



MINUTES OF THE TEXAS TOWNSHIP PARKS & TRAILS COMMITTEE

Held on July 25, 2023

A meeting of the Charter Township of Texas Parks & Trails Committee was held on July 25, 2023, at 5:02 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: Larry Loeks, Ellen Hector, Jennifer Bussies, and Emily Beutel. Also present was Deputy Superintendent Brooke Hovenkamp and Superintendent Eric Wilson. James Whittaker and Tricia Keala were absent.

ITEM 3. PUBLIC COMMENT

NONE

ITEM 4. ADOPTION OF MEETING AGENDA

Ms. Buetel offered a motion, supported by Ms. Bussies, 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 June 27, 2023, meeting.

ITEM 6. NEW BUSINESS

A. Capital Projects Discussions (2023-2028)

Deputy Hovenkamp presented six project details for the major projects the committee deemed necessary. The township is working through costs for each project. The presented projects were 6th street park pavilion and play structure, trailway repairs, resealing Texas Drive Park parking lot, connecting the DDA to 6th street park, the creation of a dog park, and updating exercise stations at the Texas Drive Park. Superintendent Wilson stated that these project sheets will go to the policy committee for scoring and recommendations. Mr. Loeks recommended amending the trail project with a feasibility survey to see how the trail from the DDA to 6th street could be created.

B. Pickleball Court Rules/Drop-in Complaints

Deputy Hovenkamp explained the amount of complaints that the township is fielding due to lack of sharing of the pickleball courts. Some adults are not allowing groups of two to play. Ms. Bussies inquired about the township talking to the people who do not allow others to play. Some discussions have been had but the players are not receptive to recommendations for sharing the courts. Ms. Bussies recommended adding more drop in courts to allow more people to be allowed to play and a forced rotation to occur.



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C. Maple Hill Splash Pad Grand Opening

Deputy Hovenkamp expressed gratitude towards Maple Hill for sponsoring the food trucks for our opening on August 4. The township is wrapping up all details for the grand ceremony.

ITEM 7. OLD BUSINESS

A. Concert in the Corners

Deputy Hovenkamp stated that this event was held on a rain delay with much success. The next event is August 20.

ITEM 8. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Ms. Buetel, seconded by Ms. Hector, motion carried to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at approximately 5:52 p.m.

Next meeting date: August 22, 2023, at 5:00 pm

Submitted
Jennifer A. Bussies, Secretary

Approved: August 22, 2023