

CITY OF WIMBERLEY PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD MINUTES
WIMBERLEY CITY HALL-CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
12 STILLWATER DRIVE, WIMBERLEY, TEXAS
January 16, 2019

1. The meeting was called to order by Parks Board Chairman Mark Bursiel at 1:00
2. CALL OF ROLL: Matt Meeks, Bex Hale, Mark Bursiel, Mike Steven, Merry Gisbon – present
Gary Pigg - Absent
3. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION:
 - a. Terry Harrison – spoke on the action item, he expressed concern about item 13, he asked for more clarity on the approval of and grass application. Terry also expressed concern. Terry also expressed concerns about item 14 and asked for more clarity about the number of signs as well as the pricing schedule for the use of the signs. More clarity on the process of applying/using/paying for the use of signs at the soccer fields during the soccer season.
4. MINUTES: Correction to the November 14, 2018 – the correction would note that the October 2018 were approved at the November 14, 2018 meeting. Motion made by Mike Stevens to approve that minutes with the correction, seconded by Matt Meeks – motion carries 5 for 0 opposed.
5. Presentation: Susan Nenney with the Friends of Blue Hole announced the programs scheduled for the 2019 season. A new program focuses around health and wellness, this will be a 6 week program for family yoga. These classes will take place on Friday mornings starting April 12, 2019. The 5th annual raptors event is scheduled for March 23, 2019 and they will again be sponsoring the April concert in the park.
6. CITY STAFF REPORT
 - a. Polar Bear plunge was a success – there was an increase in the attendance over last year, and there are plans to add a 5K for new years event.
 - b. There will be 3 extra nature camps this year – there will be a new Spring Break camp which will end in a camp out in the park, so that those attending the camp can use what they have learned. The camp out will happen on the Saturday after the camp
 - c. 2 mini day camps have been added to Spring Break as well
 - d. The regular 6-week summer camps are scheduled
 - e. Star party is scheduled for March 16, 2019
 - f. 2 movie in the park nights have been scheduled: May 4th – Star Wars and Memorial weekend – Jurassic Park
 - g. Park Projects have been completed including adding a rain water barrel next to the office and they installation of the pavers near the office and the handicapped parking areas. This will help with water flow to the creek.
 - h. Old Baldy park hand rails were completed and waiting on the quotes for signage.
 - i. Play scape at the nature trial has been completed.
7. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

- a. Discussion centered around that the trail now leads away from the creek, yet still allows for connectivity between Blue Hole and Downtown. It was discussed that there is a need for more signage to help direct visitors and to notify them when they have left/entered the trail and the park. Preservers have discussed the need to fix the old rock wall and add directional signage. No action was taken on this item.
- b. Discuss of this item centered around focusing on a local organization but it was not the intent of the board to discourage use by any one group. Rebecca suggested having a meeting between Terry Harrison, Jim Neff, and herself to better determine field placement for both organizations to allow for optimum use by all groups.

Mike made motion to proceed with establishing a unique set of fields that will take care of all ages of the soccer groups. Once these are laid out, maintenance and scheduling would be worked out between the 2 organizations. Subsequently all current agreements would be terminated and re-negotiated. Motion was seconded by Matt – motion carries 5 for 0 opposed.

- c. Merry discussed setting some parks goals and objectives. The board was not pro-active under previous administration and she would like to work together with other groups and organizations within Wimberley. Merry would like to have a workshop with local groups, which could help in finding resources that could help each group. Rebecca suggest that we could host the workshops at the park pavilion and invite these groups to attend. Merry suggest to have these 2 times per year in January and October.

Merry made a motion to establish 2 dates to have workshops that will be jointly held between the parks board, master naturalists, birding society, and other organizations that are key in parks development. Motion was seconded by Bex and motion carried 5 for and 0 against.

- d. Rebecca presented the board with the current operation budget. There were several questions related to individual line items. No action was taken on this item.
- e. Preservers have developed tentative signage for bank restoration. There has also been some additional discussion setting some tentative work days in February prior to Spring Break. The group has had discussions with Jackie to see if she still wants to use the same spots and have the same dates. The group is also interested in completing a list of the current plants and trees within the nature trail and comparing that list with the list which was completed when the property was acquired. No action was taken on this item.

8. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS.

- a. Announcements –
 - i. Rebecca has asked the board to review the proposed soccer agreement for discussion at our next meeting.
 - ii. Merry has resigned as the board secretary.
- b. Future meeting dates –
 - i. February 26, 2019 at 1pm
- c. Future Agenda Items –

- i. Appointing a secretary for the parks board
- ii. Discussion regarding the soccer agreements
- iii. Letter to the Lumber Yard regarding trash in the nature trail

Submitted:

Mark Bursiel – Chairman

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