

**CITY OF WIMBERLEY PARKS BOARD
MINUTES, JULY 20, 2011
WIMBERLEY CITY HALL
221 STILLWATER, WIMBERLEY, TEXAS**

Present: Thad Nance, Cathy Flocke, Dell Hood, M.F. Johnson, City Administrator Don Ferguson.

Absent: Mark Bursiel, ~~Christine Byrne~~, Vance Smith
JAN FULKERSON - DJM

Meeting called to order by Board President Thad Nance at 7:00 p.m.

1. Minutes: Minutes of Board meeting of May 18, 2011, were accepted as submitted by unanimous vote. No meeting was held in June.

2. Citizen communications: None.

3. Staff reports

a. Don Ferguson reported use of Blue Hole swimming area has been strong. Public response to the new design for the swimming area has been very positive and encouraging. Phase II development has been delayed to allow fund raising by the Friends of Blue Hole and the City to continue.

b. The Rotary Club is trying to move forward with plans for the pocket park next to the old lumber yard on Old Kyle Road. Don noted that any plans for the property should come from a public meeting of all interested parties and citizens.

c. Hike and bike trail:

Deer Creek Nursing Home has offered to provide a public water station along the trail near its facility. City has applied to Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization for funding to complete the loop down RR 12 through town and connecting along Old Kyle Road.

4. Discussion and possible action

a. Jazz concert at Wimberley Community Center:

Don reported the Hill Country Jazz Band has approached the City with an offer to provide free jazz concerts in the Community Center on one Sunday afternoon a month. Musicians will donate their time and talent, the City will donate use of Johnson Hall, and expenses will be covered by food and beverage sales by local non-profit groups. Dell moved that the Board recommend to Council approval of the concert series by the Hill Country Jazz Band on Sundays in the Wimberley Community Center. Cathy seconded and the motion was approved by unanimous vote.

b. Board discussed other activities at the Community Center, including a game night for children, a movie night during the week, and a hunting season event such as a game supper or trophy recognition event.

c. Extend 2011 operating season at Blue Hole:

Don suggested the Board consider extending the public swimming season at Blue Hole beyond the current Labor Day weekend closing, specifically by opening on weekends only after Labor Day, until the Columbus Day weekend. Board discussed the proposal, including staffing requirements. Dell moved that the Board recommend to Council an extension of the public swimming season at Blue Hole for the 2011 season until Sunday, October 16, 2011, at current admission fee levels. Cathy seconded and the motion was approved unanimously.

d. User fee for fire pit at Blue Hole:

Don noted the City needs to have a fee for use of the fire pit near the gate house at the Park entrance. Although use of the pit is not possible as long as the county-wide burn ban is in effect, if weather improves in the fall and the ban is lifted, Don believes there will be interest in having gatherings around the pit with a live fire. Board agreed by unanimous consent to propose a fee of \$35 per hour for use of the fire pit only during regular open hours at Blue Hole Regional Park when no burn ban is in effect; that no alcohol will be permitted; a reservation form must be completed in advance; and park staff must be present.

5. Board member reports: None.

6. Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Recorded by Dell J. Hood

Accepted 10/19/2011