

**Village of Wimberley Parks and Recreation Board**  
Minutes of Special Called Meeting  
June 13, 2006, 6:30 p.m.  
City Hall, 13210 Ranch Road 12, Wimberley, Texas

Meeting called to order by Board chair Jan Fulkerson at 6:30 p.m.

Present: Mark Bursiel, Fred Franz, Jan Fulkerson, Malcolm Harris, Dell Hood, Horace Wilson.

Excused: Thad Nance, Tim Thompson. Absent: Linda Hudson.

**Public Comments:** None.

**A. Reports**

Instructions from City Council:

Council member Marilee Wood said City Council at its meeting on June 5, 2006, asked for Board recommendations on the open season at Blue Hole, including staffing levels, admission price, and whether there should be a special day rate for Wimberley residents. Current plans for the park are to open it for the 15 weekends between Memorial Day and Labor Day at a price of \$5 per person.

**B. Work Session**

1. Michael Robinson presented a proposal to run Blue Hole. He proposed to create a limited liability corporation and asked the City to give him a license to use the name "Blue Hole" and to establish a design and logo which he would use in marketing the park. He will determine the fees according to the market and will split profits from the operation on a fifty-fifty basis with the City. He asked the City to pay the initial start-up costs for cleaning up the entry area and swimming hole; he would provide a lifeguard and supervise the park after that.

Board members discussed the proposal with Mr. Robinson.

2. Cindy Clayton presented another proposal to run Blue Hole for the City on a contract basis. She recommended keeping the swimming hole open every day during the summer and said she could accept the City's already-determined fee schedule.

Board members discussed her proposal with Mrs. Clayton.

3. Jack Hollon reported on the U.S. Geological Survey monitoring site at Jacob's Well and said that if the drought continues, there will be serious water quality issues with Cypress Creek and the Blanco River, including public health concerns for water contact recreation.

4. Mayor Tom Haley said that public safety is his concern and that he would not open the swimming hole if the City cannot get people to run it or if there are water quality and public health issues.

5. Council member Wood reminded Board members that fees for Blue Hole must be set by Council, according to the ordinance creating the park. Board chair Fulkerson distributed a list of the fees charged by a number of similar city, county, and private parks throughout central Texas, and noted that the fees currently set for Blue Hole are within the range of the average for all these parks.

**C. Consider and Act**

Recommendations to City Council for Blue Hole opening, fees, and seasonal passes:

Malcolm Harris moved that the Parks and Recreation Board recommend to Council that it keep the present schedule for opening dates and the fee schedule as presently authorized, and that the City enter into negotiations with interested parties to consider alternative ways to manage Blue Hole operations for the summer of 2006 with a private franchisee. Mark Bursiel seconded the motion. Horace Wilson offered a friendly amendment to stipulate that the present schedule for opening and the present fee schedule be kept as the minimum standard. Malcolm and Mark accepted the friendly amendment. Board members approved the amended motion by vote of 5-0, with one abstention (Jan Fulkerson).

**D. Adjournment:** Board meeting adjourned at 8:14 p.m.

Recorded by Dell J. Hood   
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