

**CITY OF WIMBERLEY PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD MINUTES
WIMBERLEY CITY HALL-CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
12 STILLWATER DRIVE, WIMBERLEY, TEXAS
OCTOBER 16, 2018**

1. The meeting was called to order by Parks Director and Recreation Board Chairman Mark Bursiel
2. CALL OF ROLL: Present: Mark Bursiel, Merry Gibson, Mike Stevens, and Matt Meeks. Absent: Bex Hale and Gary Pigg
3. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION: None save the speakers associated with SMAYSO (San Marcos Area Youth Soccer Organization) presentation
4. MINUTES: Minutes of the Parks and Recreation Board meeting held September 19, 2018 were approved with the following change: WYSA (Wimberley Youth Soccer Association) should be used not HCRA (Hill Country Recreation Association)
5. PRESENTATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

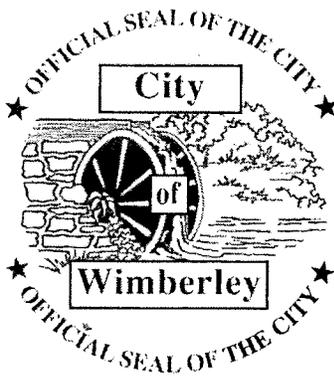
A presentation was made by Michael Colca, founding member of SMAYSO

- a. The SMAYSO board is split with representation from Wimberley and San Marcos
- b. SMAYSO established a Wimberley Field bank account of \$15,000 at the request of Steve Kepfler who asked for a promise in writing that SMAYSO would pledge money, support, and maintenance of the soccer fields. This was done when the City was seeking funding for Blue Hole purchase.
- c. SMAYSO requested a contract or agreement with the City but was never able to get one from past City Manager Don Ferguson
- d. Michelle Pfeiffer, SMAYSO registrar and Coach presented youth division numbers and number of times games and practices are held. In fall 2018 SMAYSO had a total of 37 players from 78676 zip code.
- e. Jim Neff, Vice President of the SMAYSO Executive Board spoke. He has been on the board since 2003. Mr. Neff pointed out that SMAYSO offers free summer and winter training to soccer team members as well as full financial aid. SMAYSO also offers free coach training and training for team members who wish to work as game referees. He pointed out that SMAYSO is a member of CAYSA (Capitol Area Youth Soccer Assn.) but is not affiliated with Lone Star Soccer.
- f. SMAYSO is working on a name change to add "Wimberley" to their name
- g. Board Member Merry Gibson questioned whether the SMAYSO funds for the Wimberley Field were transferred to the City or Blue Hole. Answer was SMAYSO still controls the funds due to lack of contact/agreement with the City. The fund balance has grown to \$27,000.
- h. Board Member Mike Stevens questioned what happened to the \$300,000 pledged by the Burdine Johnson Foundation for establishing soccer fields in Blue Hole Park. Parks Director Rebecca Manning will look into status of those funds.
- i. Board Member Matt Meeks suggested that additional field space may be available at the pad site that won't be utilized by a sewer plant.

- j. The retention pond near the soccer fields is breeding large numbers of mosquitoes. Pesticides can't be used in BH Regional Park thus an organic treatment may be pursued. Merry Gibson suggested BT (*Bt-israelensis* (Bt-i)) as a solution. It's a biologic that targets mosquito larvae and won't harm birds, fish, pets or humans.
- 6. Item C –reschedule the November Parks and Recreation Board meeting to Nov. 14th at 5 PM.
- 7. Matt Meeks moved to table any action on the soccer field use until the Nov. 14th meeting. Mike Stevens seconded and motion passed unanimously.
- 8. City Staff Report
 - a. A metal hand rail is being installed on Old Baldy trail. Park signage is being added.
 - b. Trail repair continues due to wash from the recent heavy rains.
 - c. The road material in the handicapped parking spaces in the swim area will be replaced with permeable pavers.
 - d. A metal hand rail will be installed along the stairs at Old Baldy.
 - e. The playscape replacement at the Cypress Creek Nature Preserve entrance wasn't approved by Council. Council did approve replacing rotten 6 x 6 posts.
 - f. An evaluation of the BH Park reservation system has been positive and good for staff and patron moral.
 - g. A BH Park Program Director position is being added to staff
 - i. Nature Camps will be extended by adding a Spring Break Camp and two additional Nature Camps in the summer season
 - ii. Upcoming events at BHRP include Boo Hole on 10/27, Cross Country On 10/27, Arts on Nov. 10th, Blue Christmas on 12/15.
 - h. The Blue Hole Regional Park committee for a Dog Park met and discussed location, fencing material and budget.
- 9. Mike Stephens moved that the Board adjourn. Matt Meeks seconded the motion.

RECORDED BY:

Merry Gibson, Parks & Rec Board Secretary



APPROVED BY:

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Mark Bursiel, Parks & Rec Board Chairperson