

CITY OF WIMBERLEY PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD MINUTES
WIMBERLEY CITY HALL- CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
221 STILLWATER DRIVE, WIMBERLEY, TEXAS
SEPTEMBER 20, 2017

Present: Christine Byrne, Marilee Wood, Gary Pigg, Leigh Peterson, Toni Jenkins, Matt Meeks, Blue Hole Regional Parks Director Rebecca Manning, City Administrator Paul Parker

Absent: Lin Weber

Meeting called to order by Board Chairperson Christine Byrne at 5 P.M.

1. Citizen communication: none
2. Minutes of the Special Board meeting on August 30, 2017 approved pending the addition of the date. Motion to accept by Gary, seconded by Matt. All in favor.
3. City Staff Report: Rebecca presented the Annual Report for Blue Hole Regional Park. Gary requested annual park expenses be added to this report.
4. Friends of Blue Hole Activity Report: Friends of Blue Hole Executive Director Susan Nenny reports that a committee has chosen a design for a shade canopy in the playground area. A donor is needed for technical drawings. The cost for the canopies will be approximately \$30k to cover both the playscape and picnic tables. A fundraiser will be held to cover this cost. The park has received a \$10k grant for training for staff and community. There are two events already scheduled for the park: the raptors will return in March and the Picnic Gala will take place on October 13th, 2017. Possible polar bear plunge fundraiser is also being discussed.
5. Discussion and possible action
 - a. We reviewed Sponsorship Banner Permit regulations and fees. Title will be changed to "Recreational Banner Permit" and the fee will be \$25 per banner per season. Motion by Matt to approve, seconded by Gary. All in favor.
 - b. We reviewed pricing for amenities at Blue Hole. Marilee would like to see the facilities used more and asked if Rebecca could review our current pricing and suggest new prices. The goal should be to increase usage by lowering fees and increasing promotion of the facilities. Rebecca will present pricing recommendations at our next meeting.
 - c. We reviewed and updated the camping policy at Blue Hole. Changes made were as follows:
 - i. Camping is limited to chartered scouting groups for conservation and educational purposes.
 - ii. Camping is available in the off season only and only on weekends
 - iii. Fee will be \$50 for local scout troops and \$70 for non local scout groups for the weekend.
 - iv. One troop can reserve per weekend.
 - v. Fire pit is available for use, but fire must be extinguished.

Christine moved to accept these changes to the policy, this was seconded by Matt. Changes were approved unanimously.

- d. Discussion regarding the use of a reservation system for Blue Hole Regional swimming area. Rebecca suggested that we have two 4 hour blocks and presented information regarding pricing and revenue. Matt moved that the board have a special workshop to work out details for this plan so that Rebecca can move forward with implementation. Marilee seconded this motion. Everyone voted in favor. Special workshop to discuss a reservation system for Blue Hole Regional Swimming Area scheduled for October 4, 2017 from 2:00-6:00 P.M.
 - e. Rebecca brought to our attention the need for a permit for people wanting to use the park for commercial purposes (e.g. yoga classes in the park) in the off season. We determined that the fees schedule for facility rental should be in place before we determine permit price and regulations. Matt moved to table this discussion until our special workshop on October 4, 2017. Gary seconded this motion, all were in favor.
6. Announcements
- a. Next meeting will be on October 4, 2017 at 2:00 P.M.- special workshop to discuss a reservation system and fee schedule for Blue Hole Regional Park.
 - b. Next regular meeting will be on October 18, 2017 at 5:00 P.M.

Recorded By:



Toni Jenkins