

Village of Wimberley Parks and Recreation Board
City Hall, 13210 Ranch Road 12, Wimberley
Minutes of Regular Meeting
June 15, 2005, 6:30 p.m.

Meeting called to order by Vice Chair Jan Fulkerson at 6:30 p.m. Present were Board members Fred Franz, Jan Fulkerson, Dell Hood, Linda Hudson, Thad Nance, and Horace Wilson. Board members Malcolm Harris and Mark Bursiel were excused and Tim Thompson was absent.

Minutes of Special Called Meeting on June 1, 2005 were approved by unanimous vote.

Public Comment: No members of the public were present.

A. Reports

1. Texas Film Commission - Filming at Blue Hole:

Thad Nance said he has spoken with Cindy Perry at the Texas Film Commission (TFC), who is interested in bringing two location managers to see Blue Hole. They would take photographs for a portfolio the TFC would use to show film-makers interested in location shooting. City Council member Marilee Wood said Wimberley residents Lynn Holubec and Ray Ballheim both have excellent photographs of Blue Hole and the Wimberley area which could be shown to the TFC. Board members agreed to ask the Film Commission to make a presentation on filming at Blue Hole at the next meeting.

2. Council action on Blue Hole openings in 2005:

Council member Wood reported Council approved the proposal for opening Blue Hole on three weekends this summer as the Board recommended at its June 1 meeting, and authorized City staff to proceed with necessary arrangements. Assistant City Administrator Kay Wilkins said she has found people to work on set-up and clean-up for the August and September openings but needs Board volunteers to do these tasks for the July 3-4 opening. Board members discussed how much the entrance fee for children should be; how to identify those who have paid for entrance (using an ink stamp, wristband, or other marker); and whether to try to control the number of people who come in as concession workers.

3. Jay McDonald plans for Blue Hole openings:

Kay Wilkins said Jay McDonald is prepared to be responsible for all six days the Board approved for opening this summer. Herman Leyh will work with him on managing the events.

B. Consider and Act

1. Recommendations to Council on management of Blue Hole for public openings:

Board members noted that since Council approved the Board proposal and staff is working on arrangements for the openings, no action is needed at this time.

2. Discuss and act on Memorandum of Understanding with Wimberley Birding Society:

Dell Hood distributed copies of the draft Memorandum of Understanding prepared by the City attorney, noting it is based on the proposal presented to the Board earlier this year by the Wimberley Birding Society (WBS) for WBS to manage the 1.7 acre tract behind the Community Center. He noted that although the Board has not had time to review the MOU, the WBS is anxious to have a decision from the City so its members can proceed with management of the Refuge under an agreed arrangement. Board members briefly reviewed the MOU but decided to defer action until they and City staff have had time to consider it. They agreed to call a Special Meeting on June 29 to discuss the MOU.

3. Recommendations on approving and paying for water and power supply to Wimberley Birding Society refuge:

Dell Hood referred to the request by WBS for help from the City to pay for water and electricity stub-outs to the Refuge from the Community Center connections, so that the Refuge can be useable for public events. Board members said they need a proposal from the contractor with a cost breakdown and deferred action until they have this information.

C. Work Session: No items discussed.

D. Announcements & requests for future agenda items:

1. Kay Wilkins said the City is working on a license agreement with producers of the film "How to eat fried worms" for filming on Blue Hole property. They agree to respect City conditions on use of the property and to restore the site to the exact condition it was in when they began.

2. Future agenda items: further action on opening Blue Hole for the July 4 weekend; decision on signage for the Cypress Creek Nature Trail; action on the MOU with WBS and stub-outs at the Refuge; a presentation by the Texas Film Commission.

E. Adjournment: Board members adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Recorded by Dell Hood.

Dell Hood
Accepted July 20, 2005