

**VILLAGE OF WIMBERLEY  
PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD  
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING, JULY 18, 2007  
WIMBERLEY CITY HALL, 12111 RANCH ROAD 12, WIMBERLEY**

Meeting called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Board Vice President Horace Wilson.

Present: Board members Mark Bursiel, Malcolm Harris, Dell Hood, Thad Nance, Horace Wilson.

Excused: Christine Byrne, Jan Fulkerson, Linda Hudson, Tim Thompson.

1. Minutes: Minutes of June 20, 2007 meeting approved as submitted by unanimous vote.

2. Public Comment: None.

3. Reports

a. Mill Race project: Malcolm Harris reported the residents of Mill Race Lane have met to discuss the problem of people in the Cypress Creek Nature Trail who leave litter or cross the creek to enter their private property. They propose putting up more signs stating the rules for behavior and identifying the other side of the creek as private property. If after a while this does not work they suggest using natural barriers such as wood piles.

b. Village staff: City Administrator Don Ferguson reported on Blue Hole operations. Public attendance is good and is generating a good revenue flow, more than enough to cover operating costs. More than 300 season passes have been sold. Removing the two disused buildings is a major goal for the City, but there are health and safety issues that must be taken care of.

The frequent rains have delayed completion of the public restrooms at Cypress Creek Nature Trail, but the City has received permission from Texas Parks & Wildlife to extend the actual completion date beyond the July 31 deadline. Work will progress as quickly as possible given the weather conditions.

4. Discussion and Action

a. Future improvements at Blue Hole Regional Park:

Mr. Ferguson has met with the tennis and soccer groups to discuss their facilities in the park and discussions will continue. The Friends of Blue Hole will focus on developing a project for stabilization of the stream bank and funding for it.

b. Invasive species survey:

Dell Hood said it is not feasible to do the survey in Cypress Creek now with the high water level and rapid creek flow; project continued.

c. Changing Parks Board ordinance to reduce frequency of meetings:

Mark Bursiel said the Board does not need to meet every month and proposed the ordinance be amended to allow Board meetings on a quarterly schedule. Board members discussed the proposal and noted reasons for and against it. They decided to take no action at present.

d. Recommendations for fiscal year 2008 budget:

Horace Wilson said the paths in Cypress Creek Nature Trail are degrading and need repair, and he proposed to extend the flagstones to improve the appearance and stability of the entry area. He is still waiting to get estimates for this work.

Board members discussed with Don Ferguson other projects to be funded in the next fiscal year, including further maintenance at the Cypress Creek Nature Trail, a summer recreation program, educational programs for Blue Hole Park, and adding a safety rail and birdwatching facility at the bluff over the Nature Trail east of the lumber yard property. Don said he will develop estimates for these projects and incorporate them into the 2008 City budget proposal for Council review and discussion.

5. Board reports:

Thad announced he has been named a member of the Hays County committee to develop a county-wide parks and recreation plan, and the group will have its first meeting on July 19.

6. Adjournment: Board meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Recorded by Dell J. Hood

Accepted 8/15/07