Motion carried.

### ITEM 6. NEW BUSINESS

#### a. Texas Drive Park Sandbox

Deputy Superintendent Hovenkamp explained the township received an inquiry for Eagle Scout projects. She recommended: A. Repainting the Texas Drive Park Pavilion, B. Filling and Reseeding the Sandbox. Discussion ensued on whether the sandbox should be filled and closed or relocated to a new location. Mr. Whittaker would be in support of keeping the sandbox due to its popularity. Mr. Loeks recommended the sandbox to be relocated adjacent to the playground. Ms. Keala shared a sand orb project for future consideration. Deputy Superintendent Hovenkamp will follow up with the Eagle Scout to share the project options and report back on what was selected.

#### b. Maple Hill Splash Pad - Concrete

Superintendent Wilson explained that there is a potential for rust in the water, which could lead to concrete staining. VIRIDIS and Katerberg Verhage discussed a possible sealant to prevent staining. The cost for the sealant was \$3,500-\$4,500. Katerberg Verhage also provided cost information for colored concrete (\$7,000+ for a darker shade) which was requested by the Parks Committee at the March meeting. The Township Board reviewed the information and did not express interest in adding cost to the project by pursuing colored concrete but did ask that the new well be tested. If high levels of rust were



detected, they would like to consider adding sealant to prevent staining. The proposed sealant will need to be replaced approximately every 7 years. The Committee voiced concerns about not coloring the concrete, citing safety, the lack of visual definition between the splash zone and the pedestrian area, and overall aesthetic.

**c. Review Tree/Bench Donation Policy**

Deputy Superintendent Hovenkamp shared that the township has been promoting tree/bench donation opportunities. Three benches have been donated as part of this promotion. The committee reviewed the policy and was comfortable with the existing pricing for benches and installation.

**ITEM 7. OLD BUSINESS**

**a. Project Updates**

***Maple Hill Splash Pad***

Tables and splash pad fixtures were delivered to the site; construction remains on schedule.

***Texas Drive Park Swing Set***

The swing set is under construction and will be completed by early May.

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

The township received four responses to its RFP for design of the 6<sup>th</sup> Street Restroom Facility. The Township Board selected the proposal from Bosch Architecture, which was one of the two lowest-cost options. Bosch Architecture also designed the restroom at the Farmers' Market.

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

The new soccer and combined soccer/footballs goals were installed at 6<sup>th</sup> Street Park. Staff are working with Leonard Landscaping to improve the quality of the grass. The township can be contacted for rental of the fields.

***Texas Drive Pavilion***

The Township Board approved a proposal to install timed locks on the restroom doors at Texas Drive Park and the Farmers' Market. This will eliminate staff opening and closing parks on a daily basis.

**ITEM 8. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Mr. Whittaker, seconded by Ms. Beutel, motion carried to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at approximately 5:45 p.m.

Next meeting date: May 23, 2023, at 5:00 p.m.

Submitted  
Jennifer A. Bussies, Secretary

Approved: