

Park Board Minutes  
Regular Meeting  
April 8, 2009

Members Present: David Adkisson, Cally Browning, Katy Morris (arrived 7:05), Jeff Pelletier, Robert Solete, Tippi Sorensen

Members Absent: Becky Bell, Patrick Booth, Pat Shovlin

Staff Present: Bob Monaghan, Director - Parks and Leisure Services  
Larry Apple, Park Manager  
Wayne Pickett, Recreation Manger  
LaDonna Lundy, Department Secretary

**A. Call Meeting to Order and Announce Quorum is Present**

**ACTION TAKEN:**

Jeff Pelletier called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. and announced a quorum was present.

**B. Visitors/Citizens Forum**

No one appeared to speak at this time.

**C. Approval of Minutes**

**ACTION TAKEN:**

Motion was by Robert Solete, seconded by Cally Browning, to approve the minutes from the December Regular Meeting. All voted aye.

**D. Tour: The Herring Recreation Center**

Wayne Pickett, Recreation Manager, gave a tour of the Frederick P. Herring Recreation Center to all in attendance. He highlighted the opening of the center, the multifunctional use of the classrooms and the gyms, the control center and how the central location allows staff to monitor all activity in the building at once. Discussions were held for possible improvements for the center and how those would be funded. Mr. Pickett also shared information on memberships, the Racquetball Courts and the Fitness Room.

**E. Report: Recreation Programs and Activities**

Wayne Pickett shared on the growth of class and activity programming at the recreation centers over the years. Some of our instructors have been with the city for over 30 years and this has helped to keep the programs intact. All Lewisville Residents receive the WOW (Wonderful Opportunities Waiting) Brochure in the mail which has several pages of classes, camps, activities and upcoming events listed for residents to participate in. Mr. Pickett also explained the Recreation Division, his staffing and their duties. The recreation centers help each other and they do not compete with one another. Where do we go from here? What will we be able to offer in classes and events in the future? Can we expand our partnerships and continue with the ones we have? What are the Park Board Members feelings on the recreation centers? Should we keep multiple sites as we have now? Wayne Pickett would like thoughts and comments for the next meeting.

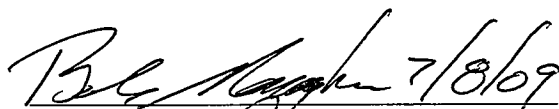
**F. Report: Railroad Park Construction Update**


New equipment has been purchased and Larry Apple will be cross training some of his crew to care for the fields at both Lake Park and Railroad Park. No staff is in the budget till FY09-10. No activity is planned right now, just keeping the grass mowed and learning the proper care of the new turf is priority. There could be a possible "soft open" this fall, with some football playoffs, a soccer tournament and a baseball tournament. The biggest challenge right now is the Dog Park. Railroad St. is behind schedule and all the dirt is stock piled on where the Dog Park is to be built. The turf has to be established before you can let the dogs on it, and we are not sure how this will affect the opening. Grand Opening of the park will be schedule for April 2010.

**G Adjournment**

**ACTION TAKEN:**

Robert Solete made the motion to adjourn, David Adkisson seconded the motion and all voted aye. Meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

  
Bob Monaghan, Director  
Parks and Leisure Services

  
Jeff Pelletier, Chairperson  
Park Board